CURTIS MIDDLE SCHOOL

$1M

"It's the learning environment that determines the success and motivation of the student to achieve."
– Susan Brooks

WHY DO WE NEED TO DO THIS PROJECT?

This project would add HVAC to two unairconditioned gymnasium at Curtis. Feedback from staff listening sessions has improving HVAC systems as a top priority.

There are several gymnasiums in high schools and middle schools that do not have air conditioning.

These spaces do not currently have a well regulated temperature, especially between the months of April and October.

Learning environments play an important role in how excited staff and students are about school. HVAC system enhancements improve the quality of these environments, allowing students to focus on learning, athletics, and other activities.

Staff, students and the community who use these facilities would all benefit from this project.

FREEING UP FUNDS

In addition to the bond proposal, the district spends approximately $20m annually on capital outlay projects. The 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) addresses ongoing facility needs across all schools and works together with the bond proposal. Without the bond, projects identified in the current CIP may take longer than 5 years to complete. Bond funding frees up capital funds, allowing for more investment across the district.

At Curtis, that includes:

- **Roof replacements**
- **Remodeled mixed abilities classroom**
- **Electrical system updates**
- **Plumbing system upgrades**
- **HVAC optimization**

Capital Improvements	**$1.4M**	**See list above**

Provide Future Ready Opportunities | Modernize & Improve Spaces | Improve Experience & Increase Efficiency | Preserve Wichita's Oldest Schools

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Aging infrastructure and changing community dynamics present unique challenges that can't be addressed by capital funds.

WHY DOES WICHITA PUBLIC SCHOOLS NEED A BOND?

Despite years of significant upkeep beyond routine maintenance, many Wichita Public Schools facilities have reached a point where costly repairs are unavoidable. This proposal addresses those needs — updating aging systems and improving safety. This proposal also reflects a broader vision to provide students and staff with functional, inspiring and comfortable learning environments that are built for the future.

The bond proposal was developed by evaluating facility needs, understanding financial realities that exist for the school district and community, and acknowledging community priorities. Community and staff feedback guided the decision for a two-question proposal.

WHAT'S IN THE BOND?

Question 1 — $407.1M

Build New FutureReady Center at East High School	$28.2M
Rebuild Truesdell Middle School	$103.9M
Rebuild Black Elementary School	$44.2M
Rebuild McLean Elementary School	$44.2M
Rebuild Chisholm Trail as a K–8 School	$81.3M
Middle School addition to Cessna to make it a K–8 School	$45.3M
North High School Preservation	$20M
East High School Preservation	$20M
HVAC in PE & Other Learning Spaces	$15M
Improve Traffic Flow at Select Schools	$5M

Question 2 — $207.9M

Rebuild Coleman Middle School	$106M
Rebuild Adams Elementary School	$42M
Renovate Hadley for Horace Mann & Move Irving to Horace Mann	$11M
Renovate OK Elementary into Early Childhood Center	$9M
Preservation at four 50–70-year-old High Schools	$4M
High School Improvements:	
South: CTE, safety, auditorium lighting, and HVAC	$8.4M
Northwest: CTE, safety, auditorium lighting, and HVAC	$7M
West: Multi-purpose addition, CTE, parking, and HVAC	$9.2M
Heights: CTE, HVAC, & auditorium update	$11.3M

TOTAL — $615M

REGISTER TO VOTE!

- The deadline to register is October 13.
- Vote on November 3 to make your voice heard!

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The bond proposal is divided into two questions. Question 2 can only pass if Question 1 passes.

Compared to what property owners pay today: Question 1 is tax neutral, meaning there would not be a tax rate increase.

If Question 2 passes, the tax rate would increase. See anticipated cost below based on home value.

Home Value	Annual Anticipated Cost
$75,000	$18.75 ($1.56 a month)
$100,000	$25 ($2.08 a month)
$200,000	$50 ($4.16 a month)
$300,000	$75 ($6.25 a month)
$400,000	$100 ($8.33 a month)

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