



# Middleton School District will Hold August 30<sup>th</sup> bond election

The Board of Trustees is asking Middleton patrons to OK a \$59,435,000 bond for 3 projects and a 10% contingency fund.

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 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.

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 we can do more for our students by beefing up education offerings.

We have more information on our website at [www.ms134.org](http://www.ms134.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](mailto:mgee@msd134.org) or call the School District Office at 208.585.3027.



- 1. 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% at Heights and Mill Creek respectively) and we don't see an end to the growth surge. We will spend \$84,000 a year to lease portable classrooms to ease crowding at Mill Creek.
- 2. 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 MHS and MMS.
- 3. 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.

Historic 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 high school students explore a career theme or interest. They learn technical skills that complement their academic core studies. All students would have access and earn a diploma, but they leave with specialized training for high-demand and higher paying jobs, without necessarily the need to earn a college degree.

**Other School Districts:** Students in 17 Idaho areas, including Nampa, Kuna, Emmett and Payette, can choose from nearly 30 pathways to personalize their education based on interests and 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 negotiating with potential land donors.

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## Important Dates

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

**August 10:** Public meeting about the Bond Election, 6 pm, Mill Creek Elementary School

**August 15:** First Day of School K-12

**August 30:** Bond Election, 8 am to 8 pm

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

[www.msdl34.org/Page/5284](http://www.msdl34.org/Page/5284)

## Information Links

**Middleton School District webpage:**

[www.msdl34.org/](http://www.msdl34.org/)

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

[www.msdl34.org/Page/5710](http://www.msdl34.org/Page/5710)

**Bond Election documents:** Visit the bond website [www.msdl34.org/bond](http://www.msdl34.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.msdl34.org/board](http://www.msdl34.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.msdl34.org/planning](http://www.msdl34.org/planning)

## Community Meetings

Watch for information regarding large community meetings (August 10<sup>th</sup> see above) 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@msdl34.org](mailto:mgee@msdl34.org).

## Follow Middleton Schools



## 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 taxable assessed property value 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 taxable assessed property value decreases, even with the new bond.



Scan this QR code or visit [www.msdl34.org](http://www.msdl34.org) to view the Bond website.

### 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
<b>Total Levy Amount</b>	<b>\$6,274,510</b>	<b>\$5,483,755</b>	<b>\$5,498,886</b>	<b>\$6,054,758</b>
Market Value	\$1,592,099,321	\$1,838,583,751	\$2,446,102,153	\$3,913,763,445
<b>Tax Rate per \$100,000</b>	<b>\$394</b>	<b>\$298</b>	<b>\$225</b>	<b>\$155</b>
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.



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



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