



Tigard-Tualatin School District • Nov. 8 Bond Measure Questions & Answers

■ What is Measure 34-248?

Measure 34-248 is the Tigard-Tualatin School District’s bond measure. It would provide funds to rebuild—or partially rebuild--three of the district’s oldest schools, add classrooms for student enrollments and college & career-readiness programs, make safety improvements, complete scheduled repairs and updates, purchase new and replacement technology, textbooks and digital curriculum.

■ How were these projects recommended?

These projects were recommended by a committee of parents and staff who spent 2015-16 studying existing facility needs, enrollment projections, school construction costs and bond measure options. After an initial proposal was presented to the public at three Community Feedback sessions, the committee developed a final recommendation that was presented and approved by the school board.

For more answers to your questions, please look inside.

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- Add classrooms for existing and projected enrollments
- Make safety and security improvements district-wide
- Complete scheduled facility repairs and improvements
- Build/remodel STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) classrooms to expand access to college and career-readiness programs
- Purchase new and replacement technology, textbooks and digital curriculum

Measure 34-248 includes funding to:

Tigard-Tualatin School Bond

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Measure 34-248 Q&A

■ Why is the district proposing to rebuild or substantially rebuild three schools?

Templeton, Twality and the oldest parts of Tigard High were built in a different era. All require students to travel out of the main building to classrooms that open directly to the outside. The original structures are aging and their mechanical systems (heating, electrical and plumbing) operate inefficiently and require major updates or replacement.

This bond measure would rebuild Templeton, substantially rebuild Twality and rebuild the oldest parts of Tigard High to create updated schools with enclosed classrooms and modern operating systems.

■ What other safety and facility repairs/improvements are included?

Besides building enclosed classrooms at Templeton, Twality and Tigard High, this measure would make safety improvements district-wide including: adding security cameras; replacing interior door locks with ones that permit teachers to lock their classrooms from the inside; and improving school entries to better manage public access. At five schools--Woodward, Byrom, Bridgeport, Durham and Fowler--the offices would be moved to the front of the building to improve visibility and control access to classroom areas.

Other facility repairs/improvements include: scheduled roof replacement, heating and ventilation system updates, worn paving, flooring, furniture and locker replacement and field improvements.

■ How does this bond address student enrollment growth?

Nearly 1,000 new students are projected to come from housing developments now under construction or being planned. This bond measure would build one new school to serve growing elementary enrollments. It would also add classrooms to serve current and projected enrollments at Tualatin High and Durham Center as well as build additional classrooms to replace portables at Tigard High and Twality Middle School.

■ How are STEM classrooms different from regular classrooms?

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) classrooms are large, flexible spaces that allow students to create projects and solve problems using a variety of tools, materials and technology. They have areas for computers and digital equipment as well as counter tops with sinks, traditional workshop areas and open spaces where robotics and large projects can be built and tested.

■ How much will this cost; how will we know the money will be spent as intended?

Cost for all projects is estimated to be \$291,315,000. If approved, the current tax rate is estimated to increase by approximately 37 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value—or about \$111 a year on a home assessed at \$300,000. (In 2015-16, approximately 70% of the homes in the Tigard-Tualatin School District were assessed at \$300,000—or less.) To ensure funds are spent as intended, an independent citizen oversight committee would be established.

Projects

● Rebuild aging schools

- Templeton Elementary rebuild;
- Twality Middle School substantial rebuild;
- Tigard High oldest sections rebuild.

● Student safety and security

- School entry improvements and relocation of some school offices to improve visibility and control visitor access;
- Replace interior locks so teachers can lock their doors from inside their classrooms;
- Security cameras;
- Fire code upgrades.

● Repairs and improvements

- Roof repairs/replacement;
- Heating and ventilation upgrades;
- Worn paving, flooring, furniture and locker replacement;
- Field improvements.

● Additional classrooms to serve existing and projected enrollments

- Tualatin High expansion;
- Art Rutkin Elementary School construction;
- Durham Center expansion
- New classrooms to replace portables at Tigard High & Twality M.S.

● Career education and STEM (Science Technology Engineering & Math) classrooms

- Science classroom rebuild and STEM classroom remodel at Fowler MS
- Career education and STEM classroom additions/renovations at Tualatin High, Tigard High and Durham Center.

● New and replacement technology, textbooks and digital curriculum

- Expand access to technology and updated curriculum to all students.