



Southwest R-V School District

Educating and Preparing the Leaders
for Tomorrow, Today

PROPOSITION
Phase 2 of District
Improvements

VOTE ON

April 5, 2022



The Path to Exceptional Education

The residents and the Southwest R-V School District share an ongoing commitment to be educational leaders in rural Missouri by maintaining **High-Quality Educational Facilities** that provide **Top Tier Learning Environments and Educational Opportunities** for every student. Through the good stewardship of the District with the use of taxpayer dollars, we are now able to continue to move down the path of exceptional education and build on our commitment with further improvements and enhancements.

*On Tuesday, **April 5**, voters of the Southwest R-V School District will be asked to vote on a **NO TAX INCREASE Bond Issue** which will allow the continuation of improvements at our schools.*

For more information, contact Superintendent Dr. Tosha Tilford at (417) 826-5161.

District Facility Improvements:

Baseball and Softball Fields

- Construction of new baseball and softball fields with proper slope, allowing for improved and safer games
- New fencing, backstops, and dugouts
- Storm water upgrades that will avoid overflow and erosion of ball fields

Trap Shooting Range

- Construction of trap fields
- Installation of a shot-stop curtain
- Construction of walkways, viewing areas and a trap house

Multipurpose/Press Box Building

- Construction of a new press box with a PA system to service both the baseball and the softball fields
- New restrooms with multiple stalls and sinks
- New concession area with a roll-up door, sink, and serving counter

If Funds are Available . . .

- Complete other repairs and improvements to the existing facilities of the District.

NO TAX INCREASE BOND ISSUE



BETTER FIELDS FOR BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL



NEW TRAP SHOOTING RANGE



NEW MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING FOR PRESS BOX, RESTROOMS, AND CONCESSIONS

Continuing our Commitment with High-Quality Educational Facilities

FAQ

What is a Bond Issue?

A bond issue is a traditional way for schools to borrow money to pay for major school maintenance and repair projects, such as adding security measures or upgrading deteriorating areas.

Will the Bond Issue raise my taxes?

No. This is a **NO TAX INCREASE** Bond Issue, meaning voter approval will *not* increase the District's current debt service tax levy, which is dedicated to the repayment of bonds.

Where does the money come from to pay for the bonds?

The District sells the bonds and then pays back the debt with money generated by the debt service tax levy. This process is similar to a home mortgage or loan.

How can we do this without increasing taxes?

Each year the District retires or pays off old debt from previous bond issues. As this debt is paid off, the existing levy can continue and the funds can be used to pay for bonds that are sold for new improvement projects.

Why aren't these expenses included in our operating budget?

Operating funds are used to support salaries and benefits, textbooks and educational technology, transportation and utilities costs, and other supplies. Operating funds are also used for maintenance and upkeep; however there is little left of facility upgrades.

Can the funds be used in any other way?

No. The money from bond issues can only be used for capital expenditures, such as building additions, repair, renovation and certain technology costs.

If the bond issue passes, when would the work be done?

The work would be started in 2022 and completed in 2023. If material delays occur, the timeline may be extended.

Proposition Phase 2 of District Improvements Ballot Language

Shall the Board of Education of the Southwest R-V School District, Missouri, without an estimated increase in the current debt service property tax levy, borrow money in the amount of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) for the purpose of providing funds for the site development, construction, equipping, and furnishing of a trap range, a baseball field, and a softball field to include a press box, restrooms, and a concession stand; to the extent funds are available, complete other repairs and improvements to the existing facilities of the District; and issue general obligation bonds for the payment thereof? If this proposition is approved, the adjusted debt service levy of the School District is estimated to remain unchanged at \$0.8500 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation of real and

The bond would pay for new baseball and softball fields with proper grading, a new and enhanced multipurpose press box, and a new trap shooting range. This would not require a tax increase, instead, it would extend the current debt service levy, using the revenue for new construction, building improvements, and renovations.

