

Nestucca School District #101

Proposed Bond Information: Frequently Asked Questions about what would happen if the bond measure happens

How was the proposed facilities plan developed?

The District formed a citizens-based Long Range Facility Planning Committee in Feb. 2017 comprised of 26 community members, parents, business representatives, and district staff. The Committee reviewed data on the District's existing facilities, examined enrollment projections, discussed changes in how education is delivered, and gathered input from the community. The Committee held workshops and created a proposed plan.

What projects would be undertaken at the Elementary School if the bond measure passes?

The district made seismic and other repairs to the Elementary School in 2016. The proposed bond would replace the exterior paint, replace existing windows and renovate electrical systems and plumbing. Asbestos would be abated, and repairs would be made to the plumbing and drinking water systems if the bond measure passes.

What other projects would be undertaken if the bond measure passes?

The renovation and expansion of Nestucca Valley Elementary into the District's K-8 School would provide a secured entry, locking systems, and house students in six grades in one building. Driveway repairs and parking expansions would be made.

What projects would occur at Beaver Middle School? Would the gym be open?

On February 12, 2018 the Nestucca Valley Board of Directors directed Superintendent Wharton to have the Beaver property appraised, and listed for sale with a real estate agent. The district still uses the gym, after school hours, for programs to our junior high students. The construction of a second gymnasium would allow for use by drama, music, sports, and other programs at district schools.

What projects would be completed at the High School if the bond measure passes?

The relocation of 7th and 8th grade students to the elementary school campus would allow the School District to have space for additional CTE offerings.

If the bond passes, how will the facility be used by the community?

With the addition of a gymnasium, commons and media center, the community would be able to use the school after hours. The K-8 School could be used as an emergency shelter.

Why did the School District refer the proposed bond measure to the ballot?

The identified projects proposed in the bond require more funding than the District currently has available.

Does the District have any outstanding bonds?

Yes, an existing school capital projects bond on the tax rolls of \$0.71/\$1,000 of assessed home value will sunset in 2028.

If the bond measure passes, how much would it cost taxpayers?

Voters will be asked to consider a 21-year bond for \$25,700,000. The current tax rate is \$0.71/\$1,000 of assessed home value. The proposed bond measure would mean a property tax increase at an estimated rate of \$0.99/\$1,000 of assessed (not market) value. For the owner of a \$250,000 (assessed value) home, taxes would increase from \$14.79 per month to \$35.42 per month if the measure passes. The increased levy would remain in place through 2038. <From the reviewer:

[Clearly state the financial impact on taxpayers>](#)



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What other funding sources did the School District consider?

The District would pursue grants and foundation donations for the projects that would be addressed with proceeds from the bond measure, if it passes. The District received \$1.49 million for seismic repairs to the elementary and could receive \$4,000,000 in a State grant if the bond measure passes related to projects at the elementary school. <From the reviewer: what other funding options were considered or reviewed, e.g. general fund and parking rate increases>

Would elementary students be on-site during construction?

The construction area for the new expansion would be secured and students separated from the construction site. Proposed construction at the elementary school would be scheduled for the summer months.

If the bond passes, would it cover technology replacements?

Computers, tablets, smartboards, projectors, and wifi access are resources used in education. The renovated portion of the school and the addition would have new equipment installed.

<Reviewer: discuss the proposed projects?>

The original estimate for building projects was approximately \$33 million. The Long Range Facilities Planning Committee outlined possible projects and recommended a project plan. Consideration was given to replacing the elementary school and building a K-8 facility.

What would occur if the bond measure does not pass?

If the bond measure does not pass, the 7th and 8th graders would not be moved out of the JR/SR high and to NVES to create the K-8. The proposed drinking water project at NVES would not be completed. The district would not apply for the \$4 million matching grant. <From the reviewer: what would happen, fiscally and substantively, if the bond measure does not pass>

What moves would occur if the bond measure passes?

Sixth grade students are geographically separated from the 7th and 8th grade students, but all three grades are receiving the same educational program. There would be a middle school wing to the K-8 facility, that would offer access to a separate gymnasium. The 6-8th grade teachers would be located on one campus.

What traffic changes would be made if the bond measure passes?

Parking and traffic circulation would be expanded to separate parent and bus pick up and drop off. If the bond measure passes, students could be dropped off at the front entrance on the north side of the building. This entrance would include a covered entrance with accessible path. The other entrance (on the south side) would include a separate area for bus pick up and drop off.

If the bond measure passes, where would District offices be located? What would happen to the modular classrooms?

Existing modular buildings (portables) on the elementary site would be removed from the property. All student classrooms and the District office would be located in one building within the K-8 school.

If the bond measure passes, would any changes occur at the athletic fields?

If it passes, funds from the proposed bond measure would be allocated for the K-8 building and related site changes (parking and driveways) only and would not be used for projects at the fields.



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If the bond measure passes, when would construction begin?

The expansion of the elementary school into a K-8 school would first go through the design process till early spring 2019, then construction would begin summer 2019, with anticipated completion by Fall 2021.

If the bond measure passes, what information would be provided to the community?

The district would initiate a Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee that would be involved during the process observing how monies would be allocated and spent.

Would the elementary students have a place to play during recess?

<posed during a previous weekly meeting >

Where can I find more information on the projects that are proposed in the bond?

All information regarding the proposed projects and their related budgets, if the bond passes, could be found on the District's website: www.nestucca.k12.or.us

