

SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL PRESERVATION AND IMPROVEMENTS

\$10.5M



"Part of the security procedures include announcing instructions. This isn't possible with the current speaker system."
– South Staff Member

WHY DO WE NEED THESE PROJECTS?

This project would add additional fire safety labs to support South's Fire Science program, bolstering our ability to fill the local needs in both the firefighter and EMT professions.

Another popular program here is Automotive Technology, which would get expanded collision repair spaces, allowing for more hands on learning.

Additional improvements would include updates for intercom systems, lighting, and storm shelter doors. Updated lighting systems to enhance student productions, and the parking lot resurfacing.

Feedback from staff listed improving HVAC systems as a priority, so work will be done to optimize the existing HVAC system, while also adding AC to a currently unairconditioned gymnasium.

South has preventative structural work that needs to be addressed now, including roof repairs, brick restoration, drainage and foundation work.

FREEING UP FUNDS

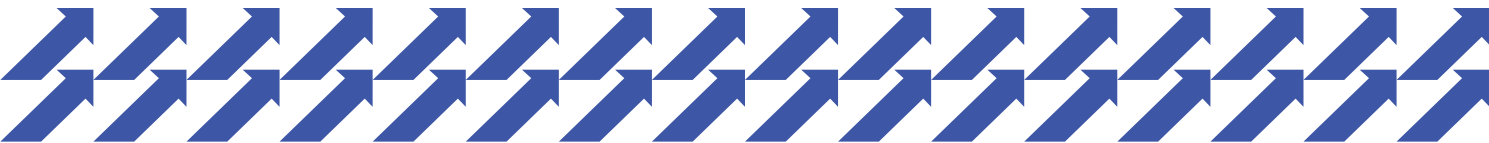
In addition to the bond proposal, the district spends approximately \$20m annually on capital outlay projects. The 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) addresses ongoing facility needs across all schools and works together with the bond proposal. Without the bond, projects identified in the current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

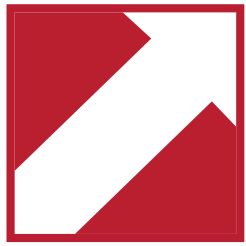
At South High School that includes replacing a boiler, roof, and sewer line. It also covers electrical system improvements.

In addition to the bond and CIP, the district has also been awarded a \$15.3 million grant through the U.S. Department of Energy. South will receive \$3.6m in HVAC and LED lighting work.

Capital Improvements	\$940K	Boiler, roof, sewer, outlets
Grants	\$3.6M	HVAC, LED lighting

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

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- 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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