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Voters Approve \$408 Million Bond for Hillsboro Schools

Bond will complete needed projects at all schools and expand for growth while retaining tax rate

November 8, 2017, Hillsboro, OR - Hillsboro School District's \$408 million capital construction bond (Measure 34-278) has passed, with 65 percent* "yes" votes in yesterday's election (*results as of partial returns).

The bond's passage means that work will begin immediately to prepare for the bond sale and for the detailed planning and implementation of projects, which will include safety and security enhancements, existing infrastructure updates, technology investments, and career-related program expansions, as well as new construction to accommodate future growth. All projects identified in the bond program will be completed within five years.

The bond had widespread, bipartisan support and no organized opposition, yet district leaders took nothing for granted. "We worked hard to share information broadly and answer any questions people had in advance of election day, because the bond represents a significant investment and commitment by our community," explains Superintendent Mike Scott.

The political action committee "Yes for Hillsboro Schools," co-chaired by Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce President Deanna Palm and Hillsboro School Board Vice-Chair Kim Strelchun, visited all schools and several community groups from August through November to share information and advocate for the bond. They also conducted postcard-writing, door-knocking, and phone-banking campaigns to raise awareness and encourage people to vote.

Superintendent Scott expressed his gratitude and enthusiasm for the bond's passage via the District's website and social media pages, as well as a special edition of the weekly e-newsletter, Hot News: "I would like to take this opportunity to offer my sincerest thanks to everyone who participated in the campaign and to voters for approving our bond measure. What an important and meaningful message to share with students that their community believes in them and supports their future."

A Citizens' Bond Advisory Committee will be convened in the coming weeks to monitor the progress of the bond and report back to the School Board. Additional information about the committee, including an application for those interested in participating, will be forthcoming.

Learn more about the bond at www.Hillsboro-Bond.org.

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