



REGISTER TO VOTE DEADLINE: October 9

EARLY VOTING: October 15-31

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What is a GO Bond?

➡ **What is a General Obligation Bond?** *A General Obligation (GO) Bond is a voter-approved financing process that allows the local government (Cabarrus County) to borrow money at low interest rates to fund major public infrastructure and capital projects. Structured similarly to a home mortgage, it spreads capital costs over a multi-year period so that future residents who benefit from the facilities also help pay for them.*

➡ **What can General Obligation Bond Funds be Used For?**

They **CAN** be used for:

- Buy land for future schools
- Build new schools and expand existing ones
- Repair and modernize aging school buildings
- Replace major building systems
- Improve safety and campus infrastructure
- Cover design, construction, and other project costs

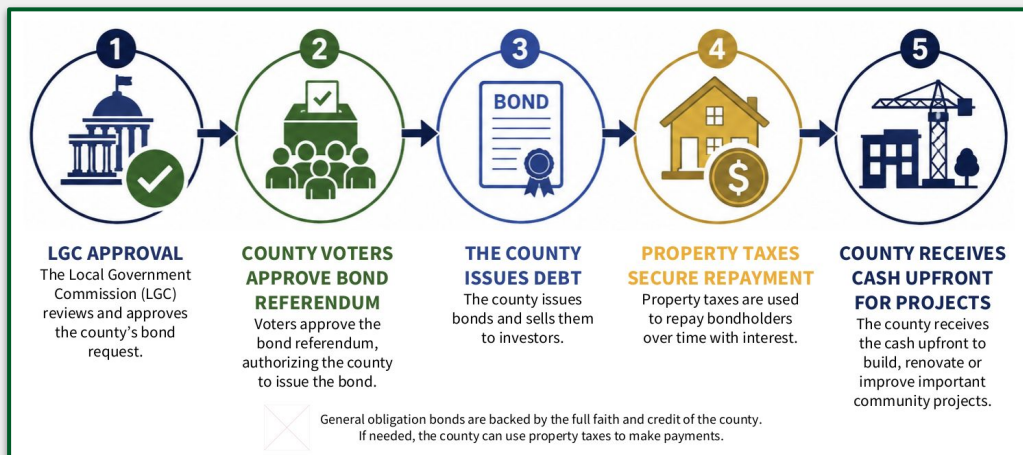
They **CANNOT** be used for:

- Salaries and benefits
- Teaching and learning materials
- Utilities and transportation
- Student programs and activities
- Daily school operating costs

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➡ **Why is this “extra funding” necessary?** Under North Carolina law ([N.C.G.S. 115C-408\(b\)](#)), school operating budgets are designated for day-to-day operational expenses, such as teacher salaries, instructional materials, utilities, and minor repairs. County governments are legally responsible for constructing and maintaining physical school buildings. Annual operational budgets do not possess the cash reserves required for multi-million-dollar capital construction projects.

➡ **What is a General Obligation Bond Process?**



Public School Return on Investment

- **Academic Foundation**
 - Graduation Rate- 89.1% (above state average)
 - Advanced Placement Opportunities and Growth
 - 16 options
 - 34.2% increase in participation and 22.5% increase in passing scores
- **Career Preparation**
 - Multiple Career Pathway Options
 - CNA, Culinary, Carpentry, Business, STEM
 - CTE Participation- 70.7% participation (above state average)
 - JROTC- multiple military signings each year
- **Workforce Development**
 - Credentials- 2656
 - \$332,000 worth of free credentialing
 - Signing Days- 4E Signing Day, Military, Career
- **Community Partnerships**
 - Internships- 175% increase in Internships; 20% immediate hire rate
 - Dual Enrollment at RCCC
 - 35% of Juniors and Seniors enrolled in CCP courses
 - 376 College Credits earned in the 25-26 school year
- **Give Back to the Community**
 - Beta, NHS, Latino Student Union, Black Student Union
 - Youth Advisory



