



SCHOOL BOND

February 2025

Proposition No. 1: General Obligation Bonds A COMMUNITY-DRIVEN PLAN Safety • Security • Balancing Capacity



FACTS

Serving 18,500+ students with a 95.3% graduation rate and top 5% national test scores, Issaquah School District is recognized by Forbes as one of “America’s Best Employers by State.” The \$231.6 million bond was developed and refined based on community feedback and input to support students. The bond will:

1. Address safety and student learning needs.
2. Ease capacity to alleviate overcrowding.
3. Maintain current projected tax rate.
4. Have stronger project oversight and accountability.
5. Allow for immediate construction of New High School.

Please vote by February 11, 2025.

1 Safety and Security

The Need: Ensure all schools and facilities are safe, and increase security measures to address emerging threats.

The Plan:

- Add security vestibules at Liberty High School, Issaquah High School and Skyline High School.
- Update fire systems at all school buildings.
- Increase building security with cameras, intercoms and entry access.
- Install gates/fencing.



\$39.9 million

2 High School Capacity

The Need: Balance capacity across high school campuses to ensure every student can reach their full potential.

The Plan:

- Begin construction immediately on shovel-ready New High School.
- Improve 228th Avenue with extension of two existing lanes, addition of two left turn lanes and sidewalks for New High School.
- Expand and remodel Liberty High School to increase career readiness after graduation.



\$191.7 million



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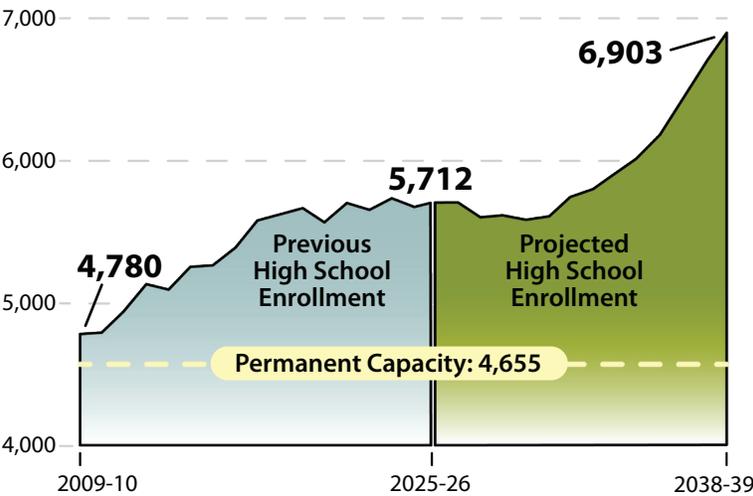
High School Overcrowding

Our high schools have upheld academic excellence, but overcrowding creates challenges. With current enrollment and future years projected to exceed capacity, space limitations impact safety, support and personalization.

- Safety and security are compromised when schools are over capacity.
- Individualized support and social-emotional growth are strained.
- Shared spaces like cafeterias and hallways become congested.

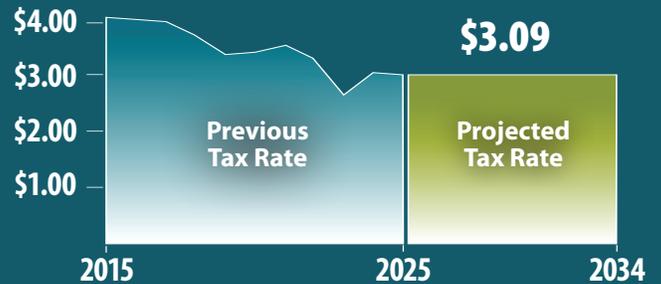


Above permanent capacity (95%)



Stable Tax Rates

Although the November 2024 bond measure was approved by over half of the voters, community members expressed a preference to avoid increasing the tax rate. The reduced February 2025 bond, including current and projected levies, is projected to maintain the total combined tax rate at \$3.09 per \$1,000 assessed property value.



History of New High School Project

In 2016, the community voted to support \$120 million for the New High School. Legal challenges caused delays. Rising construction costs, meeting all current environmental and traffic mitigation requirements increased the cost to \$292.7 million.

To date, the district has spent \$20 million on land development, legal and administrative fees and permits set to expire in April 2025. The February 2025 bond will secure the remaining \$138.7 million to immediately begin and complete the project.



Community Support and Trust

The district's Capital Projects Oversight Committee, made up of community members, parents, staff, and industry experts, will oversee construction progress and financial reports, sharing their findings publicly to uphold transparency and accountability. This committee will monitor all capital projects regardless of funding sources.

