

Talking Points Related to a Possible 2016 Bond Election

- 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's effective management of prior bond authorization expenditures reflects its commitment to the task.
- 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 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.
- 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.