



Middleton School District will hold August 30th bond election

I'm excited to reach out to you, our patrons. As the Middleton community grows, it's clear that we need to do a better job communicating with each and everyone of you.

This newsletter is another layer of communication beyond what we provide to the Middleton Gazette each month and regularly send to our parents.

A recent Strategic Planning Survey indicated we needed to do a better job with outreach to people who don't have students in school but pay taxes.

I have spent the past year really getting to know Middleton, the people, local government leaders, our school district staff, parents and students. I'm very impressed with everything I've seen.

Like other school districts in the Treasure Valley, we face some growth challenges.

The Board of Trustees and I both recognize the need to provide adequate and safe school buildings for our students. We also agree that we can do more for our students by beefing up education offerings.

We have more information on our website at www.msds134.org and will hold several community meetings to answer your questions. See more on the other side.

Superintendent Marc Gee welcomes questions and comments at mgee@msd134.org or call the School District Office at 208.585.3027.



The Middleton Board of Trustees is asking Middleton patrons to approve a \$59,433,503 bond proposal for three projects:

A new elementary school at an approximate cost of \$28,507,003

Why? We have exceeded our capacity in two of our elementary schools (127% and 123% of capacity at Heights and Mill Creek respectively) and we don't see an end to the surge in growth. We will spend \$84,000 a year to lease portable classrooms to ease overcrowding at Mill Creek.

A new career-technical education center at an approximate cost of \$23,067,042

Why? This CTE Center would provide better access for all secondary students, including those enrolled in the Middleton Academy, to specialized training so students can graduate with certifications for a chosen career. It also will extend the capacity of Middleton High School and Middleton Middle School as the community grows.

Renovation of Heights Elementary at a cost of \$2,456,412

Why? The school, built in 1987, requires many improvements for student safety and those projects have been pushed to the back for too many years.

Historical and Projected Growth by School Level (2013-2027)

Grade	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
K-5	1588	1630	1699	1694	1736	1775	1698	1576	1658	1721	1767	1824	1882	1883	1912
6-8	868	960	919	966	970	993	1004	965	1003	992	1027	1048	1083	1109	1090
9-12	1169	1200	1262	1275	1336	1339	1388	1464	1524	1601	1651	1719	1700	1720	1735
K-12	3625	3790	3880	3935	4042	4107	4090	4005	4185	4313	4445	4591	4665	4712	4737

What is a CTE Center? What will it do for students?

A CTE (Career Technical Education) Center is a dedicated building for a wide assortment of training programs where students explore a career theme or interest. They learn a set of technical and employability skills that complement their academic core studies.

Students who attend technical classes earn a diploma, but they also leave high school with specialized training for high-demand and higher paying jobs, without necessarily the need to earn a college degree. All high school students would have access.

Other School Districts: Students in 17 Idaho areas, including Nampa, Kuna, Emmett and Payette, can choose from nearly 30 different pathways to personalize their education based on career interests and learning needs.

MHS lacks space: Middleton High School offers a limited scope of CTE programs and plans to offer more but cannot offer the same wide variety without adequate space. A center would extend the life of both the high school and middle school. Middleton Academy (alternative school) students would move to the CTE Center, providing more space for the middle school.

Location: The New Career Technical Center would be built either on land the district currently owns, or land donated to the district. The district is in discussion with landowners identifying potential sites. The district is negotiating with potential land donors.

Important Dates

August 15: First Day of School K-12

August 8: Board of Trustees meeting, 6 pm, District Office

August 30: Bond Election

Visit the District calendar for other dates, including performances at Middleton High School and Middleton Middle School and sports events.

www.msds134.org/Page/5284

Information Links

Middleton School District webpage:

www.msds134.org/

Growth: Davis Demographics Study and Analysis on projected student growth:

www.msds134.org/Page/5710

Bond Election documents: Visit the bond website www.msds134.org/bond or scan the QR code (right) to access more graphics, architectural renderings, site maps, FAQs regarding the bond and plans.

Board of Trustees: Meeting information, MSD

YouTube Channel, meet the trustees,

www.msds134.org/board

Strategic Planning: The District and Board are in the process of developing a new strategic plan for the next 5-10 years. Several surveys have been conducted. Review the results here:

www.msds134.org/planning

Community Meetings

Watch for information regarding large community meetings as well as “cottage” meetings held in homes. If you would like to host a cottage meeting, please call the District Office at 208- 585-3027 or email Superintendent Gee at mgee@msds134.org.

How much will this bond cost me?

The cost of this new bond would be combined with the current bond. Cost to taxpayers is determined by property values. For every \$100,000 of property values in 2022, taxpayers in Middleton School District pay \$225. Even with bond passage, the cost for the combined bonds would be \$155 in 2023 as more people move into the district. As shown in the graph below, the cost per \$100,000 of property values decreases, even with the new bond.



Scan this QR code or visit www.msds134.org to visit the Bond website for more information.

Total Tax Cost of Middleton School District Bonds and Levies

Fiscal Year	2020, 2021, 2022 Actuals			
	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Projected with new bond
Bond	\$4,927,402	\$3,939,377	\$3,948,637	\$4,500,000
Supplemental	\$1,310,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Tort	\$37,108	\$44,378	\$50,249	\$54,785
Total Levy Amount	\$6,274,510	\$5,483,755	\$5,498,886	\$6,054,758
Market Value	\$1,592,099,321	\$1,838,583,751	\$2,446,102,153	\$3,913,763,445
Tax Rate per \$100,000	\$394	\$298	\$225	\$155
Market Value Growth		15%	33%	60%

Assumes 60% growth in market value for FY 2023 (Tax Year 2022)

Based on preliminary data from Canyon County

How can my tax rate per \$100,000 for the district go down when the amount you are asking goes up and my home value goes up?

There are several factors. The school district is asking for a fixed amount of money, not a fixed percentage rate. As the number of taxpayers goes up, the amount that each person pays goes down. This has a relatively equal effect on all taxpayers.

Example: Let's say that in 2020 the district needed \$5,000 and there were 15 homes in the district. Then in 2021 five more homes were built. Because the district is asking a fixed amount each year, the amount that each individual home is required to pay is smaller.



$$\$5,000 \div 15 \text{ homes} = \$333.33 \text{ per home}$$



$$\$5,000 \div 20 \text{ homes} = \$250.00 \text{ per home}$$

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