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MPS Presents Momentum27 Bond Recommendation to Board of Education

Long Range Planning Committee proposal focuses on maintaining districtwide investments, modernizing existing facilities, and preparing for future needs

(Mustang, Oklahoma – October 12, 2026) – Mustang Public Schools presented the Board of Education Monday evening with the Long Range Planning Committee's recommendation for Momentum27, the next phase of the District's long-range bond planning strategy.

The proposed $169.5 million, 10-year bond authorization includes continued districtwide investments in technology, instructional resources, transportation, safety and security, facility systems and student programs, along with proposed modernization and capital projects throughout the District. The financial plan has been structured within MPS's existing 30-mill bond target, without increasing that target to fund the proposal.

Monday's presentation marked the next step in a process that began publicly in September, when MPS provided the Board and community with an initial overview of the planning underway for a potential 2027 bond proposal. The October presentation moved from that broad overview to specific proposed investments, preliminary costs, and the rationale behind the Long Range Planning Committee's recommendation.

"For more than a decade, growth drove many of the investment decisions we had to make as a District," Superintendent Charles Bradley said. "Our community helped us add the schools, classrooms, and capacity we needed to serve a rapidly growing student population. That growth has moderated, and it gives us an opportunity to look differently at what our schools need today while continuing to plan responsibly for tomorrow."

MPS enrollment remains significantly higher than it was a decade ago, but the rapid growth that drove many previous bond priorities has leveled in recent years. District leaders emphasized that the change does not mean Mustang has stopped growing or planning for future capacity. Instead, it provides an opportunity to direct greater attention toward existing facilities and long-standing needs that often had to wait while additional classroom capacity took priority.

The Long Range Planning Committee organized its Momentum27 recommendation around three priorities:

- Maintain: Protect investments the community has already made and continue planned replacement cycles for resources and systems schools depend upon.
- Modernize: Reinvest in aging facilities and spaces that have waited while growth took priority.
- Prepare: Make strategic investments in facilities, infrastructure, and capacity that position students, programs, and the District for future needs.

Approximately $42.5 million of the proposed plan is dedicated to recurring investments and replacement cycles affecting schools across MPS. Those investments include technology, textbooks and instructional resources, HVAC and major facility systems, safety and security, fine arts and athletics equipment, and transportation.

The recommendation also includes approximately $86.1 million in Modernize and Prepare projects. Proposed projects include interior modernization at Lakehoma, Mustang, and Mustang Valley elementary schools; renovation of the existing MHS Fieldhouse; enclosure of an existing practice field to create a year-round indoor multi-use facility; a new Operations Facility; an additional outdoor practice field; an MHS Band Room addition; a new Track & Field facility; and improvements at Bronco Stadium, including accessibility improvements and a proposed Student Performance Center.

"This recommendation didn't begin with a dollar amount and a search for projects to fill it," Bradley said. "The Long Range Planning Committee began by looking at where Mustang Public Schools is today, the needs that have existed for years, the investments every school continues to depend upon, and what we need to be thinking about for the future. Maintain, Modernize and Prepare grew out of that work."

The Momentum27 recommendation remains under consideration and is not yet a finalized bond proposition. MPS will continue gathering feedback from the Board and community and reviewing the proposal for possible revisions. The Board could consider a proclamation calling a February 9, 2027 bond election as early as November.

Community members can view the complete October presentation, learn more about the proposed projects and financial plan, review previous Momentum27 information, and provide feedback through the MPS Bonds & Construction webpage: www.mustangps.org/departments/bonds-construction.

"Tonight's presentation is part of the process, not the end of it," Bradley said. "We want our families, staff and community to understand what is being proposed, why these needs have been identified and how the pieces fit together. Just as importantly, we want them to have an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback as the Board considers what comes next."

Actual annual bond millage may vary based on assessed valuation and other factors. The current Momentum27 proposal is structured without increasing MPS's existing 30-mill bond target.

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About Mustang Public Schools

The Mustang Public School District covers over 72 square miles in Oklahoma and Canadian counties, with the City of Mustang at its center. The district is the largest employer in Canadian County, with more than 1,800 certified and support employees, and serves over 13,500 students. As one of Oklahoma's Top Workplaces, the district offers a comprehensive compensation package for full-time employees, along with a satisfying work environment. The district includes nine elementary schools (grades Pre-K through 4), three intermediate centers (grades 5-6), three middle schools (grades 7-8), one high school (grades 9-12), and an educational center that houses alternative education.

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