

Investing In Our Schools



**Important
 Voter
 Information**

**EVERY VOTE
 COUNTS!**

Ballots due
 February 11, 2020

Ballots will be mailed January 24, 2020

Three Ballot Measures, One Goal.
 Ensuring Learning While Challenging and
 Supporting Each Student to Achieve Full Potential.

Proposition #1: BOND for BUILDING (see reverse for details)
 Bond for the Renovation and Expansion of Lincoln Middle School and HVAC Upgrades to 3 Elementary Schools

**Proposition #2: LEVY for LEARNING
 Enrichment Levy - REPLACEMENT**

What is it?

- Previously known as Maintenance and Operations or M & O Levy
- \$5.3 million per year for four years
- NO increase in the rate per thousand of assessed property value

Why is it important?

- A levy helps bridge the gap in funding between what the state pays and the actual cost of operating our schools
- The levy provides approximately 14% of the district's operating budget
- Levies bring our schools to life!

Activities and Athletics	Safety and Security
Arts and Drama	Small Class Sizes
Counselors	Social Emotional Learning
Libraries	Teachers and Staff
Music	Nursing Services
Professional Development	Transportation

**Proposition #3: LEVY for LEARNING
 Tech Levy - REPLACEMENT**

What is it?

- Replacement of existing technology levy amount (currently wrapped into the \$5.5 million per year M & O levy)
- \$200,000 per year for four years
- NO net increase in the rate per thousand dollars of assessed property value

What does it provide?

- Computer technology
- Technology system updates
- Network connectivity and data security
- Software and online applications
- Updated hardware

Financial Information

	Prop #1: Bond Current LMS Bond Expires December 2020	Prop #2: Enrichment Levy - REPLACEMENT -	Prop #3: Tech Levy - REPLACEMENT -
Tax Rate (per \$1000 of assessed property value)	Current: \$2.78 Proposed: \$2.78	Current: \$2.42 Proposed: \$2.25 ↓	Current: \$0.08 Proposed: \$0.08
Term	20 years	4 years	4 years
Amount	\$15 million total	\$5.3 million per year	\$200,000 per year

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Proposition #1: BOND for BUILDING

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Existing LMS Bond expires in December 2020. This bond would start in January 2021 at the same tax rate as current bond, meaning NO TAX RATE INCREASE.

Background:

- The Capital Projects Advisory Committee, a committee of community members and Lincoln Middle School staff representatives, carefully reviewed feedback from the community to identify needs and priorities.
- The committee also studied district finances to determine the bond amount and term that would least impact taxpayers.

Capital Projects Advisory Committee Recommendations:

- A \$15 million bond over 20 years
- Renovation and expansion of Lincoln Middle School to:
 - Relieve overcrowding (LMS built for 500-600 students, currently has 690+)
 - Upgrade safety and security
 - Meet projected enrollment needs
- Cooling system additions (HVAC upgrades) to improve health and safety at:
 - Franklin Elementary School
 - Jefferson Elementary School
 - Sunnyside Elementary School