Facility Needs Overview



Our Buildings Have Good Bones — But Age Creates Real Needs

- **Aging Facilities:** Many KCS facilities have served generations of students. Their longevity reflects strong construction and years of careful maintenance, but aging systems eventually require significant investment beyond routine maintenance.
- **Needs Are Districtwide:** The assessment identified needs ranging from major renovations and additions to HVAC, electrical, roofing, paving, fire alarms, generators, and other building systems. Some schools have much larger needs than others, but every campus requires continued investment.
- **Air Quality & Learning Environments:** HVAC is one of the most significant recurring needs across the district. Modernizing these systems isn't simply about keeping buildings cool—it supports air quality, humidity control, ventilation, comfort, and reliable learning environments for students and staff.
- **Protecting What We Already Own:** The bond allows the community to invest in facilities that fundamentally remain valuable assets. In many cases, the goal isn't to replace buildings—it is to extend their useful life, modernize critical systems, and make them work for today's students and programs.

This bond isn't about making our schools fancy. It's about protecting the community's investment in facilities we already own, addressing critical systems before they become emergencies, and making sure these buildings can continue serving Kannapolis students for another generation.

Generations of Students. Generations of Service.



Age of Buildings



Average Age of Buildings within KCS

45
Years

Elementary Schools

Jackson Park (1965) - 61 years old

15.5
Years

Middle Schools

74
Years

High School

A.L. Brown High (1952) - 74 years old

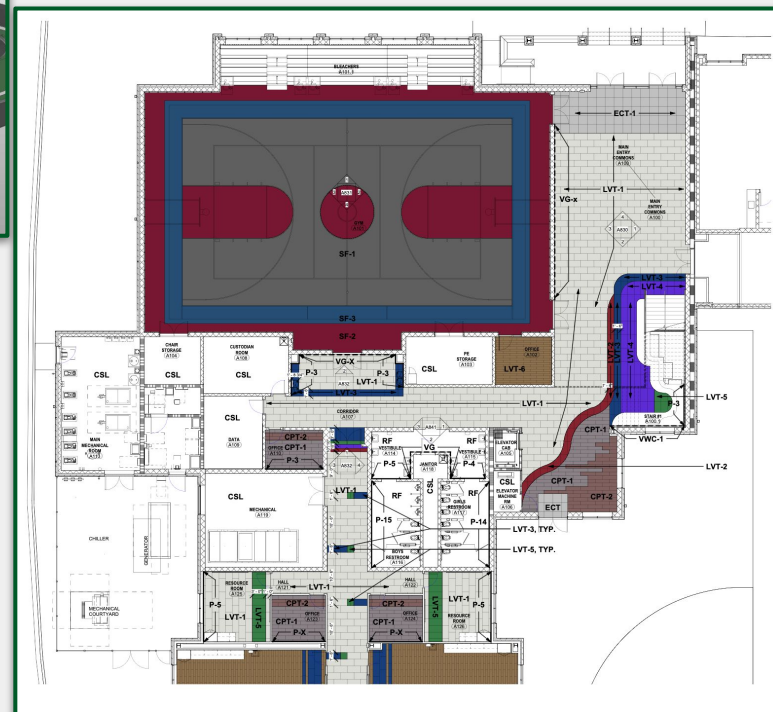
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Project Highlights - Jackson Park Elementary



- **What capital projects are planned for Jackson Park Elementary?**
 - A two-story, 40,000-square-foot addition
 - 18 new classrooms to handle enrollment growth
 - A gymnasium
 - Replacement of aging HVAC piping, air handlers, and roofing systems
 - Expansion of staff parking and car and bus loops.
- **Why is the Jackson Park Elementary project necessary right now?**
 - Jackson Park is at capacity.
 - The Spanish Dual Language & Global Magnet program is growing each year.
 - The school's existing HVAC systems are over 15 years old.
 - Currently the school only has a multipurpose room for Physical Education, sporting activities, and performances.



