

Southgate Community School Board Passes Motion to Place Bond Proposal on November Ballot

On August 4, 2015, the Southgate Community School Board of Education passed a motion to place a bond proposal on the November 3, 2015 election ballot. The board is asking voters to consider a \$20 million bond for basic upgrades and the replacement of aging infrastructure and equipment at every school building in the district. "Our goal is to keep the Southgate community strong," said School Board President Rebecca Reed. "This is the right time for our students and our community. The bond will impact the educational environment for our students and future generations. This is the right investment as it increases the value of our schools and community with NO tax rate increase. "

The bond is focused on addressing the district's aging and inefficient buildings (many are more than 60 years old), improving safety and security, both inside and outside the school, and improving our drop-off and pick-up areas. As state funding has declined in recent years, the board has been closely scrutinizing, evaluating and prioritizing every cost and expense. The district's buildings will continue to age and need to be maintained without stressing the general fund budget which is geared towards classroom learning.

Last spring, the board commissioned a thorough assessment of the district's facilities which are comprised of 700,000 square feet across 10 buildings. The findings in this assessment highlighted critical needs, deferred maintenance, and potential property enhancements. Only critical needs items are included in this bond proposal. The complete report can be found on the district's website, under the Superintendent's Office page. <http://www.southgateschools.com>

All schools will be addressed. Highlights within the bond proposal include:

4 Elementary Schools (Built between 1953-1967) \$6.2 Million

- Replace parking lots and concrete walks, modify lot to improve traffic flow, improve site drainage
- Partial roofing and flooring replacement
- Select exterior door replacement and interior door hardware upgrades
- Plumbing and piping valve replacement to improve reliability of heating/cooling equipment
- Upgrade exterior building lighting and add parking lot lighting
- Improve building safety and security through access control and cameras
- Replace lab and teacher computers, upgrade classroom systems, add mobile computer carts

Davidson Middle School (Built 1953) \$2.9 Million

- Replace parking and concrete walks, expand parking, and improve site drainage
- Replace select roofing, flooring and boilers
- Select exterior door replacement and interior door hardware upgrades
- Plumbing and piping valve replacement to improve reliability of heating/cooling equipment
- Upgrade exterior building lighting and add parking lot lighting
- Improve building safety and security through access control and cameras

Replace walk-in freezer/cooler

Replace lab and teacher computers, upgrade classroom systems, add mobile computer carts

Anderson High School (Built 1960) \$6.2 Million

Replace parking lots and sidewalks, improve circulation and site drainage

Athletic field, track, tennis courts and bleacher improvements

Partial roofing and flooring replacement

Select exterior door replacement and interior door hardware upgrades

Plumbing and piping valve replacement to improve reliability of heating/cooling equipment

Upgrade auditorium lighting and sound system

Upgrade exterior building lighting and add parking lot lighting

Improve building safety and security through access control and cameras

Upgrade clock and PA system

Replace walk-in freezer/cooler

Replace lab and teacher computers, upgrade classroom systems, add mobile computer carts

Support Buildings (Asher & Gerisch) \$4.7 Million

Replace and enlarge parking lots, improve site drainage

Partial roofing and flooring replacement

Select exterior door replacement and interior door hardware upgrades

Plumbing and piping valve replacement to improve reliability of heating/cooling equipment

Upgrade exterior building lighting and add parking lot lighting

Improve building safety and security through access control and cameras

Replace lab and teacher computers, upgrade classroom systems, add mobile computer carts

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