

BOND FACTS

FEMA F-5 Storm Shelters

- On October 12, 2021, Sallisaw School District is seeking to pass a 3.5 million bond issue to construct (4) F-5 FEMA P-361 storm shelters to insure the safety of our students during severe weather. There will be a shelter at each of our school sites, Liberty Elementary, Eastside Elementary, Sallisaw Middle School and Sallisaw High School.
- This includes a FEMA grant that was applied for over 10 years ago. FEMA revisited it and approved it in August 2019. This is a chance to build these safe rooms with FEMA assistance of 3.2 million.
- Our millage is presently 15.9 mills and the passage of this bond will increase our millage to 22.6 mills. This is an increase of 6.93% which means for homeowners that for every \$1,000.00 in property taxes that is paid, the increase will be \$69.34 per year or \$5.78 per month. For most citizens it is the price of a cheeseburger a month.
- The millage at this time for other schools with a bond issue in Sequoyah County are Vian, 28.68, Roland 20.47 and Gore 26.16.
- If this proposal passes, monies will be available in November 2021.
- There are no storm shelters in Sallisaw at present. This will create 4 storm shelters that will be available to the public during severe weather when school is not in session.

If you have additional questions please feel free to call:

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