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SHAWNEE MISSION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Strong Schools, Strong Community

**BOND
PROPOSAL
2021**



> Watch for your mail-in ballot in early January!

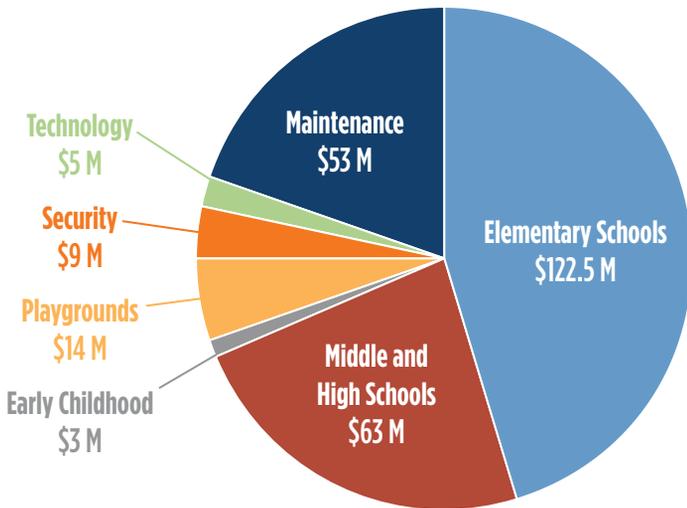
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Bond Proposal Overview

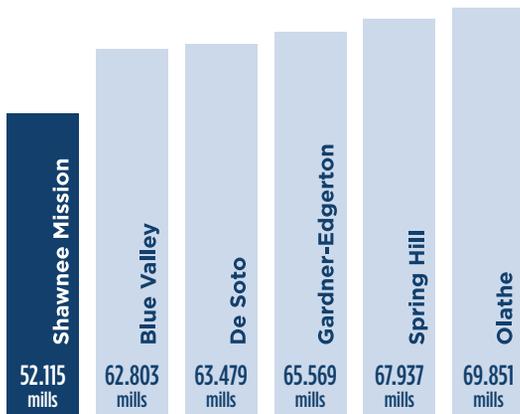
This January 2021, Shawnee Mission School District residents will vote on the school district's proposed \$264.22 million bond package. A series of facility improvement projects that will make a positive and lasting impact on SMSD facilities has been proposed. These were selected for their potential to benefit every student, support student learning, and facilitate the hiring of additional teachers. The proposal includes updates across the district for students in Pre-K through 12th grade.

Proposed Bond Budget*

*\$5,280,000 for the proposed bond projects will come from the capital outlay fund.



Comparing Current Johnson County School District Mill Levies



Budget and Tax Impacts

Through a multi-year Strategic Planning process, engaging experts and stakeholders, the district has identified \$750 million in facilities needs. The current proposal will address needed repairs, provide ongoing maintenance, and comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Maintenance must continue now and in the future to keep aging buildings in excellent condition and provide the best learning environments for our students and teachers.

The 2021 bond package would result in an \$8 annual tax increase for the owner of a \$100,000 home.

Pathway to Achieve Future Goals

Mapping out the impact over the next 18 years (assuming an annual increase of 2-3% in the assessed valuation of homes):

In **2021**, proposed **\$264.2 million bond issue**

- A tax rate increase of .708 mills (\$8 per \$100,000 home value) to a total of 8.142

In **2026-27**, a proposed **\$242.9 million bond issue**

- A tax rate increase of 2.09 mills (\$24 per \$100,000 home value) to a total of 10.232

In **2032-33**, a proposed **\$242.9 million bond issue**

- A tax rate increase of .976 mills (\$11 per \$100,000 home value) to a total of 11.208

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BOND PROPOSAL GOALS

The Shawnee Mission School District will continue to be ranked among the finest school districts in the nation, employing exceptional educators who work in state-of-the-art facilities where learners achieve their full potential.

SUPPORTING STUDENT LEARNING

GOAL: Hire additional secondary teachers and better support student learning



We are currently spending money out of the capital fund for new facilities. Under this plan, facilities will be covered by bond money. That allows the district to shift some custodial and maintenance salaries into the capital fund. This frees up money in the operating fund to hire additional secondary teachers and better support student learning.

PROPOSED FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS



Elementary Schools

- Rebuild five elementary schools: John Diemer, Pawnee, Rushton, Tomahawk, and Westwood View
- Playground upgrades at select elementary sites, including upgrades and replacements to meet ADA requirements



Middle and High Schools

- Learning space upgrades
- Upgrades to restrooms to increase privacy
- Furniture replacement, support, and maintenance



District Centers

- Shawnee Mission Early Childhood Education Center Remodel
- Career and Technical Campus Remodel



Districtwide improvements

- American Disability Act (ADA) upgrades and additions
- Classroom technology infrastructure upgrades
- Security and technology upgrades, including security keyless entry
- Support and maintenance of athletic facilities
- Roof, asphalt, HVAC, flooring, and lighting upgrades and replacements

For the proposed project plans, visit smsd.org/bond-2021



The 2021 SMSD Bond Proposal vote will be conducted by mail-in/drop-off ballot only. Watch for your ballot in early January!

