

BOND INFORMATION

Renovation and Construction of PHS
+ Elementary Expansion

Building a Future for Our Students

Pullman Public Schools

February 12, 2013 Election

School Bond: One Proposition, Two Projects

Goals: Improve Learning Environment, Lower Operational Costs & Alleviate Overcrowding

On February 12, 2013, a school bond proposition will be presented to the voters of our community. The bond will address <u>two</u> facility needs: 1) correct deficiencies and make improvements to Pullman High School, and 2) expand the number of elementary classrooms.



Project #1: PHS Renovations and Construction

The Pullman High School project will result in approximately 70% new and 30% renovation of existing space (vocational building and gym).

Why improve PHS?

- Improve security and safety: Current 1960's school design with multiple buildings poses security and safety risks from large number of entrances/exits and sprawling campus style
- · Correct inefficient energy use and space
- Comply with Title IX requirements
- Accommodate advances in technology and correct deficiencies in present learning spaces
- Fulfill the desire expressed by the community for a high school that matches the caliber of and expectations for student achievement, instruction, and the quality of the other school buildings
- Promote economic development—excellent schools attract excellent employers and employees





What will be included in the high school project?

- New fully equipped and furnished core spaces (library, commons, gyms, restrooms, etc.) for 1000 students
- General classroom space fully equipped and furnished for 900 students (a plan for expansion in the future when needed)
- 2 gymnasiums (1 new, 1 renovated)
- Complete new theater with backstage amenities
- Stadium amenities and improvements (concessions, press box, bleachers, locker rooms, field improvements)
- 2 story sections improving efficiency



January 14, 2013 Deadline to register to vote

by mail or online at www.vote.wa.gov

January 25, 2013
Ballots mailed
to voters

(mail-in only election)

February 12, 2013 Election Day

Ballots must be postmarked by 2/12/2013

For more information about this bond and Pullman Public Schools, please visit www.psd267.org/bond

2 Project #2: Elementary Expansion

- All three elementary schools are currently at their enrollment capacity
- With enrollment increasing, adding classrooms is a critical need
- Five classrooms will be added at Franklin Elementary—when built, it was designed specifically to allow for expansion
- Expansion will benefit all three elementary schools, allowing class sizes to remain low in each



What is the Cost of the Proposed Bond?

Projected Budget:

- \$65.5 million for renovation and construction of PHS
- \$2 million for elementary expansion
- Total—\$67.5 million

Financing the projects:

- The state will contribute approximately \$14 million
- Local financing will come from a \$53.5 million sale of 20-year bonds
- The bond sale will be financed with an estimated \$1.62 per \$1,000 tax
- The total local school tax will be approximately \$6.36 per \$1000 of assessed property value
- For comparison, in 2002 when Lincoln Middle School was built for \$19 million the total local school tax was \$6.08 per \$1000 of assessed property value

Tax Exemptions for Seniors & Disabled

Call the Whitman County
Assessor's Office at
509.397.6220 to request an
exemption form.