



SCAPPOOSE SCHOOL DISTRICT

MEASURE 5-188

General Election • November 4th 2008

Bond Facts

Planning committee identifies school needs

A nine-month, community-based planning process identified facility needs and outlined a plan for addressing the priority issues for district buildings. The bond proposal is based on recommendations from this committee, made up of school district staff and community members.

Upgrades would improve energy efficiency and address priority major building maintenance

Energy efficiency was identified as an important facility issue. As energy prices continue to rise, the buildings are becoming more expensive to operate, taking funds away from instruction.

This bond addresses **priority major school maintenance and infrastructure** for the district's aging schools. Improvements would include safety and security upgrades, roofs, heating/ventilation systems, electrical and plumbing systems, and asbestos removal.

All district buildings exceed the Oregon Department of Energy's recommended energy use targets. Petersen Elementary School uses more than twice the recommended target level for energy use. *An estimated \$100,000 per year would be saved in operational costs by replacing Petersen Elementary School and upgrading other schools for energy efficiency.*

Facilitating student learning

Additional classrooms would accommodate increasing enrollment. The Scappoose community and its schools are growing. The population of Scappoose has increased from 3,529 in 1990 to over 6,000 last year. ** More than 250 additional students are expected to enroll in our schools by 2020**.* This bond would add classrooms to facilitate student learning. **Technology infrastructure** would also be increased to enhance teaching and learning.

Scappoose bond to construct, expand, upgrade schools; reduce operating costs

For more information about Scappoose Schools and the bond measure, please call the District Office at (503) 543-6374 or visit: www.scappoose.k12.or.us



Proposed bond projects:

- **Reduce operating costs** and increase energy efficiency; safety and security; and make other school site upgrades.
- Construct, furnish and equip a **new elementary school on district-owned land** located adjacent to Grant Watts Elementary School. The new school would replace Petersen Elementary School.
- Construct, furnish and equip **additional elementary classrooms** at Grant Watts and Warren. Renovate entrance at Warren Elementary School for safety.
- **Add classrooms** and auditorium at Scappoose High School.

Bond amount

The bond issue's principal amount cannot exceed \$33.3 million. Bond proceeds can only be used for the costs associated with the projects listed on this ballot.

Estimated costs to taxpayers

The estimated tax rate increase for a \$33.3 million bond would be approximately \$1.71 per one thousand dollars of assessed property value per year, or approximately \$171 in additional taxes for each \$100,000 of assessed property value. **Residents moving into the community would assist in the payment of the bond measure.**

The rate could vary depending on interest rates, growth in the District's total assessed value from new homes and businesses, and other factors. For example, as the district's assessed value increases, the tax rate would go down. **A citizens' oversight committee would be established to ensure bond funds are used as intended.**

*Information Source: Oregon Economic & Community Development, <http://info.econ.state.or.us>

**Information Source: Scappoose School District Population and Enrollment Forecasts 2006-07 to 2020-2021, prepared by the Population Research Center, Portland State University, October, 2006.

Some Quick Facts about Scappoose School District

- **Total Enrollment** = 2,176 students (*as of June, 2008*)

Grant Watts (K-3) = 409 students	Warren (K-3) = 177 students
Sauvie (K-6) = 86 students	Petersen Elementary (4-6) = 490 students
Middle School (7-8) = 347 students	High School (9-12) = 670 students

- **General Description of Buildings**

Grant Watts:	built in 1962	33,654 sq. ft.	11.2 acres
Warren:	built in 1951, expanded in 1963, fire in 1993 caused rebuild of wing	23,367 sq. ft.	13 acres
Petersen:	built in 1956, extension added in 1980, gym built in 1996	64,147 sq. ft.	6.1 acres
Sauvie Island:	fire caused rebuild in 1981	26,067 sq. ft.	5.74 acres
Middle School:	built in 1931, additions in 1959 and 1966	52,928 sq. ft.	12.9 acres
High School:	built in 1971	110,000 sq. ft.	32.4 acres

- **Fire Safety:** *only Warren and Sauvie Island Elementary Schools have monitored fire systems with sprinklers*
- **Energy Use by Buildings:** *All buildings exceed state targets for energy use.*

State Target Elementary School Range: 30k – 42k BTU / sf / yr

Petersen: 94.7k BTU / sf / yr	Sauvie Island: 53.2k BTU / sf / yr
Warren: 61.7k BTU / sf / yr	Watts: 66.2k BTU / sf / yr

State Target Middle School: 41k – 51k BTU / sf / yr

Scappoose Middle School: 55.7k BTU / sf / yr

State Target High School : 59.2k – 64k BTU / sf / yr

Scappoose High School: 89.2k BTU / sf / yr

- **Status of Middle School:**
 - In the Facility Assessment of the Middle School, performed by architects from DLR Group, it was concluded “At nearly 80 years old, the original building shows its wear but also its durability.” Also in the report, “The main building is mostly concrete, and therefore incredibly durable.” The full report is available at the District Office.
 - After conducting air quality tests in April, 2008, PBS Engineering & Environmental concluded that, “Given the age of the building, the building appeared to be in a clean and good condition.” The full report is available at the District Office.