ORTIZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BOND IMPACTS

"I believe that investing in our children's development from the earliest age is the single most important contribution we can make to the health and wellbeing of our citizens and the future prosperity of our state.
— Jay Weatherill

FREEING UP FUNDS

Indirectly, passing the bond will free up capital improvement funds that are currently needed for ongoing and emergency maintenance at our oldest buildings. If voters approve the 2026 Bond, the following improvements at Ortiz Elementary School will be funded through the capital budget over the next five years:

- HVAC Optimization (FY28)
- Add Sensory Room (FY28)
- Add Breakout Learning Spaces (FY30)

Because WPS is committed to maximizing every available funding source, the following projects are anticipated to be funded through a federal energy grant, pending final approval:

- $413K — HVAC Controls Upgrade
- $136K — LED Lighting Upgrades

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Projects in the 2026 Bond are addressing high-priority district needs after going 18 years without substantial capital improvements. Many aging WPS facilities will likely need to be addressed in the near future. Passing the 2026 Bond would move other schools up the line the next time Wichita Public Schools considers a bond.

BENEFITS FOR TOMORROW

Ortiz Elementary School students will experience the direct effect of the 2026 Bond when they attend Pleasant Valley Middle School and North High School or Heights High School.* See bond project one-pagers (and more) at wpsbond.org.

*Feeder school patterns are based on geographic boundaries. Does not include elementary, middle or high school pure magnets, which are filled only by application.

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!

vote.gov/register/kansas

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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For full project descriptions, visit **wpsbond.org**

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