

Zero Tax Increase Bond Measure Will Fund Major Projects for NKC Schools

On April 8th, voters will have the opportunity to consider a vital bond measure that will fund major upgrades throughout North Kansas City Schools with *no tax increase*. The proposed bond will support a variety of projects aimed at enhancing learning environments, performing arts spaces, and community facilities across the district.

Key elements of the bond measure include:

Performing Arts Centers at Oak Park and Winnetonka

The bond will fund new performing arts additions to Oak Park and Winnetonka High Schools, expanding opportunities for students in areas like theater, choir, band, and orchestra. These additions will include brand-new performance spaces as well as renovated classrooms and arts facilities, ensuring students have the tools to excel in the arts. The new Performing Arts Centers (PAC) will also serve as a central hub for events across the district's feeder schools, offering a welcoming space for future Northmen and Griffins to gather.

Renovations at Northgate and New Mark Middle Schools

Northgate and New Mark Middle Schools will undergo extensive renovations. Each school will receive a new gym and high-wind shelter, improving both student safety and available space for community use. New Mark will also see the renovation of its library, while Northgate will benefit from significant accessibility upgrades. Both schools will be refreshed with new flooring, paint, and lighting, enhancing the overall experience for 7th and 8th grade students.

Upgrades at Oakwood Manor Elementary

Oakwood Manor will receive a brand-new gym, along with updated finishes throughout the school, including new lighting, paint, and flooring. Currently the school utilizes one space for the cafeteria, gym, assemblies, student performances and all school gatherings.

Additionally, the bond will fund new storage facilities, rooftop A/C unit replacements, and various maintenance projects. The district will also purchase the Northland Innovation Center, saving funds long-term while providing additional space for educational programming.

Community Benefits Across the District

This bond will make transformative changes to the district's facilities, benefiting not just students but the wider community as well. The improvements will enhance the educational experience for students, foster community engagement, and ensure that facilities remain modern and adaptable for years to come. On April 8, 2025, we'll ask voters to consider a \$175 million **zero tax increase bond issue** to make these improvements a reality.