

NO TAX RATE INCREASE BOND ISSUE

APRIL 8, 2025



Lee's Summit
R-7 Schools

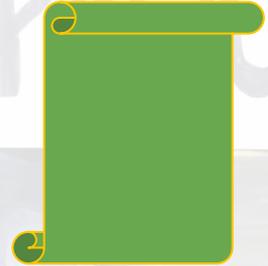
A continuation of excellence



Academic Leader:
LSR7 has the **No. 1 Annual Performance Report** of all public schools in Jackson and Cass counties.



Progress as promised:
All Bond 2020 projects **on time and under budget**; reserves are strong at **28 percent**.



Expanding Success
More than **90 percent** of our high schoolers are graduating with at least one **“market-value asset.”**

Strong schools, strong community

In a Sept. 2024 survey, our community told us they strongly agree or agree that:

95.2%

It is important to **provide the facilities and resources needed** to ensure our kids have the same educational opportunities as those in neighboring districts.

93.5%

It is important to **protect the \$1.5 billion taxpayer investment** in LSR7 schools by keeping buildings in good operating condition.

91.5%

People move into our district because of its **great quality**. For our community to continue to grow and be successful, **we must support our schools**.

90.5%

Great schools are a source of pride for our community — we must provide them with **necessary funding**.



82%

The percentage of community members who favored a \$225M bond issue upon learning that it would not increase their tax rate.

Source: 2024 Creative Entourage
Community Polling

Bond Issue 101

The district will ask voters on the April 8, 2025 ballot to **maintain the debt service tax rate** at \$0.87 in order to fund 2025 bond projects.

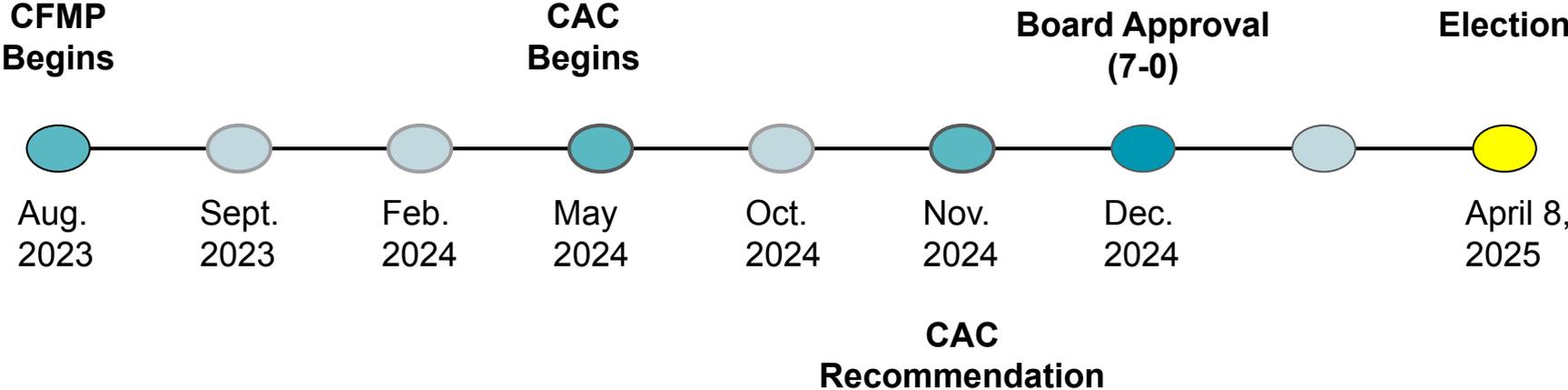


What is a no tax rate increase bond issue?

- Finances capital projects, such as new buildings, renovations or land purchases.
- Asks voters if the district can issue bonds to borrow money to cover the costs of these capital projects, and pay them back with property tax revenue.
- **Holds the tax rate at the same rate** in order to fund future facility needs.

Our Process

The **\$225 million bond issue** would fund major building improvements and districtwide maintenance and equipment needs identified through an **18-month stakeholder process**.



Committee Involvement

Comprehensive Facilities Master Planning Team

Impact: Identified \$560M in capital needs districtwide over the next five years, including **five priority areas for bond expenditures.**

Stakeholder Involvement: 160 stakeholders on district and building-level teams.

Timeline of Work: August 2024 - March 2024.

