



FACILITIES BOND PROPOSAL:

Frequently
Asked Questions

What is currently being considered?

Lebanon Community Schools is discussing a bond for large maintenance, renovation and improvement projects at school buildings and the community pool.

Why is my school district asking for this?

Our buildings require large repairs (security, roofs, HVAC, electrical) that will extend their usable lives. The Lebanon Community Pool also needs renovating to continue to serve the public and our students. As with most school districts, large-scale capital projects are costly and require bond funding to complete.

How did you pick the projects?

The school district conducted a facility needs assessment of each building and surveyed the community to identify priority projects for funding.

How long will it last? How much will it cost?

The bond would last for 20 years and is projected to cost \$0.26 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. This means the average homeowner (defined as a home with an assessed value of \$175,000) would pay \$3.80 per month, or \$45.50 per year in 2023.

How are you reducing impacts to taxpayers?

Interest rates to borrow money are currently at historic lows. These capital projects also qualify for an additional \$4.3 million in state matching funds if local funding through a bond is approved by voters.

What will the bond fund?

Funding would be used to improve safety and security systems at school facilities, replace roofs and HVAC systems, and renovate the Lebanon Community Pool. These projects will bring mechanical systems up to code, raise all school buildings to the same standards district-wide, and extend the life of our facilities.

Why don't you have the money to make these improvements already?

Our operating levy funds routine maintenance on school facilities and grounds. That's why our buildings have lasted so long, even with regular use by students for school and also the community for private events and gatherings. As with most school districts, large-scale capital projects are costly and require bond funding to complete.

What happens if the bond doesn't pass?

If we are unable to secure funding, it's likely the pool will close permanently, maintenance costs will continue to grow, and school facilities will deteriorate. Some buildings could require full replacement.

Where can I find a list of improvements by building?

A list of projects at each building can be found online at www.lebanon.k12.or.us.

Who owns the pool?

The school district owns the 55-year-old pool, which is operated by the Lebanon Aquatics District. The community pool provides important health and wellness programs, recreation opportunities, and life-saving skills for all ages. There were 62,000 visits to the pool in 2020.

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