

2016 Bond Task Force Update

2016 Bond Task Force Members

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Task Force Purpose

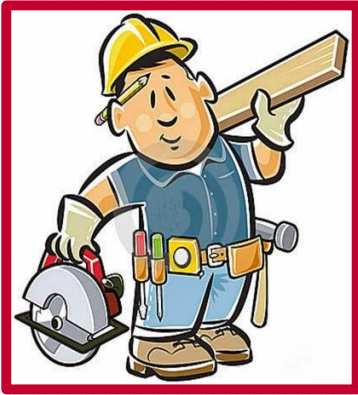
- **to consider the feasibility of having WESD hold a bond election in November 2016;**
- **to apply the District’s decision-making process, in conjunction with an interest-based process, in developing a comprehensive bond election recommendation; and**
- **to forward the resulting recommendation to the Superintendent and Governing Board for their consideration**

**Should a recommendation
be made to the WESD
Governing Board to call for
a bond election to take
place in November 2016?**





Sources of Capital Needs



Buildings

- Average age is 40 years
- Many will require extensive repair, renovation, system upgrades or rebuilding

Technology/Infrastructure

- Network cabling, as well as ports and switches, more than 15 years old
- Replacement parts not available for failing intercom and sound/presentation systems



Large Equipment/Pupil Transport Vehicles

- Many have met age/condition standards for replacement
- Repair parts not available



Determination of Capital Needs

- **School and department site improvement requests**
- **Consistent monitoring and periodic assessment of building conditions**
- **Evaluation of technology infrastructure needs**
- **Monitoring of large equipment and bus needs**
- **WESD Capital Improvement Plan**

Prioritization of Capital Needs



- Student safety
- Code compliance
- Age and condition of building systems and equipment
- Monitoring of large equipment and bus needs
- Availability of parts and ability to maintain equipment
- Alignment of capital needs with continuous improvement plans and strategic plan



Funding Sources to Address Capital Needs



- District Additional Assistance
- AZ School Facilities Board
- Leasing
- Grants/Donations

INSUFFICIENT

School Improvement Bonds

Capital Projects That Would Be Addressed in Proposed Bond Plan



Safety Projects



Technology



Building System Upgrades and Replacements



Site Upgrades



New Construction



Pupil Transportation

Estimated Tax Impact of Bond Authorization



Year	Estimated Total Bond Tax Rate
2015-2016	\$1.47 (actual)
2016-2017	\$1.35
2017-2018, if 2016 bond passes	\$1.32

The total bond tax rate is estimated to decline, even with a new bond authorization, as WESD pays down previous bonds and retires existing debt.

- **Marketability of schools**
- **Academic success of students**
- **Safety of students and staff**
- **Preparing students for the world and the future**
- **Enabling students to be competitive**
- **Accessibility and appeal of classrooms**
- **Attracting and retaining teachers**
- **Fiscal responsibility**
- **Allowing voters to have a voice**
- **Gaining the approval of parents**



- **Timely**
- **Legal**
- **Efficient**
- **Fiscally responsible**
- **Greatest chance of success**
- **Flexible**
- **Beneficial to both District and taxpayers**
- **Community support**



- **Option #1:** Recommend that a \$98 million bond election be held in November 2016.
- **Option #2:** Recommend that a \$112 million bond election be held in November 2016.
- **Option #3:** Recommend that a capital override election be held in November 2016.
- **Option #4:** Recommend that both a bond and a capital override election be held in November 2016.
- **Option #5:** Do nothing.
- **Option #6:** Hold off on making a recommendation until a community survey is done.



Evaluation of Options

- **Advantages/Disadvantages**
- **Alignment with Interest/Criteria**



Option #1: Recommend that a \$98 million bond election be held in 11/2016.

Advantages

- Can sell as continuation
- There is a proven need.
- To maintain quality schools, facilities
- Addresses safety
- Improves technology
- Considers/maintains tax burden
- Puts it to voters to decide
- Student retention
- Teacher retention
- Addresses state funding deficits
- Supports additional bonding capacity

Disadvantages

- Is it enough?
- Will it garner community support?
- Coming in on heels of Prop. 123
- Don't know how presidential turnout will impact vote
- Can we adequately get message out?

Conclusions

- **The WESD community entrusts the District to responsibly manage its fiscal resources; the District's effective management of prior bond authorization expenditures reflects its commitment to the task.**
- **In order to protect facilities and maximize their utility, WESD must conscientiously maintain and renovate its buildings and sites.**

- **Facility project needs throughout the District have been identified and prioritized, with critical attention paid to issues of safety, code compliance and building system failure.**
- **WESD's technology needs are significant, and meeting those needs is vital to providing educational opportunities that prepare "all students to become responsible, successful contributors to our diverse society."**
- **Because state funding is not sufficient to meet their capital needs, districts typically seek capital funding through voter-approved school improvement bonds.**

Bond Task Force Recommendation



- **\$98 million**
- **11/8/2016**