Preliminary plan for renovation and expansion of Lincoln Middle School

SCIENCE LAB ADDITION

SCIENCE LAB RENOVATION

CONFERENCE RENOVATION

COUNSELING RENOVATION

OFFICE AND SCHOOL SECURITY RENOVATION

SECURITY VESTIBULE ADDITION

COMMONS & STAGE RENOVATIONS

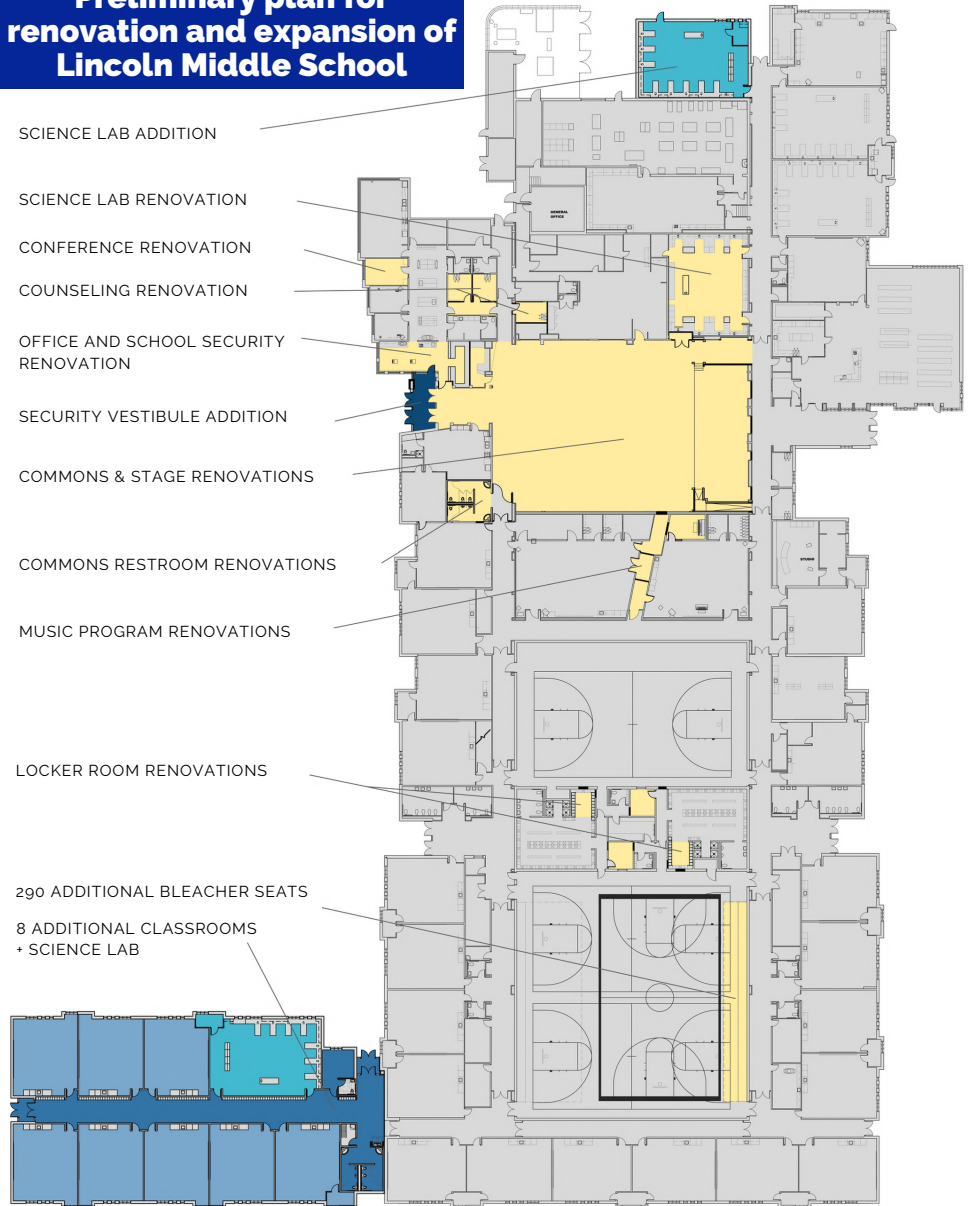
COMMONS RESTROOM RENOVATIONS

MUSIC PROGRAM RENOVATIONS

LOCKER ROOM RENOVATIONS

290 ADDITIONAL BLEACHER SEATS

8 ADDITIONAL CLASSROOMS
+ SCIENCE LAB



Bond Priorities: Elementary Schools

- Pullman Public Schools are used year-round for summer school, Parks and Recreation programs, YMCA camps, and by community groups.
- Exterior windows cannot be used for ventilation when air quality is poor (e.g. fire season, harvest) or when individuals have allergies that could be life-threatening.
- HVAC updates will allow for clean, cool air to enhance the learning environment for students, staff, and families throughout the year.

Bond Priorities: LMS

- 8 additional classrooms
- Enlarge commons
- Add air conditioning/cooling
- Improved drop off/pickup zone
- Additional science labs
- Additional restrooms
- Additional security
- Replace existing roof
- Update technology

For more information: visit: www.PullmanSchools.org/2020BondLevy | call: 509.332.3581 | email: bondlevyfacts@psd267.org

Tax Exemption Information: Homeowners age 61 or over, or those permanently retired due to disability, and who earn less than \$35,000 annually may qualify for a complete exemption from all local voter-approved property taxes. Call the Whitman County Assessor's Office for details and application forms at 509.397.6220.