

BOND FACT SHEET

PHASE 2 FOR 2022 | BOND ELECTION NOV. 8

PHASE 1 2016 LEVY COMPLETE!

Thanks to past community support, the Eastmont School District has outstanding school facilities. In 2016, voters passed a 6 year Capital Levy that added cafeterias and 20 additional classrooms divided between Cascade, Lee, Kenroy and Rock Island Elementary Schools, and replaced Eastmont High School's baseball restrooms. We are now concluding the work on Phase 1 of our facilities improvement plan.



Replace outside "hallways"

NOW ON TO PHASE 2...

Phase 2 is the final phase of our current facilities improvement plan. The Eastmont School District Board of Directors passed a resolution to submit a \$185 million bond proposition to district voters on the November 8, 2022 general election ballot.



Build new classrooms to replace portables

WHY NOW?

You may wonder, "Why now?" We know that there is never a great time to ask our voters for money, and we take this responsibility to heart. We believe that this timing makes sense because construction costs escalate the longer we wait, the physical safety of our students and staff cannot wait, we are ensuring that we have the capacity for more students as new businesses come to the Valley, and at this time, the state will give us an additional \$14 million in construction match to get this work done.



Upgrade security and doorway access control

BONDS ARE FOR BUILDING

A bond provides funding for capital projects such as purchasing property for schools, constructing new schools, or modernizing existing schools. Bonds are sold to investors who are repaid with interest over time from property tax collections, generally between 10-25 years. Bonds require a super majority to pass (60%).

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PHASE 2 GOALS

✓ Repair and improve districtwide infrastructure. Improve enhance safety and security.

Examples are eliminating outdoor “hallways“ at Cascade and Kenroy Elementary Schools, creating secure entry vestibules at every school that does not currently have one, providing video cameras at entrances, and selectively upgrading paving, fencing, and doorway access control hardware.

✓ Build new classrooms at Cascade, Kenroy, Lee and Rock Island elementary schools.

Inefficient portables will be replaced by new classrooms connected to each school. The work at these four sites will also include replacing, expanding, renovating, improving and upgrading playfields, parking, student pickup/drop off areas.

✓ **Expand Sterling Junior High School**, including, but not limited to: constructing permanent classrooms to replace existing portable classrooms; constructing additional locker rooms and weight room; expanding parking and student pickup/drop off areas.

✓ **Upgrade our aging athletic complex at Eastmont High School.** Students’ physical safety will be protected by the replacement of the track, upgrading the football field, soccer field and tennis courts, and adding softball fields. The track at Eastmont Junior High will also be repaired and resurfaced.

✓ **Build a new transportation and maintenance facility** on land already owned by the school district at the intersection of Grant Road and North Perry Avenue.

TAXPAYER IMPACT

If voters approve this bond, the rate per \$1,000 assessed value will increase from \$3.47 in 2022 to an estimated \$3.93 in 2023 and \$3.99 in 2024. For background, the combined rate in 2013 was \$4.94. Individual tax rates will depend on a property’s assessed value by Douglas County Assessor’s Office.



HOW DO I REGISTER TO VOTE?

- Register online at vote.gov until October 31.
- Pick up a registration document at any school or district office and mail it by October 25.
- Register in person at the Douglas County Elections Office in Waterville until November 8.