



# Building Our Future

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**South Washington County Schools (SoWashCo Schools)** is planning for the future to address community growth and student needs. Over the next 10 years, more than 3,500 potential new K-12 students are expected to move into the district. If we do nothing, current projections show that 15 schools will be over capacity and we will have a deficit of nearly 2,500 K-12 seats for students by 2031.

## Within 10 Years We Project



**8,000  
NEW HOMES**



**3,500  
NEW STUDENTS**



**15 SCHOOLS OVER  
CAPACITY**

The 10-year facility plan seeks to address community growth through:

- Using current buildings efficiently
- Building a centrally-located elementary school
- Investing in our current high schools
- Repurposing existing buildings for other uses
- Accommodating early learning, special education and community education programming
- Minimal boundary changes
- Providing the least amount of disruption to families

**VOTE AUG. 9, 2022:** If a bond election is successful, large construction projects and attendance boundary changes would go into effect no earlier than fall 2025. The bond amount of \$462.6 million includes construction project and bond financing costs and is approximately \$25 a month for a \$300,000 home in the district.

### WHAT'S A BOND ELECTION?

- A bond referendum gives voters the opportunity to decide if SoWashCo Schools should be authorized to raise construction funding through the sale of bonds.
- Bonds allow the district to borrow money that it then pays back over time and is the only method to raise enough funds for new construction.
- The ballot question will go to voters during a special election on Aug. 9, 2022.
- Construction funding does not take away from education funding.

### IF THE BOND DOES NOT PASS

With some schools already overcapacity, there will likely be extensive boundary changes prior to 2025. Other considerations include:

- Beginning an alternative long-range facility planning process and considering all options available
- Returning to voters with a new election in February 2023
- Exploring temporary portable trailers at some school sites
- Considering alternative scheduling options for high schools
- Reviewing grade configurations at all levels
- Increasing rental space and costs for learning and instruction
- Struggling with continued higher than average class sizes in overcrowded schools

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Elementary Schools	Long-Range Facility Package
<b>Armstrong Elementary School</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction of a new kitchen</li> <li>Renovation to create shared learning space</li> <li>Construction of new bathrooms in early learning and special education rooms</li> </ul>
<b>Bailey Elementary School</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction of a new classroom addition</li> <li>Construction of a new larger cafeteria and kitchen</li> <li>Renovation of early learning spaces</li> </ul>
<b>Cottage Grove Elementary School</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction of a new classroom addition</li> </ul>
<b>Crestview Elementary School</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction of a new 1000 seat school in a more central-district location</li> </ul>
<b>Grey Cloud Elementary School</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction of new classroom addition</li> <li>Construction of new special education classrooms</li> <li>Construction of a new larger cafeteria and kitchen</li> <li>Renovation of early learning spaces</li> </ul>
<b>Hillside Elementary School</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction of new bathrooms</li> <li>Renovation of early learning and special education spaces</li> <li>Renovation to create shared learning space</li> <li>Renovation of kitchen</li> </ul>
<b>Liberty Ridge Elementary School</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction of a new classroom addition</li> </ul>
<b>Middleton Elementary School</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Renovation of early learning and special education spaces</li> </ul>
<b>Newport Elementary School</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Closure no earlier than 2025 for renovation into early childhood learning center</li> </ul>
<b>Nuevas Fronteras Spanish Immersion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General maintenance projects</li> </ul>
<b>Pine Hill Elementary School</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Replace current building with a new <b>Pine Hill Elementary</b> (850 seats) on site</li> </ul>
<b>Pullman Elementary School</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction of new bathrooms</li> <li>Renovation of special education spaces</li> <li>Renovation to create shared learning space</li> <li>Renovation of kitchen</li> </ul>
<b>Red Rock Elementary School</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Renovation of kindergarten and special education spaces</li> </ul>
<b>Royal Oaks Elementary School</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction of additional new bathrooms</li> <li>Renovation of special education spaces</li> <li>Renovation to create shared learning space</li> <li>Renovation of kitchen</li> </ul>
<b>Valley Crossing Elementary School</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General maintenance projects</li> </ul>
<b>Woodbury Elementary School</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Renovation to create shared learning space</li> <li>Renovation of early learning and special education spaces</li> <li>Renovation of kitchen</li> <li>Construction of new separate bus road to improve traffic flow during pick-up and drop-off</li> </ul>

