

MORE FOR KIDS

▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶ **VOTE** on **MAY 11, 2021**

A tax increase is not expected over the life of the bond, based on anticipated community growth of 3%. This past year's community growth was almost 7%.

Every student in every grade level at every school will benefit!

▶ **TECHNOLOGY (ALL 35 SCHOOLS)**

Devices, software, cyber security, classroom equipment, student management, learning platforms, WiFi, and school security

▶ **ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS OVERVIEW**

- Air conditioning installation and/or upgrade in all gyms will be completed
- Safety entrances will be completed at all schools
- Campus enclosures at Red Oak, Santa Fe, and Winding Creek (enclosing outside corridors)
- Media Center at Earlywine, new roof at Santa Fe, new front facade at Houchin and Kingsgate, and other construction upgrades as needed at all schools

▶ **JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS OVERVIEW**

- New classroom additions/Science Labs to be utilized for Science and STEM
- New front facade at Highland West and new fieldhouse at Moore West
- Other construction upgrades as needed at all schools

▶ **HIGH SCHOOLS OVERVIEW**

- College & Career Readiness Centers at each high school
- Indoor practice facility for Athletics, Band, and other programs
- Softball and Baseball facility upgrades
- Air conditioning upgrades in gyms and facilities
- Stadium upgrades at Westmoore and Southmoore (all three high schools will have a multi-use home field and track)
- Roof and other construction upgrades as needed at all schools

The bond proposal is based on **classroom space, safety and security**, and **number of students impacted**.



Air conditioning in elementary gyms.



We provide a comprehensive STEM/STEAM program for students in grades K-12.

Message from Dr. Robert Romines, Superintendent, Parent, Alumni



I was born and raised in Moore and take great pride in being a product of our schools and community. If there is one thing I have learned over the many years is that we unite to overcome challenges and to take care of our own. We are the biggest, small town in Oklahoma. Our community's unified commitment to support and help each other are reasons why my wife and I choose to raise our daughters here and serve within our schools throughout our entire careers.

On May 11, 2021, we have the opportunity to yet again help and support our students, staff, and learning community. If passed, the 2021 bond proposal will provide additional safety and security, technology resources, instructional materials, improved and additional facilities, transportation, and much more. Please know, all of the items included on the bond proposals are needed to meet and propel educational opportunities for our children and adequately prepare them for their next chapters in life.

A tax increase is not expected over the life of the bond, based on anticipated community growth of 3% and historical average tax rates. This past year's community growth was almost 7%. Moore continues to grow with new patrons and new businesses and corporations. We are one of the largest districts in the state and serve more than 24,000 students in grades PreK-12. As our community continues to grow, we must ensure that educational services and facilities increase – not our class sizes.

Students, staff, and families have faced many challenges throughout the past year regarding the health crisis, political concerns, economic uncertainty, and social unrest. Amidst these challenges, we worked hard to provide our families with multiple learning options and a safe return to school on August 13, 2020. Taking into account all of the many challenges within our society and how they affect our MPS Community – we must safeguard our children and their future by meeting their educational, mental/emotional health, physical health, and safety/security needs - now.

There are many needed components built into this bond, including but not limited to:

- **Air conditioning in elementary gyms** - We have 20 of our 25 elementary gyms without air conditioning. During the warm months, these facilities become hot very quickly. Activities such as P.E., assemblies, Choir productions, and others can be very uncomfortable and sometimes not possible.
- **College and Career Readiness Centers** - These centers would be additions at each of our high schools and will serve as pathways connecting our students to college and/or careers. These facilities would be utilized for college courses, obtaining certification in various trades, science labs for engineering classes and a large array of medical science offerings. They will also include technology repair hubs led by students working toward technology related professions, coffee shops operated by our students with disabilities who want to learn various workforce skills, and much more.
- **Technology** - With the ever-evolving world of technology, we will increase and improve technology equipment, software, and Internet/WiFi for all of our 35 schools. Technology is imperative to the learning process and must be provided and working properly. Our families will continue to be provided multiple learning options - from in-person to virtual - and in both settings, technology is vital.
- **Safety and Security upgrades** - This includes additional and improved equipment, construction of secured school entrances and campus enclosures, new roofs, and more.
- **Indoor practice facilities** - These three facilities will be located at each of the high schools and will be available for Band, Athletic programs, and others to use as needed.
- **Stadium, field upgrades, and air conditioning in gyms** - This would allow for all three high schools to have a home field and no longer be dependent upon one shared stadium. Also, we have athletic fields needing upgrades and gyms without air conditioning; these items would be completed.

When I think about Moore Schools, I think about what an amazing school district I have the privilege of serving. We have so much to celebrate and be proud of – from high achievement in the classroom, award-winning faculty and staff, world-recognized fine arts programs, superior athletics, and the best students anywhere.

Our MPS Community is a family - whether you were born and raised here or moved here later. We help one another without hesitation, continuously give back, lift one another up, and never waver in our commitment to maintain high expectations. We have the power to increase and improve opportunities, to provide "Moore for Kids." Please join me in voting on May 11, 2021.

Frequently Asked Questions



The State of Oklahoma requires a super majority of votes cast. Therefore, **at least 60% of those votes must be in favor of the bond election for approval.**

HOW WAS THE NEED FOR THE BOND ELECTION DETERMINED?

