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Key Dates to Remember:

OCTOBER 17: Voter Registration Deadline

OCTOBER 23: Early Voting Begins

NOVEMBER 7: Election Day

Upcoming District Event – Talking Tour at Wilson Elementary School October 3rd at 7pm. Please come join us to learn more about our schools and what impact the Nov. 7 Bond Election will have on our community.



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HAYS USD 489 NOVEMBER 7TH BOND ELECTION

Hays USD 489 has proposed a \$78,500,000 bond referendum on November 7, 2017 with a mill increase of 11.43 mills. The bond will fund projects that will positively impact every student in the USD 489 district through safety and security improvements and next generation learning environments. Bond funds by law cannot be used for ongoing operational or salary expenses.



\$16.43

MONTHLY impact on a
\$150,000 home: \$16.43



\$0.48

YEARLY impact on an ACRE
of dry crop land: \$0.48



\$0.11

YEARLY impact an ACRE
of grass land: \$0.11

Hays Benefit:

\$189M*

Total estimated Hays community economic
impact generated by projects

*Estimates based on calculations used in a Rutgers University study,
*Economic Impacts of Planned School Construction Projects in New
Jersey*, adjusted to current Hays area equivalencies.
<http://www.edlawcenter.org/assets/files/pdfs/facilities/EconomicImpactSchoolConstruction.pdf>



Scan the QR code
to read additional
frequently asked
questions about the
bond.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Why do we need a bond issue?

Addressing the safety and security of all students and staff is a priority for the district. The average age of current facilities is 64 years old. Many of the buildings and their systems have been maintained far beyond their usable life. Classroom spaces are inadequate for differentiated instruction. Facilities lack compliance with ADA requirements. The last major construction bond issue was passed in 1978.

When will construction start & who will build it?

When the bond passes, design would begin immediately, and construction would start as early as late 2018 and continue through 2020. DLR Group will be responsible for the design of all projects. The construction manager at-risk team is comprised of both Nabholz Construction and Paul-Wertenberger Construction of Hays. Spaces will be maximized through the employment of local and regional subcontractors, to the extent of which they are qualified through an open bidding process.

I'm concerned about Early Childhood and Westside being in the same building. How will this work?

The Early Childhood program will have two wings of the building dedicated to their needs. The Westside program will have a separate wing dedicated to its use, and the building renovations will provide doors that the staff can close when they need total separation of the programs. Each program will have its own distinct drop-off and pick-up locations as well. The program directors will be able to schedule separate lunch periods for each program.

Where would the new elementary school be built?

There is ground by Hays High School that the district owns. A new elementary school could be built on that site, as well as a playground area and parking. Money has been figured into the plan to acquire a different tract of land if the school would be placed on an alternate site. As the acquisition of land is an executive session item, the amount budgeted for the purchase of new land is not being released to the public. Releasing that information could inhibit the district's ability to garner a better purchase price for new land. No location has been considered to date. If the district uses the property located on Hays High School grounds, the funds allocated to the purchase of new land would funnel back into the identified projects within the bond.