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No change in the current tax rate if voters approve Memphis Community Schools bond

Memphis Community Schools place a no-tax-rate increase bond proposal on the November ballot

Memphis Community Schools has placed a \$16.2 million bond proposal on the November 5 ballot. The proposal aims to address significant needs across the district, focusing on enhancing safety and security measures, improving educational spaces, and upgrading facility infrastructure at all school sites. If voters approve the bond proposal, the current tax rate will not increase.

"Most of the proposed projects relate to facility updates and replacing items that have reached the end of their useful life," said Superintendent of Schools, Sara Dobbelaer.

The proposed bond seeks to allocate funds towards several key areas:

Enhancing Safety and Security: With a priority on student safety, the bond proposal includes investments in security enhancements such as replacing fire alarm systems, improved access control measures, and safety infrastructure improvements at all school sites.

Improving Educational Spaces: Recognizing the importance of modern learning environments, funds will be used to renovate and upgrade classrooms and instructional spaces with a focus on digital media, robotics, music, arts, and athletics. These improvements aim to support innovative teaching methods and enhance the overall educational experience for students.

Upgrading Facility Infrastructure: The bond proposal also addresses infrastructure needs, including repairs and updates to temperature control systems, electrical systems, and building exteriors. These upgrades are integral to maintaining comfortable and functional learning environments conducive to student success.

Superintendent Dobbelaer emphasized the significance of the proposed bond initiative. "Our priority is to provide a safe, twenty-first century, and supportive learning environment for all students," she said. "This bond proposal allows us to address urgent infrastructure needs while enhancing safety measures and improving educational spaces across our school district."

Dobbelaer said that the school district will use a variety of methods to inform residents about the bond proposal. They will also post everything related to the election on their website (www.memphisk12.org).

Residents with questions are invited to contact Sara Dobbelaer via phone or email (810-535-8225, sdobbelaer@memphisk12.org).



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