



2008 BOND PROPOSAL FACTS

The district's Long Range Facilities Advisory Committee recently concluded a 30-month study to assess building conditions at all schools and support sites in the Aurora Public Schools district. Based on this study, the LRFAC recommended a 2008 Capital Improvements Program to the APS Board of Education. The board has authorized a bond election for November 2008 to ask voters to fund the proposed program.

Recommended Program

While the study covered more than \$476 million in facility needs, the LRFAC prioritized only the most critical projects, totaling \$215 million. If the board authorizes the bond election and the measure is approved by voters, the \$215 million bond would result in **NO TAX INCREASE**.

The proposed five-year construction program **includes improvements at every APS school**. The program focuses on safety and security improvements, remodels and renovations at older schools, a new high school and a P-8 school to reduce overcrowding at current schools, and technology projects to support student achievement.

District voters would be asked to decide on the bond measure on November 4. To participate in the election, citizens must register to vote by October 6, 2008.



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Following is an overview of the proposed bond program:

New Construction

New schools as needed to meet student enrollment, including:

- A comprehensive high school on 100-acre site at 6th Avenue and Harvest Road
- A preschool-through-eighth-grade school adjacent to the new high school

Major Remodels and Additions

- Four major building remodels and additions for older schools as needed

Critical Safety Repairs and Improvements

- Roof repairs and safety improvements at several district schools
- Districtwide keyless security system

HVAC, Mechanical and Plumbing Repairs

- Heating and air conditioning, mechanical and plumbing repairs as needed
- Districtwide improvements to HVAC controls and lighting

Building Renewal

- Building improvements at every school; funding based on student enrollment and building condition and age

Technology

- New computers and equipment, expanded district network and telephone system, and updated classroom technology

2008 MILL LEVY (BUDGET) PROPOSAL FACTS

Through an election, a school district may request to spend more property tax revenue for day-to-day operational expenses than is allowed under the constraints of the state law for Public School Finance. This includes expenses such as staff compensation, professional training, school supplies, computers, technology, transportation services, and utility costs.

On August 5, the APS Board of Education authorized an election for November 2008 to ask voters to decide on a budget proposal. Aurora Public Schools has not asked for a mill levy election since 1990.

Recommended Budget Proposal

The recommended budget proposal would provide \$14.7 million for operating expenses and allow the district to strengthen its efforts to prepare students for college and workforce success.

These funds would be used to:

- Expand educational programs to keep students in school and increase graduation rates.
- Invest in full-day kindergarten to give children a better foundation for learning success.
- Improve technology and computer applications to prepare students for college and careers.
- Retain and attract highly-qualified teachers to meet the needs of APS students.

The District Accountability Advisory Committee would monitor how the budget funds are spent.

The budget measure would cost homeowners \$5.15 per month for every \$100,000 of property value.

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