



LA GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSED

SCHOOL BOND MEASURE 31-105

La Grande School District has referred to voters a \$4.845 million school bond measure that, if passed, would provide funds to upgrade facilities, community access and student learning environments.

The District would receive a \$4 million matching grant if voters pass the proposed bond measure.

\$4.845 million from bond
+\$4.000 million matching grant
\$8.845 million for bond projects

If the proposed bond measure does not pass, the district would not receive the matching grant funds from the Oregon School Capital Improvement Matching Program (OSCIM).

If the proposed bond measure passes, funds would be used to:

- **Replace the Annex at La Grande Middle School** with a single story pre-engineered structure that would be used as an academic and athletic center as well as community event center.
- **Move the Maintenance/Grounds/Facilities operations** from the Annex to the Adams Professional Plaza.

The proposed bond measure would upgrade district facilities without increasing the existing bond tax rate.

The School Board considered several factors in deciding to submit a proposed bond measure to voters in the May 2022 election.

1 The school bond tax rate would remain at the current rate if the proposed bond measure passes.

The District recently refinanced the bond that was passed in 2014, enabling it to restructure its bond debt. If voters pass the proposed \$4.845 million bond measure, the proposed bond tax rate is estimated to remain at the current \$1.93 per \$1,000 of assessed property value without adding years to the bond payoff schedule.

2 The District would receive a \$4 million state matching grant if the proposed bond measure passes.

La Grande School District would receive a \$4 million grant from the Oregon School Capital Improvement Matching (OSCIM) program if the proposed bond measure passes in the May 2022 election. If the proposed \$4.845 million bond measure passes, the District would

have a total of \$8.845 million to use for proposed bond projects. The District would not receive the matching grant if the proposed bond measure doesn't pass.



Top photo - Existing Annex; Bottom - Rendering of proposed new Annex

Your vote matters!

You can register to vote online or download a printed voter registration form at <https://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Documents/SEL500.pdf>

April 26 is the deadline to register to vote in this election.

Ballots will be mailed starting April 27 and must be returned to the Union County Elections Office by 8 p.m. on May 17. Ballots that are mailed must be postmarked by May 17.



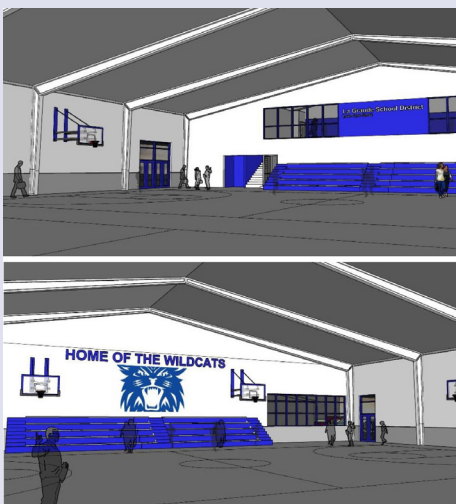
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Rendering of proposed new Annex building

The Annex is about 100 years old.

The proposed bond measure would pay to replace the Annex with a new multi-use facility that would be used for academics (physical education, health, STEM and vocational classes), athletics and community events. It would house two basketball courts that could be converted to four sport courts. Two drop-down dividers would enable softball and baseball pitching and hitting practices.

Maintenance/Grounds/Facilities would move from the Annex to another site.

The District has a lease/purchase agreement to relocate maintenance, grounds and facilities operations to the Adams Professional Center if the proposed bond measure passes.

Why did the Facilities Study Committee recommend submitting a proposed bond measure?

A 30-member citizen Facilities Study Committee, led by an architectural firm, spent eight months reviewing and assessing district facilities. Committee members toured buildings, considered population forecasts, listened to staff reports and assessed maintenance and renovation costs. A bond passed in 2014 allowed for projects at many of the District's schools but did not address the Annex and maintenance buildings. The committee recommended a proposed bond measure to address the Annex and maintenance buildings and relocate the Maintenance/Grounds/Facilities operations.

What would the proposed bond measure cost, if it passes?

- \$4.845 million proposed bond, to be repaid over 13 years
- The proposed bond would cost an estimated \$0.28 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.
- The District's total bond tax rate (2014 bond plus the proposed bond measure) is not projected to increase if the proposed bond measure passes. The bond tax rate is expected to remain at the current \$1.93 per \$1,000 of assessed property value if the proposed bond measure passes.
- If the proposed bond measure passes, property owners would pay an estimated \$386 per year, or \$32.17 per month, for a home assessed at \$200,000.
- If the proposed bond measure doesn't pass, the bond tax rate would decline to \$1.65 per \$1,000 of assessed value due to refinancing the 2014 bond, and the projects outlined in this proposal would not be completed.

Could proposed bond funds be used for other purposes?

If the proposed bond measure passes, bond funds could only be used for costs associated with the projects listed in the bond proposal in the ballot measure. Proposed bond funds could not pay for salaries or operational costs.

How would the District oversee proposed bond spending?

If the proposed bond measure passes, the District would appoint a Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee to monitor the progress of the bond. That committee would report back to the School Board on a regular basis.