

KEEP CENTER STRONG

Protect your investment in neighborhood schools

Bond Campaign Fact Sheet

On April 2nd, voters will be asked to approve a \$48 million bond to pay for a variety of facility improvements. The bond will NOT RESULT IN A TAX INCREASE, but will continue the current level of property taxes.

How will the money be used?

During the last 18 months, Center completed a comprehensive facility review using a regionally recognized expert on school facilities, Hollis + Miller. Opinions were solicited from many stakeholders (including teachers, principals, students, parents, and community members). Based on that process the major projects that will be done if the bond is approved include:

- Updates to ALL district buildings to **improve student and teacher safety and security**. These will include installations of secure entryways, upgrades to communications systems, and updates to security cameras. **Cost - \$2.05 million**
 - For secure entryways, most schools will need the addition of glass-enclosed entryways leading to the office with a separately locked entrance to the rest of the building. Center Elementary School will have the main entrance moved to the south side of the building (the original main entrance) with renovation of the old football bleachers to accommodate traffic and visitor parking. Center Alternative School will require a separate entry portal prior to entering the main building.
 - Communications systems will be upgraded to provide faster and more reliable communications between the front office and staff throughout the building. This will allow staff to be notified in a timely manner of any security threats so that they can take the best possible action to protect their students and themselves.
 - Security cameras will be updated with a consistent platform throughout the District to allow security staff to appropriately monitor activity.
- **Infrastructure maintenance** to keep all buildings up to date, working well for students and teachers, and creating a quality environment to support high levels of teaching and learning - **total district cost - \$20 million**
 - **Boone Elementary - \$4.2 million** - new HVAC system, roof improvements, restroom upgrades, interior door replacements, LED lighting upgrades, ADA access improvements
 - **Center Elementary - \$1.7 million** - roof improvements, restroom upgrades, HVAC improvements, exterior lighting upgrades, LED lighting upgrades
 - **Red Bridge Elementary - \$2.6 million** - roof improvements, HVAC upgrades, main office remodel, kitchen upgrades, LED & exterior lighting



- **Center Middle School - \$4.4 million** - roof improvements, restroom upgrades, HVAC upgrades, main office remodel, LED & exterior lighting, kitchen upgrades, SPED drop-off
- **Center Alternative School - \$1.3 million** - roof improvements, restroom upgrades, ground source heat upgrades, lighting improvements, retaining wall repairs
- **Center High School - \$5.7 million** - restroom renovations, roof improvements, major HVAC upgrades, LED lighting, ADA access, kitchen upgrades
- Investing in our neighborhood schools by **building a new school at the Indian Creek Elementary School** site to replace the current outdated facility and to support growth in enrollment. Students will continue to use the current facility while the new building is completed. The old building will be demolished once students and staff move into the new facility. **Total cost - \$18.6 million. A new building will:**
 - Provide a much better teaching and learning environment for students and teachers
 - Provide a much longer lasting community asset as compared to continuing to maintain an outdated facility
 - Provide a boost to the community with a significant new investment
- **Expansion of Red Bridge Elementary** to accommodate growth in student enrollment, **replacing the mobile trailers currently in use. Total cost - \$1.7 million**
 - Addition of 2 new classrooms on east side of building
 - Possible cafeteria & gym renovation if funds are available
- Other projects to enhance the quality of district facilities as funds are available.

Why is approval of the bond issue important to our community?

- The Center School District is a high quality, urban school district, receiving 90.4% of possible points on the most recent Annual Performance Report from the State of Missouri
- South Kansas City is growing, attracting both new businesses and residents. More new families are moving into South KC than any other part of Kansas City MO, driven by our quality of life (including great public schools) and expansion of retail and other businesses. We need to continue to invest in the quality of our school facilities as community assets to support our growing community.
- It is essential that we provide our teachers and students with the best possible learning environments, so that the facilities support the great work that they do each and every day.

Endorsements

- South Kansas City Chamber of Commerce
- South Kansas City Alliance
- Center Education Association

For more information, go to <https://sites.google.com/view/citizensforcenter>.

