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AGING FACILITIES



Registered voters who live within the Olathe School District boundaries have an opportunity to vote in an upcoming bond election that would help the district address several areas of need.

Voters will have between May 18 and June 7 to vote on a \$156 million bond issue to address its growth, safety and security, technology, and aging facility needs.

Projects within the bond proposal will touch every school in the district and will not increase the mill (tax) rate currently levied to pay off bonds.



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Growth Projects

The district has grown every year since it was unified in 1965 and that growth is expected to continue. Mission Trail Middle School currently has 800 students and is expected to grow by nearly 300 more students in the next five years and keep growing in a building that is already near capacity.

Prairie Trail Middle School has about 850 students and will grow by approximately 130 in the next five years. The proposed bond projects include a 10th middle school and renovations to Millcreek Learning Center to accommodate growth of the Prairie Learning Center.

Safety and Security

Security projects include upgrading the district's keyless entry system, interior and exterior camera replacements and upgrades, front door audio/visual equipment and door access control systems for the high schools. Safety projects include resilient gym floorings for all elementary schools.

Technology Projects

This bond would provide the district with the ability to continue student access to technology devices in the classroom, enhance digital classrooms to acquire newer versions of proven devices or next generation devices, and upgrade infrastructure and network hardware.

Aging Facilities Projects

Some of the important aging facility improvements include upgrading and replacing aged HVAC systems, taking care of exterior needs including masonry, roofing and replacement of aged windows and doors, replacing aged lighting fixtures, ceilings, and more.

Learn more about the bond election and its proposed projects at www.olatheschools.com/bond2016.

How to Vote:

- If you are already registered to vote and live within the Olathe School District boundaries, you should receive a ballot in the mail around May 18.
- Ballots must be received by the Johnson County Election Office by noon on June 7.
- If you aren't registered to vote, you may do so by going to www.jocoelection.org by May 17.

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