

Baldwin Community Schools Bond Proposal



Designed to keep students safe, warm and dry

The bond proposal on the Aug. 8, 2023 ballot is a smaller, scaled-back bond proposal compared to the November 2022 proposal and would make upgrades to improve the educational environment for students, including safety and security upgrades.. Baldwin Community Schools has reduced the bond proposal to make improvements to prevent flooding, eroding pipes, chilly classrooms and other potential issues that have shut down entire classrooms.

If the bond proposal is approved, the proposed improvements **would**:

- ✓ Replace the aging roof at the existing elementary school to help keep students warm and dry
- ✓ Replace plumbing, mechanical, electrical, heating and cooling systems
- ✓ Replace and install new technology, lighting, furniture, fixtures and flooring where needed
- ✓ Construct a new secondary school to replace the current, 70-year-old building experts have deemed beyond fiscally responsible to remodel

Based on feedback from our community, the proposal **DOES NOT** include a new competition gym or athletic facility improvements included in the November 2022 bond proposal.

A reduced financial commitment compared to the November 2022 proposal

The 2023 bond proposal is a 2.45-mill increase to the 2023 debt millage levy compared to what property owners paid with the 2022 debt millage levy, and would generate \$39,200,000 for upgrades and improvements to existing district buildings and facilities. For an owner of a \$130,000 home in the district, the increase to the 2023 debt millage levy compared to the 2022 debt millage levy would cost less than \$13 per month.

Baldwin Community Schools' fiscal responsibility, transparency and accountability have helped it maintain a positive fund balance despite challenges educating students in outdated, aging facilities. If the bond proposal is approved by voters, the bond expenditures will be subject to legally required independent audit that promote transparency and District accountability.

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