

DISTRICT 518 SCHOOL BOND REFERENDUM FACTS

All Worthington facilities are already experiencing overcrowding in 2016 based on their capacities. Over the next 5 years, enrollment is projected to increase by 19%--581 students. In 9 years, enrollment is projected to increase by 30%--895 students. Studies show a direct correlation in classroom size and a student's success in school.

In November, all citizens of Worthington will be able to vote on a bond referendum to address our district's growing need.

WHAT'S THE CURRENT STATE?

- Based on the capacities of our buildings, we are at or over capacity in all of the facilities already in 2016.
- Enrollment projections indicate continued steady growth at all ages for the foreseeable future.
- The West Learning Center facility (AKA: ALC/Community Education) is in poor condition and the facility is not worth renovation. We need a space for these important services.
- Current preschool facilities in Worthington are already at or near capacity. The district Early Childhood/preschool programming has no space for expansion.

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED/WHAT ARE THE OUTCOMES?

- The proposed project scope improvements will result in additional space **at every grade level** to accommodate projected future enrollments.
- A new High School to be built for Grades 9-12 on District-owned land south of the existing Middle School.
- Current High School becomes Grades 6-8 Middle School.
- Current Middle School becomes Grades 3-5 Intermediate School.
- Current Prairie Elementary becomes Grades Pre-K-2 and Community Education.
- The proposed project scope improvements will integrate early childhood programming, including preschool, with our elementary level students.
- The proposed project scope improvements will provide enhanced learning environments for all District 518 students.
- West Learning Center Facility would no longer be used by the district.

HOW WILL THIS AFFECT ME?

- The project will be paid for through property taxes on homes, businesses and agricultural land in District 518.
- If you own a home, your taxes will increase slightly to help fund the project.
- Example: if you own a \$120,000 home, your taxes will increase by \$16.85/month.

WHAT IF I VOTE NO AND/OR THE REFERENDUM DOESN'T PASS?

- The needs are not going to go away.
- All existing schools will continue to become more crowded. In just five years, there will be almost 600 more students in the current amount of building space.

- Building costs typically only increase with time. If we wait to start the project, it will only become more costly.

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Special Election Ballot

Independent School District No. 518

(Worthington)

November 8, 2016

School District Question 1

Approval of School District Bond Issue

Yes

No

Shall the school board of Independent School District No. 518 (Worthington) be authorized to issue its general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$79,000,000 to provide funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including the construction and equipping of a new grades 9 to 12 high school facility on a district-owned site; the development of the site for that new high school, including the construction of parking and road infrastructure and practice fields and spaces, activity fields, and a new multipurpose stadium; the construction of alterations and renovations to the existing high school facility to convert that facility to a grades 6 to 8 middle school facility; the construction of alterations and renovations to the existing middle school facility to convert that facility to a grades 3 to 5 intermediate school facility; the construction of alterations, additions and renovations to the existing Prairie Elementary School facility to allow that facility to accommodate grades PreK to 2, ECFE, and community education programs; the construction of a stand-alone building on the new high school site for use for the District's ALC/Gymnastics program; the acquisition of furniture and equipment for use in various school facilities; the decommissioning of the existing West Elementary School facility; and the acquisition, installation and construction of technology and security improvements to various school facilities?

BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU

ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.