



Baldwin Community Schools

**Learn about the BCS Bond Proposal on the
November 8, 2022 ballot**

A strong Baldwin Community Schools benefits our entire community in terms of higher home values and makes our community an attractive place to live, work, raise a family or run a business. The Baldwin Community Schools Bond Proposal is an investment in Baldwin's future.

The Baldwin Community Schools Bond Proposal will allow us to:

- Invest in much-needed security and safety enhancements and update aging buildings so our kids can learn in a safe and healthy environment.
- Make significant, building-wide upgrades like replacing roofs, updating our aging HVAC equipment and utilities, and adding safety and security equipment.
- Replace the outdated junior/senior high school building and equip classrooms with the latest technology to help ensure our students can receive instruction in an advanced environment.
- The bond will allow us to provide new instructional technology and programming to create real-life, hands-on experiences so Baldwin students can be prepared for college and careers and compete for jobs, including in the skilled trades.

What you need to know about the BCS Bond Proposal:

- It is a fiscally responsible proposal that will allow us to replace aging facilities and equipment and make necessary upgrades to our school buildings.
- If passed, expenditures will be audited to ensure taxpayer dollars are spent appropriately and transparently.
- BCS has a proven track record of fiscal stewardship, maintaining an A2 bond rating from Moody's Investors Service, and has undergone numerous independent audits which have shown it to be a model of fiscal responsibility.

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) about Baldwin Community Schools Bond Proposal

1. What is the (BCS) Bond Proposal?

The BCS Bond Proposal will allow the district to invest in much-needed security and safety enhancements, update aging buildings and replace old roofs so our kids can learn in a safe and healthy environment. Keeping students, staff and our community safe is our number one priority which is why the BCS Bond Proposal will allow the district to make necessary school safety enhancements. Our outdated facilities haven't seen significant, building-wide upgrades in decades.

2. What are some of the specific improvements and projects being proposed as part of the school bond proposal?

- Replace the aging roofs at the existing elementary school.
- Upgrade plumbing, mechanical, electrical, heating and cooling systems near the end of their useful life at the existing elementary school.
- Construct a new secondary school for 6th – 12th grades, replacing the existing building which is nearly 60 years old and has become too costly and outdated to repair.
- Replace or install new technology, lighting, furniture, flooring and fixtures at the existing elementary school.
- Update and construct new athletic facilities.
- Reconfigure, resurface and expand the parking lot, drop-off and pick-up areas to improve traffic flow and student safety.
- Resurface all playground areas.

3. How much will the school bond proposal cost property owners?

The 2022 bond proposal is a 3.9 mill increase to what property owners are paying today and would generate approximately \$54 million for necessary upgrades and updates to aging equipment, buildings and facilities.

4. What impact will the bond proposal have on student learning?

The BCS Bond Proposal will help provide the latest technology to complement our strong career and technical education programs to prepare students for college and careers.

5. How can taxpayers be assured BCS will spend taxpayer resources wisely?

The BCS Bond Proposal is a fiscally responsible proposal that will allow us to replace aging facilities and equipment and make necessary upgrades to our school buildings. BCS has a strong track record of fiscal stewardship and maintains an A2 bond rating from Moody's Investors Service. All funds from this bond proposal will be subjected to an external audit by an independent auditing firm.

6. Where can I find more information about the BCS Bond Proposal?

BCS will conduct a series of meetings and forums to help you learn about this proposal and gather your input. We will keep you updated on meeting times and locations. Additionally, we will be updating our website with pertinent information about this important proposal.