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No  
Tax  
Increase

## BOND FACTS

HOLDEN R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PROPOSITION K.I.D.S.

### What is Proposition K.I.D.S.?

Proposition K.I.D.S. is a No-Tax-Increase Bond Issue on the April 2nd ballot which will provide capital improvement funds to the district.

### What amount is being requested?

The total bond is for an estimated \$4,500,000.

### How will the funds be used?

These funds will be used for capital improvements including safety and security, energy efficiency projects, repair or replacement of select HVAC systems, roofing, parking lots, remodeling, and upgrades to the existing facilities of the Holden R-III School District.

### What is the current tax rate?

The current total tax rate is \$4.5900. This rate will remain unchanged with the passing of this bond issue.

### What is required to pass the bond issue?

A 4/7 majority or 57.14% plus one vote is necessary.

### What if the bond fails?

The tax rate would remain at \$4.5900 and most improvements would be postponed or cancelled indefinitely.

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Don't  
forget  
to vote  
April  
2nd



You must be  
registered to vote  
by March 6, 2019,  
to be eligible to  
vote in the  
April 2nd election.

HOLDEN R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT

# School Pride Newsletter

Mar/Apr 2019

Kindness Matters  
Free & Reduced Meals  
Testing Prep  
School Board Survey  
Proposition K.I.D.S.

## Kindness Matters

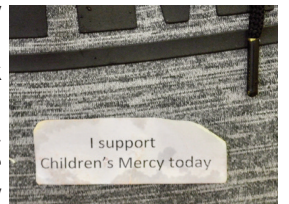
Operation George Bailey, an assignment promoting random acts of kindness, given to 7th grade students in their Language Arts class by Mrs. Tobi Chambers, encouraged them to find a way to make difference in their community. Some chose to donate money to Harvester's. Some worked with organizations and assisted with projects in our area. Faith Brown selected Children's Mercy Hospital as her focus. "I chose Children's Mercy because I went there a lot for my brother's appointments when I was younger." One of her best memories was reading the books they provided in the waiting and exam rooms to pass the time.



Faith Brown, philanthropist

Occasionally though, Children's Mercy Hospital has to get rid of books. In October, they posted on their Facebook page "Every day our kids read books in our playrooms, waiting areas and as a bedside activity, but we don't have enough today because we had to throw hundreds away months ago for infectious disease precautions." Faith came up with many ways to raise money to donate so books could be purchased. One way was a Hat Day where any student could wear a hat all day if they brought in a dollar towards the cause. Her total collected at the end of that week was \$73.00, but it didn't end there - An anonymous donor contributed \$100.00! By the end, she had \$180.00 to take to Children's Mercy.

Congratulations to Faith and each 7th grader who helped make a difference in our community with their projects.  
We are proud of you!



## Free and Reduced Price School Meals

Applications for free or reduced price school meals may be submitted at any time during the school year. If your financial situation has changed and you feel you may qualify, we encourage you to fill out an application. Forms can be found on our website at [holdenschools.org/foodservice](http://holdenschools.org/foodservice), or you may contact Patty Raker at the Holden R-III District Office to obtain a form.

Contact information for Mrs. Raker:  
(816) 850-4444, [praker@holdenschools.org](mailto:praker@holdenschools.org)



## Community Survey

Holden R-III School Board Members are seeking the participation of community members, parents/guardians, and district supporters in a brief online survey about our schools. A sub-committee was formed which collectively conceived the questions on the survey.

The purpose of this survey is to better understand the perspectives of adult members of the Holden, Missouri community regarding our board and schools' performance, climate, and culture.

Please visit <https://www.holdenschools.org/Page/2657> or scan the QR code and take a few minutes to share your feedback, ideas and suggestions. Your participation is greatly appreciated!



## You've Got This!

As we enter spring, we also enter testing season. Students in all buildings will be participating in various exams beginning in April. Here are some ways to help the students in your life prepare:

1. Sleep. Staying up the night before to study is counter-productive. Children need a good night's rest.
2. Eat a nutritious breakfast. On testing days, Holden R-III provides breakfast to all students testing, free of charge.
3. Be positive! If students are thinking they won't do well on the test, they probably won't perform their best. Instead, replace negative talk with positive affirmations such as "I am prepared and will do well on my test" or "I am smart and ready to show what I know."
4. Remind them to breathe. We could all use this reminder once in a while when things seem daunting, but taking a moment to take a slow, deep breath can do wonders for our stress levels!

5. Tell them how important it is to read all directions carefully. They shouldn't dwell on questions they don't understand or aren't sure of the answer. Students can keep going and come back to those tougher questions later.

6. Have your student imagine themselves in a relaxing place. Ask them what they see, smell, and hear there. Assure them that if during the test they become frustrated, they can take a minute, close their eyes, and imagine themselves in their relaxing place. This will help them restore their calm before resuming the test.

Some testing is spread over multiple days. Talk to your student about the tests they've taken and the ones they still have coming up. Be reassuring without downplaying the importance of doing well. Let them know that you have confidence in their ability. You've Got This!



Spring Pictures - March 6

No School - Spring Break - March 21-22 (subject to change due to inclement weather)

No School - Easter Break - April 19

Prom - April 27

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Holden, MO 64040

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Holden, MO

“The mission for Holden R-III School District is for all students, upon graduation, to have marketable skills or the basis to be eligible for post-secondary educational opportunities.”

