

Tigard-Tualatin School District
Bond Measure
Questions and Answers

Q: How much will this measure cost?

A: If voters approve this measure in November, the current tax rate is estimated to increase by approximately 37 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Using a home assessed at \$300,000 as an example, this would equal about \$111 a year. (In 2015-16, approximately 70% of the homes in the Tigard-Tualatin School District were assessed at \$300,000 or less.)

Q: Why is a 20-year bond being proposed instead of a longer, 30-year bond?

A: 20-year bond measures have been the standard for many years. Recently, however, some school districts have proposed 30-year bond measures to spread costs out over a longer period of time. The committee recommending TTSD's bond measure wanted to provide flexibility for future school boards and administration by proposing a measure with a shorter payback period.

Q: How does this measure compare with past bonds?

A: The district's last major bond measure was approved in 2002. It provided the funds to rebuild Tualatin Elementary, Metzger Elementary, C.F. Tigard Elementary and a portion of Tigard High School. It also paid for construction of Alberta Rider Elementary School and classroom additions at Hazelbrook Middle School and Tualatin High.

In 2011, voters approved a smaller 7-year bond to pay for scheduled repairs and improvements as well as to purchase technology and textbooks.

The November 2016 bond measure includes funding for major rebuilding projects at the district's three oldest schools and to pay for the next round of scheduled facility repairs and improvements (such as roofing replacement and HVAC) as well as for new and replacement technology and textbooks.

Q: What is the timeline of projects?

A: Day CPM, a project management firm, has been hired to develop a proposed construction schedule that would consider project priorities and complexities as well as school site and timing issues. The district will share the project schedule once it is approved.

Q: Why have no projects been proposed for MITCH?

A: As a charter school, MITCH operates independently from the Tigard-Tualatin School District. It operates as its own 501c(3) non-profit organization and has its own governing school board. MITCH has the responsibility for its own facilities and curriculum. Oregon law requires charter schools to be "sponsored" either by their resident school district or by the Oregon Department of Education. As part of its charter school application, MITCH requested Tigard-Tualatin to serve as its sponsor and that is the relationship that exists today.

Q: What happens if the bond does not pass?

A: If this bond doesn't pass in November, completion of these projects will be pushed out later into the future. With construction expenses continuing to rise, these projects will cost more money to complete.

Q: What is the difference between a bond measure and a Local Option Levy?

A: A bond measure can only fund school construction, furnishings, facility improvements, textbooks and technology. It cannot pay for teachers or school operation.

A Local Option Levy can fund teachers and school operation. Tigard-Tualatin voters most recently renewed the district's Local Option Levy in November of 2014.