

Peninsula School District 2019 Capital Facilities Bond



STAND UP FOR
PENINSULA SCHOOLS

Talking Points

Core message: Our schools are facing a crisis of overcrowding and aging facilities. This bond funds a sharply focused plan: build two additional elementary schools and replace our two oldest elementary schools to add more classrooms and improve safety.

If you have 30 seconds....

- Nearly one-third of the District's Elementary classrooms are in portables. The total number of District portables is equivalent to two large elementary schools (66). The last elementary school was built 26 years ago (Vaughn, 1992).
- Schools have eliminated specialist classrooms, including science, and many specialists are teaching out of closets, kitchens and carts.
- The District is completely out of space to add more portables and must now consider difficult and drastic responses, such as eliminating early learning programs, year-round schedules, capping enrollment and double shifting (e.g. morning and afternoon schedules).
- Our older schools have failing infrastructure and out-of-date security and safety systems.
- This Bond will provide immediate funding to build two new Elementary schools and replace our two oldest Elementary schools, Artondale and Evergreen. It will also reserve funds for repair and replacement of failing systems, such as HVAC and roofs, to avoid school shutdowns.
- We need 60% supermajority to pass. The last bond failed, despite 59% approval. VOTE YES BY FEB. 12!

If you have more time....

- Share a personal story of how overcrowding is affecting you, your school or someone you know. For example: "Did you know at my local school, they had to eliminate the science classroom to create additional classroom space, so science is now taught from a cart?"
- The bond amount is \$198,550,000, which would be collected at an estimated rate of 0.79 per \$1,000 assessed value. For a \$400,000 house, this is about \$26 per month. A \$250,000 house, \$16 per month.
- This is not a new tax. It replaces the previous bond expiring in 2019. The total result from the replacement bond and the reduced local levy will be less than our current local school tax rate. For more details, refer to the District.
- Municipal bonds are the financing method of choice for capital projects by virtually all cities, counties, parks, fire and school districts. Bonds have such low interest rates, money is immediately available and repayment is spread over a longer period of time, so future residents also help pay for the benefit of a new school
- The District has an excellent credit rating, with over a decade of clean audits from the state. The Interim Superintendent, Dr. Art Jarvis, was specifically hired for his decades of financial expertise and successful capital projects planning.

More information from District

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