8200 W. 71st Street, Shawnee Mission, KS 66204



IMPORTANT VOTING INFORMATION



All registered voters in the SMSD will receive a ballot in their mailbox in early January

- Voters are able to register, check out the status of their registration, and learn more about the process by visiting www.jocoelection.org.



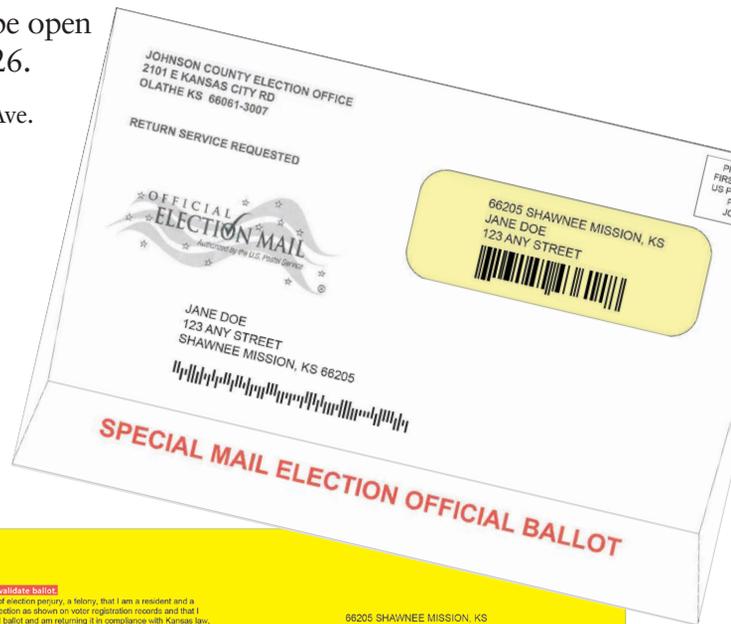
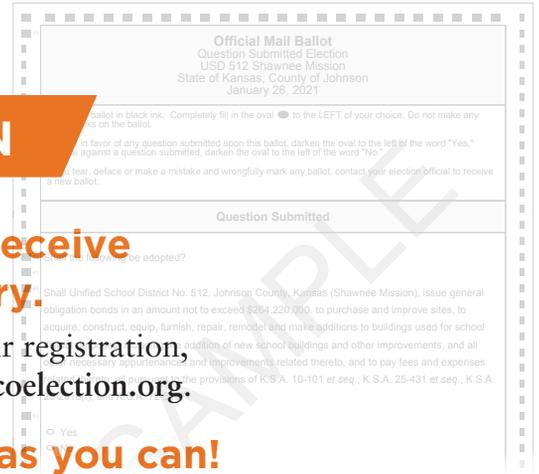
Fill out and return your ballot as early as you can!

All ballots MUST BE RECEIVED at the Johnson County Election Office by noon January 26.

- **By mail:** A postage paid return envelope is included with the ballot – no stamp needed!
- **Or drop off your ballot:** Drop boxes will be open at the following locations until noon on Jan. 26.
 - > Johnson County Northeast Offices – 6000 Lamar Ave.
 - > Shawnee Library – 13811 Johnson Drive
 - > Central Resource Library – 9875 W. 87th Street
 - > Johnson County Election Office – 2101 E. Kansas City Rd.

DON'T MISS THESE STEPS!

- 1 Read and fill out your ballot carefully.
- 2 Fold your ballot and put it in the provided postage paid return envelope — no stamp needed!
- 3 Sign and seal your envelope.
- 4 Return your ballot as soon as possible.



1 Statement of Voter
 Failure to sign will invalidate ballot
 I declare under penalty of election perjury, a felony, that I am a resident and a qualified voter for this election as shown on voter registration records and that I have voted the enclosed ballot and am returning it in compliance with Kansas law, and amendments thereto, and have not and will not vote more than one ballot in this election.
 I also understand that failure to complete the information below will invalidate my ballot.

Name of Voter _____
 Johnson County Residential Address _____

 Number of Voter: _____ Date _____

I, the voter, hereby authorize the persons who completed and is transmitting this Statement to my mail address you collect ballot to the county election office.

2 Statement of Person Assisting Voter
 Check the statements that apply.

I hereby acknowledge that I have been designated by the voter to mail or deliver the enclosed voted ballot to the county election office and affirm that I will deliver each ballot as instructed by the voter and that I have not exercised undue influence on the voting decisions of the voter.

If assisting a voter with an illness, disability, or lack of proficiency in the English language, I hereby affirm that I have not exercised undue influence on the voter's decisions and have marked the ballot as instructed by the voter to whom the ballot was issued.

Name of Authorized Person _____
 Signature of Authorized Person _____ Date _____

3 Statement of Person Signing on Behalf of Voter
 Only if Voter is Physically Unable to Sign
 My signature constitutes an affidavit that the person for whom I sign the envelope is a person who is physically unable to sign such envelope. By signing this envelope, I swear this information is true and correct, and that signing a ballot envelope under false pretenses shall constitute the crime of perjury.

Name of Person Signing on Behalf of Voter _____
 Signature of Person Signing on Behalf of Voter _____ Date _____

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