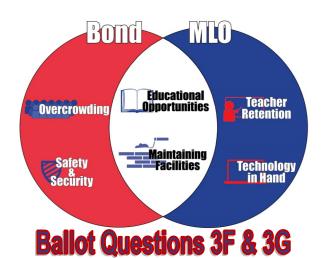


Bond & Mill Levy Override Election Proposals — Factual Summary

How the Proposals were Developed

In the spring of 2016, the district engaged in a multi stakeholder process to review the district's greatest needs and develop proposals to address those needs. The Citizen Task Force was comprised of over 50 parents, community members, and school staff members. Among other data points, stakeholders considered State funding cuts to education, the fact that Re-3J hasn't passed a tax increase since 2004, and the district's more than 20% increase in enrollment since the last tax increase. The Board of Education reviewed the unanimously approved proposals through multiple open session meetings. On August 24, the proposals, without alteration, were approved as ballot questions for the November 8, 2016 election.



Anticipated Benefits: How Funds Will Be Used For All Schools

HUDSON ACADEMY

<u>Bond</u>

Replacement of all classrooms

Maintenance of existing cafeteria and gym

Safety & Security Enhancements

STEM Lab & Art Room

MLO

Attract & Retain Quality Teachers

Replace outdated textbooks, materials & technology

Full Day Kindergarten / Reduce class sizes

Restore counseling & Gifted Services

Eliminate curriculum registration fee

LOCHBUIE

Bond

Build 2nd Elementary to alleviate overcrowding

Deferred Maintenance at Lochbuie Elementary

Safety & Security Enhancements

STEM Lab & Art Room

MLO

Attract & Retain Quality Teachers

Replace outdated textbooks, materials & technology

Full Day Kindergarten / Reduce class sizes

Restore counseling & Gifted Services

Eliminate curriculum registration fee

HOFF ELEMENTARY

Bond

Deferred Maintenance Projects

Cooling and shading of cafeteria

Safety & Security Enhancements

STEM Lab & Art Room

MLO

Attract & Retain Quality Teachers

Replace outdated textbooks, materials & technology

Full Day Kindergarten / Reduce class sizes

Restore counseling & Gifted Services

Eliminate curriculum registration fee

WELD CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Bond

Deferred Maintenance Projects

Redesigned Science Labs

Safety & Security Enhancements

STEM Lab & Art Room

MLO

Attract & Retain Quality Teachers

Replace outdated textbooks, materials & technology

Reduce class sizes

Replace Track and upgrade field

Eliminate curriculum registration fee

WELD CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Bond

Safety & Security Enhancements
Technology/Classroom enhancements
Distance learning classroom
Deferred Maintenance Projects / Replace Track
Central Campus sewer connection to Keenesburg
MLO

Attract & Retain Quality Teachers
Replace outdated textbooks, materials & technology
Restore electives such as AP
Eliminate curriculum registration fee

OTHER FUNDED PROJECTS

Bond

Water Treatment Systems
Energy efficiency upgrades (lighting, HVAC)
Parking Lot replacements / repairs
Replace Transportation Center, fueling station
CCA Deferred Maintenance Projects
MLO

Properly maintaining existing facilities
Replace outdated buses and equipment
Technology in students' hands
CCA program enhancements

What are the anticipated costs of the proposals?

The \$3.3 million mill levy override addresses the district's highest priorities and operating costs. It contains a 7-year sunset provision, which ensures accountability on how funds are used. Voters would likely be asked to reapprove the override near the end of the 7-year period. The estimated tax impact of the mill levy override is \$2.29 per month per \$100,000 of a home's actual value.

The **\$61 million** bond, with a 20-year payback term, addresses short and long term facility needs of the district. The estimated tax impact of the bond measure is **\$1.97 per month** per \$100,000 of a home's actual value.

What are those opposed saying?

- Given the uncertainty of assessed valuation, some voters are concerned about any tax measure being placed on the ballot.
- Some suggest that the district should further cut back on expenditures by reducing programs to free up money for building repairs, rather than increase revenues through more taxes
- Some believe the district should pursue grants or question why the state doesn't provide additional funding
- Taxpayers will pay more in property taxes next year if the two measures are approved

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What plans have been discussed by the Board if the measures are not approved?

- Hudson school closure
- Redraw boundaries for Hudson students to attend Hoff Elementary
- All 5th Grade Students transfer to Weld Central Middle School
- Program reductions at elementary and secondary levels
- Athletic reductions
- Electives reductions & increased class sizes
- Increased Fees

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