The Patrons' Advisory Committee (PAC) - a group of residents, business leaders, parents/guardians, members of the Board of Education, and school staff - has been evaluating where our district is now and what our district's future needs will be. As one of the largest districts in the state that continues to experience community growth, we are diligent in maintaining the balance of class size and availability of classrooms. With ever-changing technology advancements and increase of learning options, we must ensure our students have adequate tools and resources for their education. We want our students to have top of the line facilities where they may truly excel. MPS provides a comprehensive STEM/STEAM program for K-12 students. College & Career Readiness Centers would help create pathways for our students from high school to either college or their future careers. The components of this bond issue will propel student success regardless of our district's and community's population growth and learning options.

WHEN IS THE BOND ELECTION AND WHERE DO I VOTE?

The bond election date is May 11, 2021. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Voting will be in precincts where all other elections are held. All registered voters living in the Moore Public Schools district attendance boundaries are eligible to vote.

HOW MUCH IS THE BOND ISSUE AND WILL APPROVAL RAISE MY TAXES?

This is a multi-phased bond with reoccurring funds to be issued throughout an eight-year period. A tax increase based on historical average is **not expected over the life of the bond**. This has been determined based on anticipated community growth of 3%, with this past year's community growth of almost 7%. Two propositions will be on the ballot. Proposition 1: Construction, Renovation, Repair, Replacement Projects with a projected cost of \$338,700,000. Proposition 2: Transportation with a projected cost of \$8,000,000.

HOW WILL THIS BOND ELECTION BENEFIT MY CHILD?

Every student, in every grade level, and in every school will benefit from this bond. Our schools have different needs due to when they were originally constructed, student population, etc. If the bond passes, the following needs will be met: additional classroom space, heat and air conditioning in facilities and gyms, enclosed practice facilities, roofs, media center(s), safety and security entrances, enclosed campuses, etc. ALL SCHOOLS will receive adequate, much-needed technology and safety/security upgrades to support the educational needs of students well into the future.

SAMPLE BALLOT

OFFICIAL BALLOT
May 11, 2021
CLEVELAND COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

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MOORE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
No. 002

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PROPOSITION NO. 1

Shall Independent School District Number 2 of Cleveland County, Oklahoma, incur an indebtedness by issuing its bonds in the sum of Three Hundred Thirty-Eight Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$338,700,000) to be issued in series to provide funds for the purpose of improving or acquiring school sites, constructing, repairing, remodeling and equipping school buildings, and acquiring school furniture, fixtures and equipment; and levy and collect an annual tax, in addition to all other taxes, upon all the taxable property in such District sufficient to pay the interest on such bonds as it falls due and also to constitute a sinking fund for the payment of the principal thereof when due, said bonds to bear interest not to exceed the rate of ten (10%) per centum per annum, payable semi-annually and to become due serially within five (5) years from their date?

FOR THE PROPOSITION - YES

AGAINST THE PROPOSITION - NO

PROPOSITION NO. 2

Shall Independent School District Number 2 of Cleveland County, Oklahoma, incur an indebtedness by issuing its bonds in the sum of Eight Million Dollars (\$8,000,000) to be issued in series to provide funds for the purpose of purchasing transportation equipment (including auxiliary transportation equipment and safety upgrades to certain existing transportation equipment), and levy and collect an annual tax, in addition to all other taxes, upon all the taxable property in such District sufficient to pay the interest on such bonds as it falls due and also to constitute a sinking fund for the payment of the principal thereof when due, said bonds to bear interest not to exceed the rate of ten (10%) per centum per annum, payable semi-annually and to become due serially within five (5) years from their date?

FOR THE PROPOSITION - YES

AGAINST THE PROPOSITION - NO

HOW DO WE KNOW THE BOND FUNDS ARE SPENT THE WAY THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO BE?

Our district has a proven and trusted history of completing bond projects as promised. Of the bond projects since 1999, one hundred percent were completed on time and within budget. We are responsible stewards of our taxpayers' money and will continue this commitment to our community.

CAN BOND MONEY BE USED FOR STAFF SALARIES?

No. The law only allows bond money to be used for capital improvements and certain instructional materials. This money cannot be spent on salaries, benefits, supplies, or any other general fund expenses.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE BOND ELECTION DOES NOT PASS?

Bond money is critical for construction projects necessary to accommodate student growth and ever-evolving learning needs. It is also necessary to provide maintenance and major repairs to schools and facilities. Without these bond funds, monies from other annual district funding sources would be decreased to accomplish the projects included in the proposed bond issue.

CAN I STILL VOTE IF I AM GOING TO BE OUT OF TOWN ON ELECTION DAY, MAY 11, 2021?

Yes. Applications for absentee ballots are available at the Cleveland Co. and Oklahoma Co. Election Board offices and online at: www.ok.gov/elections. The application to receive an

absentee ballot must arrive at your county election board office before 5 p.m. on May 5. The completed ballots must be returned to your county election board office by mail no later than 7 p.m. on the day of the election. (Postmark will not suffice, ballots themselves must be at the county election board office by 7 p.m. on election day). Voters may cast an absentee ballot in person at their county's election board office by 5 p.m. on or before Monday, May 10.

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