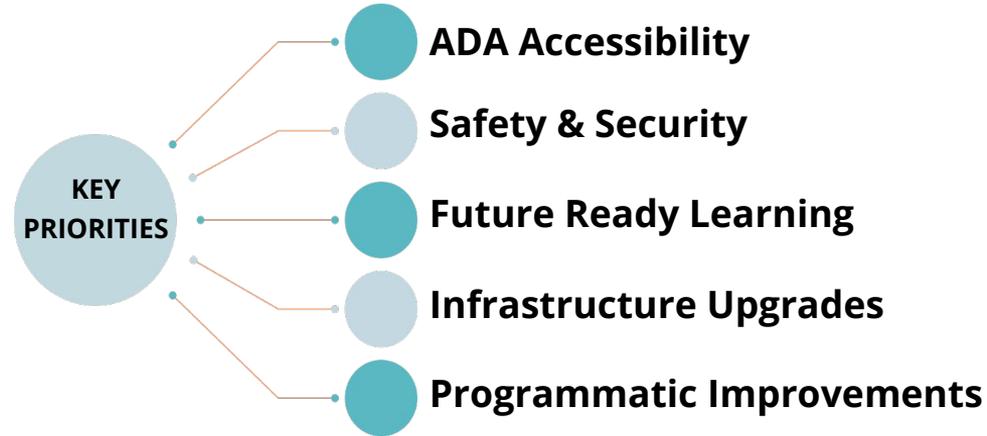
Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC)

Impact: Reviewed \$560M in capital needs (CFMP work and studied enrollment, building capacity, budget and historical data, as well as community perception data as it **considered \$311M in available funds (225M-bond; 60M+ general capital) to address district needs.**

Stakeholder Involvement: 35 active members as well as 14 members of the CFMP committee

Timeline of Work: May 2024 - November 2024

Community Priorities



How our CFMP stakeholders told us to prioritize bond dollars

Bond Projects

Bond 2025 Recommended Project List

- **Greenwood Elementary** (New Build)
- **Hazel Grove Elementary** (New Build)
- **Additional Elementaries*****
- **Pleasant Lea Middle School** (Renovations: Sixth Grade Addition, Site Work)
- **Miller Park** (Renovations: Entryway, Site Work)
- **Aerospace Classroom at LS Airport** (Aerospace Program)
- **Baseball and Softball Field Upgrades** at Lee's Summit North and Lee's Summit West High School
- **Soccer and Band Field Upgrades** at all Three High Schools
- **Safety and Security** Improvements
- **Classroom Furniture**
- **General Capital Improvements**
- **Purchase of Land**
- **Instructional and Operational Capital Equipment**

****What does this mean? Through a special resolution, the Board is holding bond dollars pending the outcome of specific research and engagement regarding the future of Lee's Summit and Westview Elementaries as it relates to the April 2025 bond.*

Greenwood Elementary

A new school at a new location in Greenwood, Mo.

- Creates modern, future-ready spaces that support meaningful instruction while prioritizing safety and accessibility upgrades.
- Replaces the aging Greenwood with a more efficient building, reducing maintenance costs.
- Puts the school at parity for the standard elementary campus size of 15-20 acres
- Moves the elementary building away from a busy highway.
- Allows roughly 150 Greenwood, MO students who currently attend school at Woodland Elementary to attend school in their neighborhood.
- Prepares Woodland Elementary to accept future growth in the Southeast corner of Lee's Summit.

Estimated Cost: \$44.5 million

Original Build: 1910



Hazel Grove Elementary

A new school at a new location for the Hazel Grove school community.

- Ensures HGE can adequately serve the needs of its current and future student population with safety and accessibility upgrades.
- Reduces maintenance and energy costs by building a more efficient building.
- The current campus is limited by its size and proximity to traffic, which limits the expansion necessary to meet student needs.
- Prepares HGE to accommodate anticipated growth in the North side of Lee's Summit.

Estimated Cost: \$44.5 million

Original Build: 1940



Pleasant Lea Middle School

Adding a sixth grade pod addition, as well as site work including parking and traffic flow.

- Continues initial enhancements started in 2020 to integrate sixth grade into middle school.
- Adds a sixth-grade pod — a programmatic improvement that aligns with the design standards of our newest middle schools.
- Creates dedicated spaces for each grade level, supporting our seventh and eighth-grade students.
- Prepares PLMS to accommodate anticipated enrollment increases due to the development of PRI land in the Southwest corner.
- Enhances site circulation through entry points and traffic loops to make campus navigation more efficient and user-friendly.

Estimated Cost: \$32 million

Original Build: 1969





Miller Park Center

A new guided entry and site work

- Completes 2020 vision to ensure a cohesive and accessible campus for students with significant needs.
- Enhances connectivity and oversight across the three-building campus by creating a new secure and accessible entryway on the south side of campus, improving accessibility and ease of navigation for all visitors.
- Includes a redesign of the parking lot to enhance safety, with improvements to the drive lane, bus loop, and entry/exit points
- Frees up classroom space to use for student instruction.

Estimated Cost: \$6 million

Original Build: 1923

Additional Elementaries

Dec. 19 - The Board approves a special resolution holding bond dollars pending the outcome of specific research and engagement regarding **Lee's Summit (LSE) and Westview (WVE)** elementaries.

Jan. 16 - Elected officials form an **LSE/WVE Process Action Team (PrAT)** charged with making recommendations to the Board regarding the future of Lee's Summit Elementary and Westview Elementary with regards to the 2025 Bond. They also call for the District CFMP to reconvene to study elementary enrollment topics.

Next Steps: If the PrAT ultimately does not recommend consolidation, the Superintendent will charge the **Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC)** to issue revised recommendations to the Board of Education for the use of 2025 bond funds and prioritize **LSE, WVE and Pleasant Lea Elementary** improvements in rank order for available bond funds.

