

Newton Public Schools
308 East 1st Street
Newton, KS 67114



NEWTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOND ELECTION

NOVEMBER 8, 2022

- ✓ NO Tax Rate Increase
- ✓ NO Mill Levy Increase

- ✓ Refurbish & Repair:
Lindley Hall & Santa Fe



THE PROBLEM

On June 29, 2022, DLR Group with Gravity::Works Architecture assembled a team of architects, engineers, and construction professionals to perform an intrusive investigative review of Lindley Hall and Santa Fe 5/6 Center. Here's what is needed:

Lindley Hall

- Reconstruct and stabilize exterior wall.
- Tuck-point and seal brick exterior.
- ADA and code compliance.
- Create enhanced educational space.

Santa Fe 5/6 Center

- Repair and reconstruction parapet wall.
- Repair decorative stone.
- Tuck-point and seal brick exterior.
- Repair and reconstruct skylight.

THE SOLUTION

The Board reviewed and considered many options since the damaging events at Lindley Hall, and decided Santa Fe 5/6 Learning Center is to remain as part of the District's facilities. A new gym was considered however **it would cost considerably more for something new of similar size. Therefore refurbishment and repair were deemed the best option.**

- \$8,435,000 bond issue to pay project costs plus bonding costs of insurance and capitalized interest during construction.
- USD 373 is **eligible for state aid to help pay principal and interest on a voted bond issue.**
- Interest rates, estimated at 4.5% are **at a low level compared to recent decades.**
- Proposed bonds to be retired in 2037 (15 years) **with no mill levy increase and a reduction in the mill levy after 2026.**
- All fixes and investments extend use for **50 years** with masonry work at Santa Fe, with maintenance plan provided for future use.
- Addresses needs at Santa Fe at reasonable cost **while also providing fastest return of gym use** (projected December 2023).
- **Ultimately we address much needed important capital improvements without increasing the mill rate.**

ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022, VOTE...



YES:
Refurbished and Repaired
Lindley Hall and Santa Fe.



NO:
Students don't have access to
on-site gymnasium.

IMPORTANT DATES

October 18: Voter Registration Deadline
October 25: In-Person Early Voting Begins
November 8: Election Day!



HAVE QUESTIONS?

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