

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. What is being referred to voters?

The Oakland School District has referred a proposed bond measure to the November 2023 ballot. If the measure passes, the bond would fund safety, security, and maintenance projects in schools throughout the district, upgrade the softball field, and replace the Washington school gym that is used for Lincoln Middle School sports, which, due to its very old age, has recently had its bathrooms and downstairs area condemned.

If passed, the bond measure would raise \$6 million based on an estimated \$1.15 per \$1,000 of assessed property value for 20 years.

The Oakland School District has also applied for a \$4 million matching grant through the statewide OSCIM program. If Oakland School District is included in that program and the bond measure is passed by voters in November, the state of Oregon would provide \$4 million in additional funds giving the District a total of \$10 million to fund capital improvement projects.

If the measure is not passed, property taxes would not increase and the proposed projects would not be completed.

### 2. What are the proposed projects?

If the measure passes, the Oakland School Board would work with Pivot Architects to evaluate projects that would be completed at all three schools in the Oakland School District.

If passed, the projects that would be funded by the measure are:

- Replace the Lincoln Middle School gym
- Construct secure entryways in all three schools in the district
- Add outdoor lighting for security
- Upgrade the softball field to bring it into Title IX compliance with the baseball field
- Pave some areas to increase parking abilities

### 3. If passed, when would the proposed Bond Measure begin?

If passed, the proposed bond would go into effect in January of 2024.

### 4. How much would it cost if the proposed bond measure passes?

If passed, the cost to property owners would be an estimated \$1.15 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

As an example, a property owner inside the Oakland School District with an assessed value of \$100,000 would pay a total of approximately \$115 per year, or an additional \$9.58 per month, if the measure passes. A property owner inside the Oakland School District with an assessed value of \$200,000 would pay a total of approximately \$230 per year, or an additional \$19.16 per month. If the measure is not passed, property taxes would not increase and the projects would not be completed.

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**5. If passed, could bond measure funds be used to provide pay raises for School Administrators or other school employees?**

State law prevents the bond funds from being spent on salaries for teachers or administrators.

**6. What is the difference between appraised value and assessed value?**

Assessed and appraised values define the worth of a home slightly differently from each other. Assessed values represent what the county uses to determine property taxes while the appraised value is a current market valuation, often used during the home sale process. To determine the assessed value of your home, visit [http://www.co.douglas.or.us/puboaa/puboaa\\_search.asp](http://www.co.douglas.or.us/puboaa/puboaa_search.asp)

**7. What is a General Obligation Bond (G.O. Bond)?**

G.O. Bonds are tax levies that, if passed by voters, would allow school districts, community colleges, cities, and counties to fund capital improvement projects that otherwise might not be completed with general fund dollars. G.O. Bonds voted on in May or November elections either pass or do not pass on a majority vote. 'Double majority' approval is not necessary in Primary or General Elections in the state of Oregon.