

## Dayton School District 8

### Referred by the Dayton School District Measure 36-201

#### Dayton School Bonds to Increase Safety; Update, Repair, Schools, Facilities

**Question:** Shall Dayton School District repair, update schools, classrooms; issue \$11,000,000 in general obligation bonds estimated to maintain current tax rate? 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:** If approved, bonds and grants are expected to:

- Remove, dispose of asbestos; repair, replace damaged flooring, ceilings, and roofs;
- Upgrade electrical, technology connectivity, plumbing, HVAC, and fire alarm systems;
- Replace inefficient windows, insulation, and lighting, retrofit for seismic;
- Upgrade security, including reconfiguring offices and entry ways, creating more secure school entries with fencing, gates, key card access, and cameras;
- Renovate, reconfigure, and construct additions to library and classrooms;
- Replace JH/HS old gym bleachers, JH/HS track surface, and add parking to JH/HS gymnasium;
- Renovate special education classrooms and restrooms providing ADA access; and
- Purchase furniture, fixtures, equipment; make site improvements for projects; pay issuance costs.

The District is expecting a \$4 million matching state grant if voters approve the bonds. Bonds include accountability mechanisms such as a citizen oversight committee and annual audits.

Overall bond tax is estimated to continue at the current rate of \$2.83 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Actual levy rate may differ due to interest rate changes and/or assessed value. Bonds would mature in not to exceed 21 years from issuance.

**NO ARGUMENTS  
WERE FILED IN  
SUPPORT OF OR IN  
OPPOSITION TO THIS  
MEASURE**

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### Explanatory Statement Measure 36-201

The Dayton School District and a 23-person District Facilities Advisory Committee (DFAC) have been meeting since April, 2018 to discuss a long-range facilities plan and assessment. DFAC has developed a scope of work for an \$11,000,000 General Obligation Bond estimated to maintain the current tax rate. Passage of the Bond would also generate an additional \$4,000,000 in state grant funds. Those funds are only available if the bond measure passes.

Dayton is a growing community that has been supportive of our schools which have an enrollment of about 1,015 students. Our buildings were built in 1936, 1950, 1969, and 2010. Bonds approved for infrastructure improvements in 1999 and 2009 increased capacity, which improved the educational offerings.

While District staff prioritize maintaining our current facilities so that they are safe and productive learning environments, many structures are in need of significant repairs and maintenance that cannot be accomplished within the regular operating budget. The District will use the bond funds and grants to finance basic large-scale repairs, remove safety hazards, and make schools more energy efficient which will reduce facility operating expenses and allow more funds to be spent on education. The bond would help ensure students have the opportunity to learn in a safe, up-to-date environment, and preserve school facilities as long-term assets. The recommended \$11,000,000 bond is estimated to not raise property taxes because existing bonds mature in 2019.

If approved by voters, the District expects to use the bond and grants to:

- Remove, dispose of asbestos; repair, replace damaged flooring, ceilings, and roofs;
- Upgrade electrical, technology connectivity, plumbing, HVAC, and fire alarm systems to comply with current building codes for public facilities and improve safety, usability, and comfort;
- Replace inefficient windows, insulation, and lighting with energy efficient alternatives and retrofit for seismic;
- Upgrade school safety and security, including reconfiguring offices and entry ways, securing school entries with fencing, gates, key card access, and cameras;
- Renovate, reconfigure, and construct additions to libraries and classrooms;
- Replace JH/HS old gym bleachers, JH/HS track surface, and add parking to JH/HS gymnasium;
- Renovate special education classrooms and restrooms, as well as providing better access in compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act;
- Purchase furniture, fixtures, equipment, make site improvements for projects, pay costs of issuance.

The District is leveraging additional State funds to help accomplish the projects mentioned above. The District was awarded a \$4 million matching state grant, is potentially eligible for Energy Trust of Oregon funds, has submitted a seismic upgrade grant application for Dayton Grade School, and will submit a seismic upgrade grant application for Dayton High School in the fall.

The District will establish a citizen oversight committee to ensure proceeds are used for purposes indicated and bonds will be subject to annual audits.

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