High School Athletic & Activity Improvements

LSN & LSW Baseball & Softball

- Updates LSN and LSW baseball/softball fields to be more aligned with the LSHS fields at ETMS.
- Includes turf and fencing.
- Additional enhancements, such as lighting, are under consideration and will be included if budget constraints allow.

Anticipated Cost: \$4.5 million



All High Schools - Soccer & Band Fields

- Provides one multi-use turf field at each high school that is safe, durable, and more weather-resistant.
- Provides all three high schools with equitable access to high-quality athletic facilities.
- Enhances the high school experience for students involved in athletics and activities, particularly soccer and band.

Anticipated Cost: \$4.5 million

Preserving taxpayer investment



Maintenance - \$72 million

- **Site** - \$6.5M (Asphalt & Concrete; Playgrounds, Athletics)
- **Interior** - \$5.5M (Flooring, Casework, Safety & Security)
- **Exterior** - \$25M (Doors, windows, roofs, masonry)
- **Mechanical** - \$32M (HVAC Equipment)
- **Electrical** - \$2M (Fire alarms, intercom, interior LED lighting)
- **Plumbing** - \$1M (Water Fountains & Heaters)

Also:

- **Safety & Security** - \$6M
- **Accessibility Audit** - \$9.5M
- **Instructional and Operational Capital Equipment** - \$40M
- **Classroom Furniture** - \$5M
- **Land** - \$10M

These plans would use both bond revenue and general capital revenue from our 5 cent levy to address these important maintenance, equipment and safety/security needs.

All Buildings Will Benefit

Hawthorn Hill Elementary - Built 1999 (26YO)

Asphalt and Concrete
Playground
Flooring
Safety and Security Improvements
Doors
HVAC Improvements
Intercom
Water Heaters and Fountains
Kitchen Convection Oven
Library Mobile Shelving
Exterior LED Lighting

Summit Lakes Middle School - Built 2000 (25 YO)

Asphalt and Concrete
Athletic Improvements
Flooring
Safety and Security Improvements
Roof
HVAC Improvements
Intercom
Water Heaters and Fountains
Main Gym - Bleachers
Business Marketing and Information Technology - Middle
School Drones
Library Mobile Shelving
Engineering and Industrial Tech - Dust Collection System
Music Rehearsal Piano
Exterior LED Lighting

Voting Information

Important Dates:

- **Feb. 25:** First day for Absentee Voting
- **March 12:** Deadline to Register to Vote
 - **27 days before Election Day by mail, online, and in-person**
- **March 25:** First day for No Excuse Absentee Voting (in-person)
- **March 26:** Deadline to send in request for Absentee Mail-In Ballot
- **April 8:** Election

Ballot Language:

Shall Reorganized School District No. 7 of Jackson County, Missouri (Lee's Summit R-7) issue its general obligation bonds in the amount of \$225,000,000, estimated to result in no increase to the District's debt service property tax levy, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, repairing, renovating, furnishing and equipping new and existing school sites and facilities and the purchase of land?

If this question is approved, the District's debt service property tax levy is estimated to remain unchanged at \$0.87 per \$100 of assessed valuation of real and personal property.

Thank you!

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Maintaining our Current Facilities - \$72M

Site - \$6.5M

- Asphalt and Concrete
- Playgrounds
- Athletics

Interior - \$5.5M

- Flooring
- Casework
- Safety and Security

Exterior - \$25M

- Doors
- Windows
- Roofs
- Masonry

Mechanical - \$32M

- HVAC Equipment

Electrical - \$2M

- Fire Alarms
- Intercom
- Interior LED Lighting

Plumbing - \$1M

- Water Fountains and Heaters

**Our plans would use both bond revenue and general capital revenue from our 5 cent levy to address important maintenance, equipment and safety/security needs.*

Anticipated Safety and Security Improvements

Exterior Lighting

Restricted Entries

Exterior Glass Safety Glazing

Camera Surveillance and Video Recording
Maintenance and Improvements

Access Control

Safety Audit Results

Safety and Security Process Action Team
Recommendations

Alert System Pilot (Miller Park)

Anticipated Accessibility Improvements

Accessibility Audit

14,846 non-compliant elements

\$9.5M Identified Need

12,239 in Public Unsupervised areas

Addressing the Need - Priority Matrix

1,803 in Public Supervised areas

- Room/Space Type
- Program Access
- Intrinsic Priority
- Mitigation Difficulty

76 Priority 1 items

30 ADA Parking Sign Height

29 Door Opening/Closing Force

6,632 Priority 2 items

Anticipated Instructional and Operational Capital Equipment

Facilities - \$2.5M

Library Media Services - \$1.5M

Music - \$2.3M

Nutrition Services - \$1.8M

Summit Tech Academy - \$1.3M

Technology - \$18.8M

Theater and Performing Arts
Centers - \$880K

Transportation - \$8.5M

White Fleet - \$1.7M

Business/Ind Tech/FACS -
\$443K

Classroom Furniture - \$5M

