

Dear Omaha Public Schools Community:

On Feb. 21, 2018, the OPS Board of Education approved placing a Phase 2 bond issue before the voters. If approved, the bond would allow us to renovate schools that have not been updated in decades, add needed additions to existing schools and build five new schools to address overcrowding and population growth.



Phase 2 Bond Issue Project Scopes and Budget

Category	Facility Type	Description	Estimate
Renovations to existing facilities	Elementary	Renovations and additions to existing facilities Renovations at Adams, Catlin, Conestoga, Edison, Highland, King, Masters, Pinewood and Spring Lake Magnet. <i>Additions at Edison, Highland, Masters, Pinewood and Spring Lake</i>	\$41,338,898
	Middle	Renovations and additions to existing facilities Renovations and additions at Lewis & Clark and Morton Magnet Middle Schools	\$29,612,160
	High/Alternative Schools	Renovations to existing facilities Renovations at all seven high schools, Blackburn Alternative and relocate the OPS Transition Program	\$69,215,592
	Subtotal		
Increase capacity in high growth areas	Elementary	New school 10th and Pine Streets South Omaha	\$21,576,000
	Elementary	New school 1000 N. Fort Crook Road South Omaha	\$21,390,000
	Middle	New school 42nd and U Streets South Omaha	\$42,358,400
	High	New school 156 and Ida Streets Northwest Omaha <i>OPS entered into an agreement with the YMCA of Greater Omaha to build a shared facility that would include a 6-lane pool, if the bond passes.</i>	\$92,021,697
	High	New school 60th and L Streets South Omaha	\$92,463,094
	Subtotal		
Phase 2 Bond Issue Total			\$409,975,841

When will voters decide?

The Phase 2 bond issue will appear on the May 15, 2018 primary ballot.

How much will the Phase 2 bond increase property taxes?

The owner of a \$150,000 home would see their OPS share of property taxes go up \$105 a year, which equates to approximately \$2.01 a week – less than the cost of a gallon of milk.

What happens if the bond doesn't pass?

The district will need to use more of its general fund dollars to complete the necessary repairs to keep schools fully operational. More portable classrooms would be needed to relieve overcrowded schools. The district would not have enough funds to complete all needed work.

Thank you for your continued support of the Omaha Public Schools. We remain committed to our mission, which is to prepare all students to excel in college, career and life. To learn more about the Phase 1 bond program and the Phase 2 bond issue, please go to: bond.ops.org.

Sincerely,
Mark Evans
Superintendent,
Omaha Public Schools

