

APRIL 28, 2026 CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION

# Bond Proposal



*Yakima*  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DISTRITO ESCOLAR

**Yakima School District is asking voters to consider a bond to:**



**Replace two 60+ year old schools** to improve safety, security and function



**Make improvements across the district** to schools, playgrounds and athletic facilities



**VOTE BY APRIL 28, 2026!**  
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# PROPOSED BOND PROJECTS

## FULL SCHOOL REPLACEMENTS:



**GARFIELD  
ELEMENTARY**



**HOOVER  
ELEMENTARY**

## EXTRA STATE \$

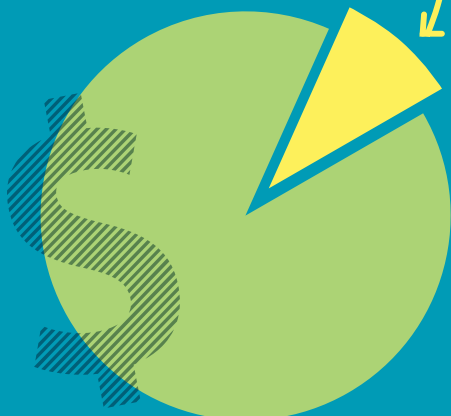
Based on current calculations, YSD may be eligible for up to

**\$20.4 million in state funding assistance**

on these bond projects, depending on final OSPI formulas.

The State Construction Assistance Program (SCAP) is designed to help communities, like Yakima, afford the replacement of old facilities.

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**\$20.4M**  
from state



## DISTRICTWIDE IMPROVEMENTS:



**HEATING &  
COOLING (HVAC)  
REPLACEMENTS**



**SCHOOL ROOF  
REPAIRS &  
REPLACEMENTS**



**EQUAL ACCESS  
UPDATES  
(TITLE IX & ADA)**



**REPAIRS &  
UPDATES TO  
PLAYGROUNDS**



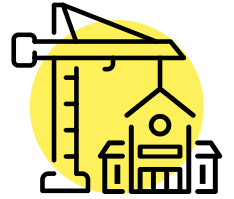
**MAINTENANCE  
& REPAIRS OF  
ATHLETIC FACILITIES**



**UPDATES TO AGING  
INSTRUCTIONAL  
SPACES**

ON THE COVER: (Top) An exterior view of Garfield Elementary showing facilities that have not received major updates since it was built in 1966. (Bottom) the Hoover Elementary building with many uninsulated windows and noisy, window-mounted air conditioning units.

# Replacing Two Long-Serving Elementary Schools



Garfield Elementary (1966) and Hoover Elementary (1947) have served Yakima students and families for generations and remain important parts of the community. School design standards and learning needs have changed over time. Replacing these schools would provide modern classrooms, dedicated small-group learning spaces, and updated electrical and technology systems. New buildings would also support the district's single-point-of-entry practice for school security, improve campus sightlines, and include energy-efficient heating and cooling systems. Outdoor learning and play areas would be designed to be accessible for all students.

## GARFIELD ELEMENTARY

YEAR BUILT:  
1966

LAST MAJOR UPDATE:  
2010 (HVAC)



