

TRADES FRC AND PRESERVATION AT EAST HIGH SCHOOL

\$28.2M + \$20M



*"You cannot escape the
responsibility of tomorrow
by evading it today."*

– Abraham Lincoln

WHY DO WE NEED THESE PROJECTS?

A common complaint about the East High campus is congestion caused by buses and traffic during arrival and dismissal. Traffic flow would be addressed as part of this project. Improved traffic flow will ease congestion for local traffic and make driving at arrival/dismissal safer.

Additionally, East High School is more than 100 years old. It has undergone extensive structural, foundation and other work to maintain its historic integrity, which is strongly supported by our community. Funding this is critical to help offset the work that still needs to be completed. Proactive preservation work means fewer emergency repairs that interrupt learning.

With the aging workforce in Wichita's trades industry, Wichita Public Schools is prepared to step up and help refill the workforce pipeline. Workforce preparation and improving career technical education is a strong community priority.

HOW DO THESE PROJECTS IMPROVE EDUCATION?

East High is a central location and will allow all WPS students to access courses, credentials and certifications, providing our community future trades professionals in the construction industry and for home improvement projects.

The FutureReady Center for Trades will provide pathways for general carpentry, HVAC, electrical and plumbing, providing well-paying jobs for students after graduation.

Bond funding frees up capital funds. If the bond fails to pass, \$16.1M of the \$20M would still be needed (from capital funds) for structural repairs.

The district has also been awarded a \$15.3M grant through the U.S. Department of Energy. East will receive \$200K for lighting upgrades.

Capital Improvements	\$12.7M	Structure, electrical, plumbing
Grants	\$200K	LED lighting upgrades

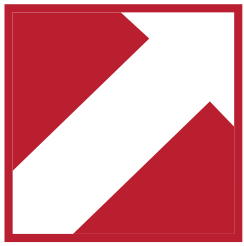
Provide Future Ready Opportunities

Modernize & Improve Spaces

Improve Experience & Increase Efficiency

Preserve Wichita's Oldest Schools





2026 BOND

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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