Middle Schools	Long-Range Facility Package
<b>Cottage Grove Middle</b> Proposed capacity: 1,390	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction of a new classroom addition</li> <li>Construction of a new secure entry</li> <li>Renovation of kitchen serving line</li> </ul>
<b>Lake Middle School</b> Proposed capacity: 1,370	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction of a new classroom addition</li> <li>Construction of a new secure entry</li> <li>Renovation of kitchen serving line</li> </ul>
<b>Oltman Middle School</b> Proposed capacity: 1,385	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction of a new classroom addition</li> <li>Expansion of cafeteria</li> </ul>
<b>Woodbury Middle School</b> Proposed capacity: 1,398	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction of a new music room</li> <li>Construction of a new secure entry</li> <li>Renovation of existing space to expand capacity, including new art and Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) classrooms</li> <li>Expansion of kitchen serving area</li> </ul>
High Schools	Long-Range Facility Package
<b>East Ridge High School</b> Proposed capacity: 2,550	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction of a new classroom addition</li> <li>Expansion of the cafeteria and kitchen serving area</li> <li>Construction of additional spaces for Career and Technical Education (CTE) and Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM), including robotics space</li> <li>Creation of a multipurpose space for online learning</li> </ul>
<b>Park High School</b> Proposed capacity: 2,400	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction of a new classroom addition</li> <li>Construction of a new cafeteria and kitchen</li> <li>Renovation and expansion of Career and Technical Education (CTE) and Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM), including robotics space</li> <li>Renovation to create a centralized student services area</li> <li>Creation of a multipurpose space for online learning</li> <li>Complete site redesign to form a larger campus with additional parking, improved athletic fields, increased greenspace, improved traffic flow and increased pedestrian safety</li> </ul>
<b>South Washington Alternative High School</b> Proposed capacity: 300	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Renovate existing Crestview Elementary building into the new South Washington Alternative High School</li> <li>Allows expansion of Park High School campus to work with the new South Washington Alternative High School campus</li> <li>Construction of Career and Technical Education (CTE) and Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) spaces</li> <li>Provides access to athletic fields and outdoor greenspace</li> </ul>
<b>Woodbury High School</b> Proposed capacity: 2,250	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction of a new classroom addition</li> <li>Construction of a new cafeteria and kitchen</li> <li>Renovation and expansion Career and Technical Education (CTE) and Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM), including robotics space</li> <li>Construction of new secure front entry and student services area</li> <li>Creation of a multipurpose space for online learning</li> <li>Building redesign and renovation to reduce hallway crowding and increase building flow</li> <li>Complete site redesign to improve traffic flow and increased pedestrian safety</li> </ul>

# VOTE

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Early Learning, Special Education and Support Sites	Long-Range Facility Package
<b>District Program Center</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sell building</li> </ul>
<b>District Service Center</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction of a centrally-located <b>District Service Center</b> on new <b>Crestview Elementary</b> campus to consolidate support staff, community education, enrollment services and space for meetings and professional development</li> <li>Renovate current building to retain operational facilities (warehouse, storage, etc.)</li> <li>Renovate current building for <b>Next Step and Pathways</b> transition programming (18-21) to remain near business and commerce</li> </ul>
<b>Early Learning Centers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Existing <b>Liberty Ridge Site II</b> continues as an early learning center</li> <li><b>Newport Elementary School</b> building converted to an early learning center</li> </ul>
<b>Rental Spaces</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Renovate <b>Central Park</b> for use by SoWashCo Online, adult basic education and special education</li> <li>Non-renewal of lease for <b>Next Step</b> transition program and relocate program to renovated District Service Center building</li> <li>Non-renewal of lease for <b>Pathways</b> transition program and relocate program to renovated District Service Center building</li> </ul>
<b>Transportation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current transportation site remains</li> <li>Construction of a satellite transportation space for additional school bus parking</li> </ul>
<b>Land Purchase</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Purchase land for future district use (120-160 acres)</li> </ul>
<b>Total</b> Approx. \$462 million	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Elementary School:</b> Capacity increase from 9,989 to <b>10,915</b> students</li> <li><b>Middle School:</b> Capacity increase from 4,574 to <b>5,543</b> students</li> <li><b>High School:</b> Capacity increase from 5,696 to <b>7,220</b> students</li> <li><b>South Washington Alternative High School:</b> Capacity increase from 120 to <b>300</b> students</li> </ul>