Project Highlights - A.L. Brown High School



- **Why is replacing the A. L. Brown cafeteria so urgent?**
 - The current cafeteria only seats 400 students at a time.
 - Enrollment is close to 1700 and projected to grow.
 - Expanded dining space is required to prevent adding additional lunch periods that would disrupt and reduce daily class time.
- **Why renovate A. L. Brown High School instead of building a second high school?**
 - Constructing a brand-new high school is estimated to cost over \$135 million, excluding land acquisition.
 - Renovating and expanding A. L. Brown provides a cost-effective alternative that maximizes existing campus assets while expanding student capacity.

- **What capital projects are planned for A. L. Brown HS?**
 - Demolishing the structurally condemned Cannon Gym
 - Adding a 50,000-square-foot facility with 16 modern classrooms, administrative offices, and a new cafeteria.
 - Repurposing existing cafeteria into five classrooms, a dedicated JROTC drill area, and specialized practice space for the Drone Technology pathway.



Percentage of Cabarrus County Enrollment



A.L. Brown High School

77% of Enrollment are Cabarrus County Students

Total: \$31,500,000 Cabarrus: \$24,255,000 Rowan: \$7,245,000



Jackson Park Elementary School

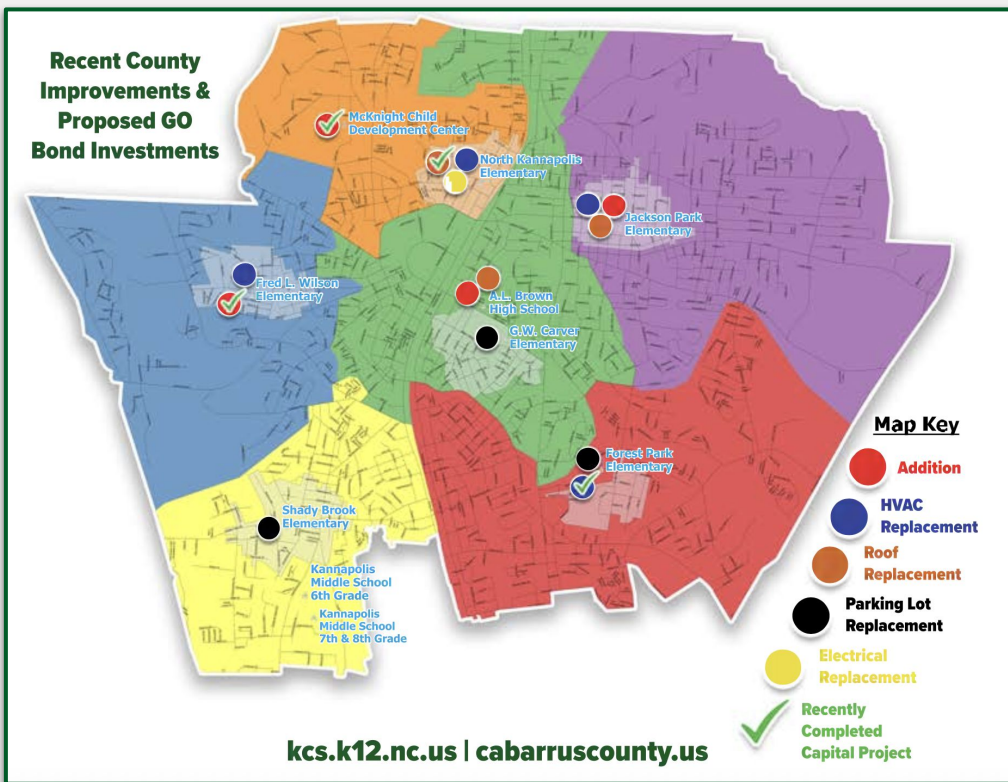
51% of Enrollment are Cabarrus County Students

Total: \$26,500,000 Cabarrus: \$13,515,000 Rowan: \$12,985,000

Note: Project budgets split by county enrollment numbers

Percentage of Cabarrus County Enrollment

The GO Bond Supports the WHOLE District



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What Does the GO Bond Cost Me?

