

Notice of Measure Election

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District

Notice			
Date of Notice	Name of District	Name of County or Counties	Date of Election
02/14/2022	Amity School District 4J	Yamhill and Polk	May 17, 2022
Final Ballot Title The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the district's voters. The ballot title notice has been published and the ballot title challenge process has been completed.			
Caption 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure.			
Bonds to Build, Renovate and Improve Safety of Schools			
Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.			
Shall Amity School District issue up to \$29,400,000 in principal amount of bonds to renovate schools; receive \$4,000,000 Grant? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.			
Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.			
The District has been awarded a \$4,000,000 State grant that will be available only if bonds are approved.			
If approved this measure would finance capital costs, including:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remodel of the existing high school facility on Oak Street; • Providing for a middle school facility through renovation and expansion on the existing Oak Street campus; • Safety and seismic improvements for all schools. 			
The District would establish a citizen oversight committee to ensure proceeds are used for purposes indicated.			
Bonds may be issued in multiple series; each maturing within 25 years from issuance. The estimated annual tax rate would be \$3.16 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Actual levy rate may differ due to final interest rates and changes in assessed value.			
Explanatory Statement 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect.			
If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be drafted and attached to this form for:			
→ any measure referred by the district elections authority; or			
→ any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.			
		Explanatory Statement Attached?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Authorized District Official Not required to be notarized.			
Name	Title		
Jeff Clark	Superintendent		
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<i>By signing this document:</i>			
→ I hereby state that I am authorized by the district elections authority to submit this Notice of Measure Election; and			
→ I certify that notice of receipt of ballot title has been published and the ballot title challenge process for this measure completed.			

Signature redacted

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Signature

Date Signed

Amity School District Explanatory Statement

Amity School District serves students primarily from southern Yamhill and northern Polk counties. Currently the district comprises three school buildings, serving grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12, serving nearly 800 students and growing.

Amity School District Facility Challenges

- Current Middle School building is nearly 90 years old and no longer meets the needs of modern education, nor is it large enough for the number of students we serve;
- The 1965 wing of the High School requires remodeling and updating;
- The Elementary School is very full and in need of room for future growth;
- Each school needs entrances that are safer and more effectively controlled; and
- We need to solve our facility challenges in a way that will provide for decades of education.

Long Range Facility Plan

Beginning in 2019, a group of community members and school representatives worked with architectural and engineering firms to assess the current facilities and plan for the future of our district's facilities. Over the course of a year, this group worked to identify and prioritize the greatest facility needs of the Amity School District, resulting in this bond request. It was their intent to ensure that all three schools received what they needed to be in good educational shape going forward.

The following capital projects have been proposed based on their work:

- Remodel the 1965 wing of the High School and add classrooms in order to create a new Middle School in that location;
- Add new classrooms to the 2003 wing of the High School, including science, art, and a gymnasium, modernizing facilities for grades 9-12;
- Remodeling entrances for all schools so as to improve safety and security; and
- Small expansion of the High School administrative area.

In order to resolve the capacity issues at the Elementary School, fifth grade would be moved to the new Middle School. Separation would be created between the lower grades (5 & 6) and the upper grades (7 & 8), as well as between the High School and the Middle School, ensuring no more interaction than happens presently during the elective periods.

Through these changes, Amity School District will be in a very strong position to handle continued growth and meet the diverse academic needs and challenges of our students.

Bond funds can only be used for voter-approved projects:

The principal amount cannot exceed \$29.4 million and bonds would mature in 25 years or less. Law prohibits the use of bond funds for any expense not listed on the ballot.

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Amity School District has been awarded a \$4,000,000 state matching grant, contingent upon passing our bond. That means that the district would receive an additional 13.6% for the same purposes listed above.