March 2019							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		 Follow us on Twitter @HoldenSchools			1 HS Career Day 8:30-10:30am  Holden Special Olympics Basketball @ 3-on-3 Tournament @ UCM	2 6th grade District Choir @ UCM  MS & HS Science Olympiad @ UCM	
3	4  Pre-K Dr. Suess Activity Night 6:30pm	5	6  Spring Picture Day @ HES  PTO Father/Daughter Dance @ HES 6:30pm	7  Holden PTO Meeting @ ES Library 6:30pm	8	9	
10	11 HS Varsity Baseball Jamboree @ Knob Noster 5:00pm  Board of Education Meeting @ MS Library 7:00pm	12	13	14  4th & 5th grade Music Concert @ HHS gym 7:00pm	15 Red Cross Blood Drive @ HHS Library 8:00am-2:00pm	16 HS Baseball @ Warsaw 11:00am JV 3:00pm V	
17	18 HS V Track Meet @ UCM  HS Baseball v. Sherwood @ HHS 4:30pm JV/V	19 HS C Baseball v. Grain Valley 4:30pm	20	21 ← <b>NO SCHOOL</b> → <i>Spring Break</i> Teacher In-Service Possible student snow make-up day HS V Track Invitational @ California HS HS C Baseball Dbl Header @Harrisonville 4:30pm	22	23	
24/31  Please check the school website for the latest calendar information at <a href="http://holdenschools.org/calendar">holdenschools.org/calendar</a>	25  HS Baseball v. Knob Noster @ HHS 4:30pm JV 6:30pm V	26 HS V Track Meet v. Warrensburg @ Warrensburg Middle 4:00pm  FFA Area Awards @ Clinton 6:30pm	27  HS Band & Choir Concert @ HHS gym 7:00pm	28 MS Track Meet @ HHS Track 4:00pm  HS Baseball v. Lexington @ HHS 4:30pm JV 7:00pm V	29  HS V Track Meet @ Odessa 4:00pm  ES STEAM Night @ HES	30 HS Baseball @ Hallsville 10:30am JV/V	

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Creating a “caring community of learners” at HOME, SCHOOL and in the COMMUNITY.

Our CHARACTER TRAIT of the month is...

**Perseverance** : Never giving up despite difficulty or delay

April 2019							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	1 MS Track Meet @ HHS Track 4:00pm  HS Baseball @ Lafayette Co 4:30pm JV/V	2 HS V Baseball Tournament @ Sedalia  HS Art Congressional Art Competition  ACT Testing @ HHS  FFA District Ag Contest @ UCM 9:00am	3 Paraprofessional Appreciation Day	4 FFA District LDEs and Ag Sales @ Warrensburg 4:00pm  MS Track Meet @ Sherwood 4:00pm	5 HS Varsity Track Invitational @ HHS 4:00pm	6 ACT Workshop  MS FBLA State Leadership Competition @ Springfield	
7	8 MS Track Meet @ Archie  HS C Baseball Dbl Header @ Odessa 4:30pm  Board of Education Meeting @ MS Library 7:00pm	9 HS V Track Invitational @ Richmond 4:00pm  HS C Baseball Dbl Header @ Grain Valley 4:30pm	10 HS Varsity Baseball Tournament	11 FFA Greenhouse Sale begins	12 HS JV Tournament @ Odessa  MS Track Meet @ Higginsville  HS Varsity Invitational @ Boonville	13 ACT Test @ HHS 7:30am-1:30pm  HS C Baseball Tournament @ Lone Jack  PTO Skate Night @ Rink Ratz 4:30-6:30pm	
14	15 ← FBLA State Leadership Competition, Springfield →	16 Please check the school website for the latest calendar information at <a href="http://holdenschools.org/calendar">holdenschools.org/calendar</a>	17	18 MS Track Meet @ Adrian  HS V Track Invitational @ Grain Valley 4:00pm  HS Baseball @ Knob Noster 4:30pm V 6:30pm JV  ES Grandparents Art Night & PTO Auction 6:00pm	19 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <i>Easter Break</i>	20 HS V Track Invitational @ Clinton	
21	22 MS Track Meet @ Harrisonville 4:00pm  HS Baseball v. Lafayette @ HHS 4:30pm JV/V	23 MS Track Meet @ Archie  HS V Track Invitational @ Knob Noster  HS Baseball @ Lions Park Complex 4:30pm V 7:00pm JV	24 Administrative Professionals' Day  HS C Baseball @ Warrensburg 4:30pm	25 Kindergarten Screenings  FFA State Convention  MS Track Meet @ Odessa  HS Baseball v. Adrian @ HHS 4:30pm JV/V	26 Kindergarten Screenings  FFA State Convention  HS V Track Invitational @ TBD 3:30pm	27 HS Baseball @ Lawson 10:30am JV 12:00pm V Dbl Header  Eagle's Nest Preschool Graduation 7:00pm  Prom @ Meadowview Gardens 8:00pm	
28	29 HS C Baseball v. Excelsior Springs @ HHS 4:30pm	30 MS Track Conference Meet  HS V Track Invitational Conference Meet  HS Baseball v. Richmond @ HHS 4:30pm V 6:30pm JV	 Follow us on Twitter @HoldenSchools				

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**Integrity** : Always doing the right thing & being honest