- The total amount of the GO Bond is \$340 million
- This amount includes projects for both KCS + CCS
- Estimated cost at borrowing (MAXIMUM tax impact) = 4.25¢ per \$100 of assessed property value.

ESTIMATED MONTHLY IMPACT



\$250,000 home valuation



\$350,000 home valuation



\$450,000 home valuation



\$550,000 home valuation

COST

What If the GO Bond Does NOT Pass



Projects included in the referendum would not receive bond funding.

Necessary repairs and improvements would need to be delayed, reduced in scope, or funded through other available resources if they become available.



The district would likely need to purchase or lease **temporary mobile modular trailers**.



We would not be able to create a competition area for our award-winning **JROTC and Career and Technical Education programs**.



We may need to adjust school schedules for **extra lunch periods**.



We would need to divert operating funds toward **emergency maintenance on aging HVAC**.

Voting Information & Next Steps



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SAMPLE BALLOT		SAMPLE BALLOT		SAMPLE BALLOT		SAMPLE BALLOT	
Cabarrus County, North Carolina		November 3, 2026		Ballot Style 80009			
City of Kannapolis Parks and Recreation Bonds		Cabarrus County School Bonds		Cabarrus County Community College Bonds			
Additional property taxes may be levied on property located in the City of Kannapolis in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on bonds if approved by the following ballot question. SHALL the order authorizing \$40,000,000 of bonds plus interest to provide funds to pay the capital costs of acquiring, constructing, renovating and improving parks and recreation facilities, including, without limitation, athletic fields, parks, playgrounds, greenways, and open space for active and passive use, including the acquisition of any necessary furnishing and equipment, land, rights-of-way and easements, and providing that additional taxes may be levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds be approved, in light of the following: (1) The estimated cumulative cost over the life of the bonds, using the highest interest rate charged for similar debt over the last 20 years, would be \$62,444,800 (consisting of \$40,000,000 principal amount of the bonds plus \$22,444,800 of interest). (2) The estimated amount of property tax liability increase for each one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) of property tax value to service the cumulative cost over the life of the bond provided above would be \$46.00 per year. ☐ Yes ☐ No		Additional property taxes may be levied on property located in the County of Cabarrus, North Carolina in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on bonds if approved by the following ballot question. Shall the order adopted on July 21, 2026, authorizing SCHOOL BONDS of the County of Cabarrus, North Carolina in an amount not to exceed \$340,000,000, plus interest, for the purpose of providing funds to construct, renovate, expand, improve and equip school buildings and other school facilities, and providing that additional taxes shall be levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds, be approved, in light of the following: (1) The estimated cumulative cost over the life of said bonds, using the highest interest rate charged for similar debt over the last 20 years, would be \$530,780,800, consisting of the \$340,000,000 principal amount of said bonds, plus \$190,780,800 of estimated interest. (2) The estimated amount of property tax liability increase for each one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) of property tax value to service the cumulative cost over the life of said bonds provided above would be \$42.50 per year. ☐ Yes ☐ No		Additional property taxes may be levied on property located in the County of Cabarrus, North Carolina in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on bonds if approved by the following ballot question. Shall the order adopted on July 21, 2026, authorizing COMMUNITY COLLEGE BONDS of the County of Cabarrus, North Carolina in an amount not to exceed \$60,000,000, plus interest, for the purpose of providing funds to construct, renovate, expand, improve and equip community college facilities in said County for Rowan-Cabarrus Community College, and providing that additional taxes shall be levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds, be approved, in light of the following: (1) The estimated cumulative cost over the life of said bonds, using the highest interest rate charged for similar debt over the last 20 years, would be \$93,667,200, consisting of the \$60,000,000 principal amount of said bonds, plus \$33,667,200 of estimated interest. (2) The estimated amount of property tax liability increase for each one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) of property tax value to service the cumulative cost over the life of said bonds provided above would be \$7.50 per year. ☐ Yes ☐ No			

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