## HOOVER ELEMENTARY

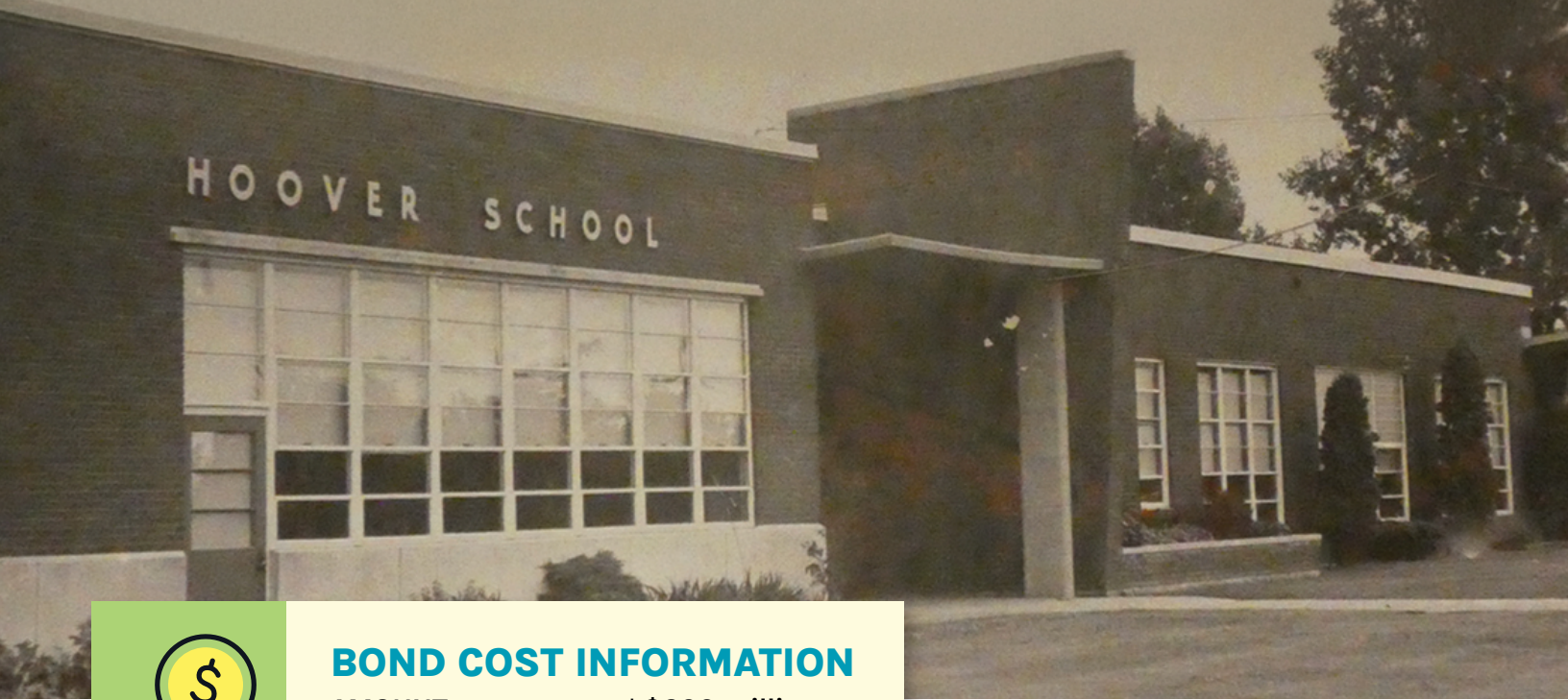
YEAR BUILT:  
1947

LAST MAJOR UPDATE:  
1975



## Identified for Replacement 20 Years Ago

These two elementary schools were slated to be replaced 20 years ago, but the bonds to fund the replacements failed to pass (twice). The 60 and 79 year old school buildings are difficult to maintain and well beyond their expected lifespans. Renovation would be more expensive than full replacement, and would not completely solve the many functional problems.



## BOND COST INFORMATION

**AMOUNT:** Not to exceed **\$200 million**

**DURATION:** Repaid over **20 years**

**ABOVE:** Hoover Elementary School's building has not significantly changed since it was built in 1947, nearly 80 years ago.

## Estimated Tax Impact for Homeowners

The bond tax rate is projected to be \$0.79 per \$1,000 of assessed value.\* For the average Yakima County home valued at \$315,000 the cost would be approximately **\$21 per month\***



**BELOW:** Construction of a softball field is one of the proposed athletic facility improvements to be funded by the bond.

## Information for Renters

- Renters **do not** receive a property tax bill.
- Renters living within YSD boundaries are **eligible to vote**. Voting is based on residence, not property ownership.



\* Future tax rates are estimates. Rates are per \$1,000 assessed property value. The estimated tax rate could change if assessed property values change more or less than estimates. To calculate your annual tax amount, divide your assessed home value by 1,000 and then multiply by the tax rate.



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