

SCHOOL BOND FAST FACTS

- ✓ The last time voters were asked to approve a school bond was in 1999. The \$83.5 million dollar bond passed and all projects were completed.
- ✓ The payoff of the remaining \$34,592,052 from the 1999 school bond will occur in 2023. The combined tax bill for the existing debt from 1999 with the new debt from 2016 on a \$200,000 home is estimated to increase by \$1.54 each week, \$6.68 each month, or \$80.20 per year.
- ✓ Improvements for **ALL 19 SCHOOLS** will occur as a result of the school bond. The project list also includes 7 major building projects.
- ✓ Proceeds from the \$152 million school bond are restricted for use on construction and building improvements. School bond dollars cannot be used to fund salary increases for teachers and staff.
- ✓ There are no other available funding sources to the school system to complete these building improvements and construction projects.
- ✓ The school system receives benefit from the NC Education Lottery through the annual state budget. We directly receive approximately \$900,000 annually for capital improvements. This money is currently being used to pay debt service on the new additions at North Brunswick High and Waccamaw K-8 School.
- ✓ Redistricting is inevitable if the bond does not pass. This will impact our county's ability to offer community schools, will increase transportation costs, and impact overall school climate.
- ✓ Brunswick County Academy is our system's alternative school. It was a major construction project from the 1999 school bond and has a capacity of 250 students. It has a fluctuating enrollment which may lead citizens to believe the space is underutilized. This is not true. The building is being used for the purpose it was constructed, an alternative setting for middle and high school students in Brunswick County.
- ✓ Town Creek Middle School will be constructed on land already owned by the school system and will share access to Town Creek Park athletic fields. This is the same arrangement the school system shares with Cedar Grove Middle School and Brunswick County Parks and Recreation.
- ✓ Improvements to athletic facilities are necessary for student safety as well as compliance with Title IX, a federal law that, in part, requires equitable facilities and opportunities for female athletes.
- ✓ Learning environments, including the size of the school, impact climate and student learning. School leaders believe student populations should not exceed 650 at elementary schools, 750 at middle schools, and 1500 at high schools.
- ✓ Modular units are not permanent classrooms and pose safety risks during severe weather events. Our goal is to eliminate the need for modular units as learning environments in Brunswick County Schools.

THANK YOU FOR VOTING NOVEMBER 8!