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Media Release

Hillsboro School District to Ask for Voter Support of \$408 Million Construction Bond Renewal

School Board unanimously approved the recommended bond proposal, which is slated for the November 2017 ballot

May 23, 2017, Hillsboro, OR –At their meeting tonight, Hillsboro School Board members unanimously approved Superintendent Mike Scott’s recommendation for placing a \$408 million capital construction bond on the November 2017 ballot.

The bond would allow the District to complete needed safety, seismic, and other infrastructure improvements at all existing schools, as well as to construct new facilities to accommodate anticipated growth, and to invest in technology and curricular programs to enhance student achievement.

Because taxpayers will have paid off every outstanding bond except for the most recent one, passed in 2006, the District will be able to sell bonds to pay for new projects without raising the current bond rate, which is currently \$2.24/\$1,000 of assessed value.

The package put forth by Superintendent Scott was prepared by the Bond Advisory Committee (BAC), a broad-based group of district- and school-level staff members, students, parents, community members, partner agencies, developers, and technical consultants. The BAC had been meeting since October 2016 to learn about current needs within the District and projected student enrollment growth due to significant development in South Hillsboro, North Plains, and Cornelius, along with smaller infill projects across the District.

The BAC was presented with twenty years’ worth of projects at a price tag of \$700 million, and charged with crafting a package that would meet the District’s needs for the next nine years. Without raising existing tax rates, the BAC was able to develop a \$408 million package that will benefit all Hillsboro School District schools and that will situate the District for another bond ask in 2026 when the 2006 bond has been paid off.

“We are pleased that we have been able to honor the commitment of the 2006 Bond Committee to not return to voters with another bond ask for eight to ten years,” shares Superintendent Scott. “It has been eleven years since that bond ask and it is now time to invest in both our current properties and new projects so that our students can learn in safe, modern environments, and have access to additional opportunities that will spark their intellectual curiosity and career-related aspirations.”

Learn more about the bond, including the [overall project list](#), the [full BAC recommendation](#), and the [specific projects by school](#), on the [Bond](#) page of the District website.

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