

## **Bond Election Talking Points**

- Schools in the Washington Elementary School District (WESD) belong to, serve and are supported by the community in which they are located.
- The community entrusts WESD to responsibly manage the fiscal resources of the District.
- WESD facilities are a tangible component of taxpayers' investment in children's education.
- In order to protect facilities and maximize their utility, WESD must conscientiously maintain, repair and renovate its buildings and sites.
- Facility project needs throughout the District have been identified and prioritized, with particular attention paid to issues of safety, code compliance and building system failure.
- Because state funding does not adequately support facility maintenance, essential funding is being sought through a school improvement bond election.
- According to research, the physical condition of school facilities impacts students' ability to learn and teachers' ability to instruct.
- Research also indicates a positive correlation between school quality and residential property values, with the characteristics and condition of facilities contributing to overall school quality.