



## Five Reasons Why Preschool Families Should **VOTE YES** on April 17, 2012

**1) Your Preschool students will benefit the most from these bond projects because the bond addresses construction needs through 2019.**

**2) This bond allows us to rebuild some of our oldest schools during this period of historically low construction costs.**

- After more than five decades, Issaquah Middle, Clark and Sunny Hills Elementary are at the end of their lifespan. Liberty Phase II renovation is included in the bond.
- Funds will be used to replace leaky roofs, drafty windows and damaged floor surfaces in buildings throughout the district.
- Long-term financial forecasts favor rebuilding now—in a period of historic low construction costs—rather than making ongoing major repairs in the years ahead.

**3) We are one of the most fiscally responsible school districts in the country so you know we will manage these bond dollars effectively.**

- Issaquah School District received the Moody's AAA bond rating which is given to less than one percent of all school districts in the United States.
- The District has the lowest administrative costs as a percentage of our budget of any other district in King County.

**4) In relation to current tax expenditures, residents can expect to see a decrease in local school taxes even after the bond is approved – for example, the owner of a \$500,000 home would pay about \$215 less in taxes per year.**

- The new bond package (\$219 million spread over eight years) is structured to result in about half as much debt as the bond debt retiring in 2012.
- The Issaquah School District has a history of completing construction projects on time and under budget.

**5) By modernizing Tiger Mountain Community High School, we are enabling the expansion of career and tech training to help all high school students compete in the global economy.**

## Did You Know.....?

- It costs over \$100,000 for the school district to run a ballot issue. If we lose the election and have to rerun the ballot issue, the school district must pay another \$100,000.
- It costs about \$100,000 to run the campaign to pass our bond measure.
- To approve the bond it takes a supermajority- 60 %. We need about 14,000 **YES** votes to win the election.

## Want to learn more about the April 17, 2012 Election?

- Go to the district website [www.issaquah.wednet.edu](http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu) and click on "Bond 2012" for more information!
- Deadline to register to vote is March 19  
To sign up to vote visit [www.kingcounty.gov/elections/registration](http://www.kingcounty.gov/elections/registration)

**WWW.VISVOTE.ORG**

Paid for by Volunteers for Issaquah Schools