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

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

To learn more and see the full proposals, visit smsd.org/bond-2021.
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

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.

To learn more and see 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!

**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](http://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.

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