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### Media Advisory

## **Hillsboro School District Bond Advisory Committee Holds Open House**

*Committee to present two potential capital construction bond packages for community review*

**February 10, 2017, Hillsboro, OR** –The Hillsboro School District’s Bond Advisory Committee (BAC) has prepared two potential capital construction bond packages for community review, and invites all interested parties to attend an open house on Thursday, Feb. 16, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Brookwood Public Library, 2850 NE Brookwood Pkwy., to learn more about the packages and provide their feedback.

The BAC is composed of district staff, parents, students, community partners, and consultants. They have been meeting since October 2016 to conduct an in-depth review of data on current needs and planned future growth that will occur with the district’s boundaries over the course of the next ten years.

Hillsboro School District last asked voters to support a \$169 million capital construction bond in 2006. That bond passed and allowed the District to construct five new schools, expand its three existing middle schools, and complete needed infrastructure improvements at every other school.

Now, ten years later, more than \$700 million in overall needs have been identified to improve and expand current infrastructure, enhance safety and learning environments, address capacity issues, and respond to new enrollment growth. The BAC has narrowed that list to two bond package alternatives:

- One at **\$408 million** that would **maintain the current tax rate** of \$2.24/\$1,000 of assessed value; and
- One at **\$442 million** that would **add projects and increase the tax rate** to \$2.50/\$1,000 of assessed value.

Projects in both bond package alternatives have been prioritized in the following categories:

- **Safety & Security Enhancements** (e.g. seismic upgrades, security cameras, playground upgrades)
- **Current Infrastructure Improvements** (upgrades at every school, e.g. roofing, HVAC, plumbing, electrical)
- **New Capacity** (e.g. new elementary schools in South Hillsboro and North Plains, replacement of Brookwood Elementary School, expansion of Evergreen Middle School and Glencoe High School)
- **Educational Technology** (e.g. classroom technology and the infrastructure to support it, including a dark fiber ring around the District that will allow us to be self-sufficient with Internet connectivity and will pay for itself in 7-9 years)
- **Student Achievement** (e.g. career-technical education spaces and infrastructure added to all four high schools, conversion of high school libraries to learning centers, flexible classroom furniture)

Following the Open House, the BAC will review feedback, refine the bond packages into a single recommended bond program, conduct polling and additional outreach in March and early April, and deliver their findings to Superintendent Mike Scott in late April. The Superintendent will then present his recommendation to the School Board for consideration in May. The School Board’s vote on the recommendation will not only solidify the bond package, but also the timing of the ask: November 2017 or May 2018. For more information, please see the [Bond](#) page on our website: [www.hsd.k12.or.us](http://www.hsd.k12.or.us).

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