



# 2024 SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BOND

**Safety. Growth.**  
Preparing all students  
for their futures.



A construction bond on the  
Nov. 5, 2024 ballot would fund  
improvements across all our  
schools with a focus on:



**ENHANCING**  
SAFETY & SECURITY



**SPECIAL EDUCATION**  
CLASSROOMS &  
SUPPORT SPACES



**REPLACING**  
FAILING SYSTEMS



ADDRESSING CURRENT  
& FUTURE **GROWTH**



*Please remember to*  
**VOTE BY NOV. 5**

*Flip open  
to learn more*

# Why a BOND?

The 2024 Construction Bond would fund improvements across all schools in our district. This bond will replace the fully-paid bond that our community approved in 2005, and continues the work to ensure all students have access to safe, modern facilities.

LAKE STEVENS IS

# GROWING

**20.8%**  
ENROLLMENT  
**GROWTH**  
OVER THE LAST  
**10 YEARS**

**800** Elementary students are learning in 30 portables



**360** Middle school students are learning in portables



With each passing year, our aging facilities and overcrowding issues become more difficult to address. Even though we have maintained our buildings well, they are aging and outgrowing the educational needs of today's students.

OUR BUILDINGS & SYSTEMS ARE

# OLD

The bond would fund the modernization of Glenwood and Skyline Elementary Schools and Lake Stevens Middle School.

SCHOOL	YEARS OLD
Glenwood Elementary	32
Skyline Elementary	32
Lake Stevens Middle School	63



In January, pipes burst at Glenwood and Skyline Elementary Schools flooding classrooms and causing significant damage. Learning was disrupted as students were forced to move to other locations while repairs were made. As systems continue to age, this will become more frequent.



**HVAC**

Systems are failing, causing us to spend additional funding on repairs.

# LACK OF STATE FUNDING

The 2024 Construction Bond is a continuation of our long-term facilities plan. It builds on the work completed through past bonds, including the 2005 bond, which will be fully-paid in 2025.

Washington state does not provide funding for school construction projects, which is why districts like ours rely on bonds. A bond requires 60 percent approval from our community to pass.

# 2024 BOND Package



## ENHANCED SAFETY & SECURITY AT NINE CAMPUSES

Safety at nine schools will be enhanced with fencing, secure receptions and electronic locks on portable classrooms—similar to Lake Stevens High School and Stevens Creek Elementary School.



## SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASSROOMS & SUPPORT SPACES

The bond would fund additional classroom spaces to serve students with specialized needs at eight schools throughout the district. This helps ensure that all students can access the spaces they need to learn. The new spaces would be modeled after spaces built in our newest schools, such as Lake Stevens High School.



## REPLACING FAILING SYSTEMS

Building systems, such as roofing, heating, ventilation, plumbing and fire protection are approaching the end of their useful life. The bond would update these systems, saving the district money while also ensuring our students have access to learning spaces that meet today's health and safety standards.



## ADDRESSING CURRENT & FUTURE GROWTH

More than 800 elementary students are currently learning in 30+ portable classrooms. Many middle school students are also taught in portables. Building a new elementary school and expanding Glenwood, Skyline and Lake Stevens Middle Schools will provide permanent classroom spaces for current and future students.



## GYMS & FIELDS

Several schools have one space to use for both PE and lunch. New gyms will be added to five schools for PE and more after-hours community use. Artificial turf at Lake Stevens Middle School and field lighting at North Lake and Lake Stevens Middle Schools and Cavelero Mid High School will allow greater access to these fields by the community.

# BOND MEASURE COSTS

The proposed School Construction Bond aims to fund improvements across all schools, resulting in a slight increase of \$0.56 per \$1,000 of assessed value for the average Lake Stevens homeowner.

Currently, homeowners pay \$0.44 per \$1,000 of assessed value for the 2005 bonds, which will be fully-paid in 2025.

If the 2024 School Construction Bond is approved, the total Lake Stevens School District tax rate for all voter-approved bonds (2016 and 2024) is projected to be \$1.76 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

## \$314 MILLION SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BOND

### Monthly increased cost

For the owner of a home with an average assessed value of \$625K.



- Approximately \$29 per month
- \$350 per year
- Less than \$1 per day

\$60 million in state construction assistance funds



## THE 2024 SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BOND FUNDS PROJECTS ACROSS OUR COMMUNITY

**ECRWSS**  
 Current Resident

# FAQS

▶ **As a senior citizen, is there a possible exemption?**

Yes. Detailed information is available from the Snohomish County Assessor's Office at 425-388-3433.

▶ **I don't have children in school. Why is this important to me?**

Maintaining our schools is an investment in our community. Good schools are essential for fostering a thriving business environment and attracting families, which enhances our local economy. The reputation of our community relies on having safe and modern educational facilities, which in turn can positively impact property values.

▶ **Doesn't the state pay for new schools?**

No. In Washington, school construction and capital projects are funded by voter-approved bonds. The state provides partial matching funds, only after voters pass a bond and build schools. We will stretch taxpayer dollars by leveraging approximately \$60 million in state construction dollars.



For more information, visit:

[www.lkstevens.wednet.edu/bond](http://www.lkstevens.wednet.edu/bond)

- Balanced enrollment with addition of new elementary school
- Modernized and expanded school
- Safety and security improvements
- Expanded educational options for students with Secondary Innovative Learning Center

- Expanded special education classrooms and support spaces
- Broader student meal access with new production kitchen
- New gymnasium for school and community use
- Improved athletic fields for school and community use



Mail your ballot  
**TODAY**

No postage is necessary to return your ballot.



Drop it in the  
**24-HOUR BALLOT BOX**

at 1800 Main Street by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

