

ST. HELENS SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOND FACTS



St. Helens School District proposes to the community a November bond package that will significantly improve the educational facilities for St. Helens Middle School

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Important Financial Information:

What: Ballot Measure 5-194 would make renovations and add instructional space at St. Helens Middle School. There have not been any upgrades or major renovations at the middle school in more than 20 years. This bond measure would fund district projected classroom and facility repairs.

Bond Amount: \$19.1 million bond is estimated to cost taxpayers \$0.87 per \$1,000 of assessed property value: approximately \$7.25 per month or \$87 per year for every \$100,000 of assessed value in additional property taxes.

Bond Limitations: Bond proceeds can only be used for costs to add classroom space, to improve energy efficiency and make improvements to St. Helens Middle School.

When: Ballots for the Tuesday, November 4, 2008, election will be mailed to local voters on October 17, 2008. Ballots must be returned to the Elections Office at 230 Strand Street or to a ballot drop off site by 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4, 2008.

Bonds mature in twenty-one years or less from issuance.

Purpose: This measure would provide funds for the following upgrades and improvements for St. Helens Middle School: improve energy efficiency by upgrading HVAC, replace single pane windows, and integrate modern technology in lighting and other energy use, complete Asbestos abatement, renovate and upgrade existing facility including constructing, equipping and furnishing additional classrooms, enlarging the library/media center, updating science labs, and constructing furnishing and equipping a new gymnasium, make related site improvements and pay fees associated with issuing the bonds.

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BALLOT MEASURE 5-194

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St. Helens School District proposes to the community a November bond package that will significantly improve St. Helens Middle School. Our middle school is a high priority and the bond proposal on the November 4, 2008, ballot for \$19.1 million would renovate and upgrade our existing middle school.

This bond package for St. Helens Middle School includes:

Completion of all asbestos abatement, replacement of final section of cafeteria roof; renovating and upgrading existing facilities; upgrading heating, cooling and ventilation system; constructing and furnishing additional classrooms; enlarging and remodeling the library/media center; adding a new gymnasium; renovating science classrooms; enlarging and modernizing cafeteria kitchen, Special Education space and restroom facilities.

Currently, the middle school has seven portables that exceed their life span. The classrooms housed in the portables would benefit from the new addition. The science classrooms do not meet the criteria needed for instruction and lab work. The media center accommodates a small number of students and the materials needed are limited. The additional gymnasium will allow for more P.E. classes and increase the amount of gym usage for community sports.

If approved this measure provides funds to finance the improvements and upgrades for the teaching and learning at St. Helens Middle School. Construction will begin in the spring of 2009 with completion by fall of 2010. The cost to the average taxpayer is \$0.87 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value. This is approximately \$87.00 per year per \$100,000 of assessed value. While the School Bond Measure in previous years has failed, this proposal has a significant decrease in cost.

- The cost of the bond has been reduced from \$26.6 million to \$19.1 million.
- The cost to taxpayers is reduced from \$1.22 per \$1,000 of assessed property value to \$0.87 per \$1,000.

Election Information

All registered voters are eligible to vote on the school bond measure.

Election date:
Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2008
Election is by mail.
Ballots will be mailed to voters on October 17, 2008

Voter registration deadline:
October 14, 2008

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