

# KEEP CENTER STRONG

April 2, 2019 No Tax Increase Bond Election

The Center School District Board of Education approved adding a **NO TAX INCREASE** bond to the April 2, 2019 Election. 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.

During the last 18 months, Center completed a comprehensive facility review using Hollis + Miller, a school facilities expert. Teachers, principals, students, parents, and community members all provided input. Based on that process, major projects that will be possible if the bond is approved include:

- Updates to ALL district buildings to improve student and teacher safety and security. Included: installations of secure entryways, upgrades to communications systems, and updates to security cameras. **Cost - \$2.05 million**
- 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 - **Cost - \$20 million**
- Investing in neighborhood schools by building a new school at the Indian Creek Elementary School site to replace the current outdated facility and to support growth in enrollment.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. **Cost - \$18.6 million**
- Expansion of Red Bridge Elementary to accommodate growth in student enrollment, replacing the mobile trailers currently in use. **Cost - \$1.7 million**

Other projects to enhance the quality of district facilities may be included as funds are available.

## Community Connection

- 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 families are moving into South KC than any other part of Kansas City, driven by quality of life (including great public schools) and expansion of retail and other businesses. Investing in the quality of school facilities will continue to support the growing community.
- Teachers and students deserve the best possible learning environment and need facilities to 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, you may visit: <https://sites.google.com/view/citizensforcenter>

Or: <https://www.center.k12.mo.us/our-district/board-of-education/district-facility-updates>

