Welcome!

Hopkins Public Schools

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2017 Referendum

What are we asking for?

★ **Question 1: Bond**
Details: A $30 million bond to provide funds necessary to **repair school sites and facilities**.

★ **Question 2: Capital Projects Levy**
Details: Combining our 2010 and 2013 capital projects levies into one with a slight increase. The **capital project levy supports technology and curriculum**.

★ **Question 3: Operating Referendum**
Details: Repeal the current **operating referendum levy** and replace it with a new 10-year levy to **support programs and services**.

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The Bottom Line: Your Tax Impact

Estimated Property Value	Question 1 Bond Issue $30,000,000	Question 2 Capital Project Levy $500,000	Question 3 Operating Levy Replace & Renew	Total Change Per Month
$150,000	$1.08	$0.42	$0	$1.50
$250,000	$2.08	$0.83	$0	$2.91
$350,000	$3.00	$1.25	$0	$4.25
$500,000	$4.42	$1.83	$0	$6.25
$600,000	$5.50	$2.33	$0	$7.83

Yellow highlight indicates median home value in Hopkins

Question 1: Bond

★ We are asking voters to authorize a **$30 million bond** to fund renovations and repairs to school sites and facilities.

- Approximately $6.9 million will be used to refinance our lease levy at a lower interest rate, at a cost savings to our taxpayers.
- If approved, the bond would **cost the average homeowner in our District $2 per month.**

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Bond Projects

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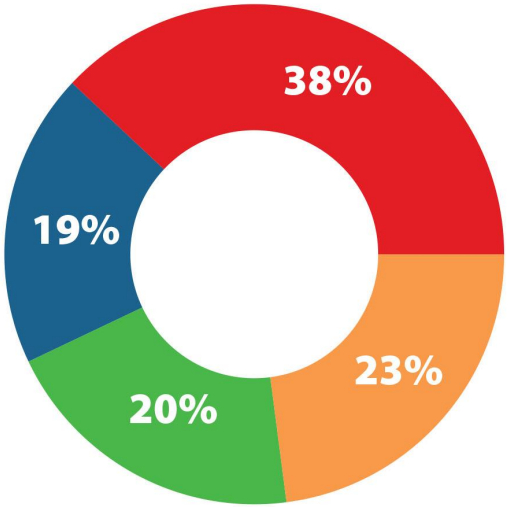

- **Expansions**
- **Refinance** Our Lease Levy
- **Renovate and Increase** Learning Spaces
- **Update** Common Areas and Recreational Facilities

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Expansions

★ **Meadowbrook Elementary - $7.4 million**

- Expand Meadowbrook Elementary by seven classrooms to meet demands of current enrollment.

★ **Hopkins High School - $3.77 million**

- Expand the cafeteria by 5,900 square-feet to allow for a single location for students to eat lunch.
- A slight reconfiguration to the kitchen will eliminate over-crowding in the food service line.

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★ **Increase Learning Spaces**

- $6.18 million will be used to update and increase learning spaces at the high school and both junior highs.
  - Learning labs at the junior high
  - Multi-purpose room at Hopkins High School

Renovate and Increase
Learning Spaces

Bond Projects

★ **Upgrades and renovations**

- $6.2 million is allocated to the following:
  - **Hopkins High School**
    - Upgrades to the locker rooms, stadium, and concessions at Hopkins High School.
    - Additional storage for the arts, athletics, and activities programs.
  - Improvements to the fields at **West Junior High**
  - Upgrades to the parking lot at **Glen Lake Elementary**

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Update Common Areas and Recreational Facilities

How does our bond compare?

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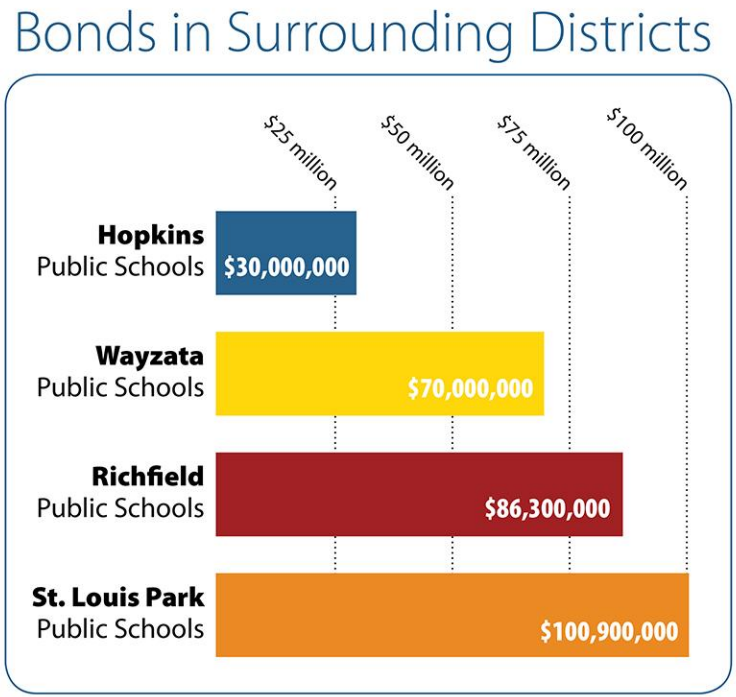

Question 2: Capital Projects Levy

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★ We are asking voters to repeal the 2010 and 2013 existing capital project levies, which currently generate **$9.4 million annually for curriculum and technology**, and combine them into one levy.

- The District is proposing a slight increase of less than half a percent (.44%), which would generate an additional $500,000 and will be used to expand the District's wireless network.
- If approved, this would **cost the average homeowner in our District $1 per month.**

What is the Capital Projects Levy?

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★ The capital projects levy is a vital resource to the innovation that is happening in the classroom every day.

- Projects supported through this levy allow Hopkins Public Schools to create **robust digital learning environments in our classrooms**, from preschool through high school.

The Capital Projects Levy also allows us to:

CAPITAL PROJECTS LEVY
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- ★ Purchase curriculum, instructional materials, and textbooks
- ★ Implement 1:1 digital device programs
- ★ Upgrade and replace technology equipment and infrastructure
- ★ Support teachers with the tools, materials, and expertise required for high-quality teaching.
- ★ Enhance students' interest and engagement, and communicate more with families.
- ★ … And more!

Hopkins Parents Support our Technology

★ In a 2016 survey, parents gave Hopkins technology a strong approval rating in all categories measured.

- **100 percent** of parents surveyed gave Hopkins Public Schools an **Excellent** or **Good** rating for its use of technology.
- **39 percent** of parents said technology in the classroom was **absolutely essential**, **46 percent** said **it was very important**.

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Question 3: Operating Levy

★ Voters will be asked to repeal the current operating referendum levy and replace it with a new, 10-year levy that keeps the per-student revenue amount the same.

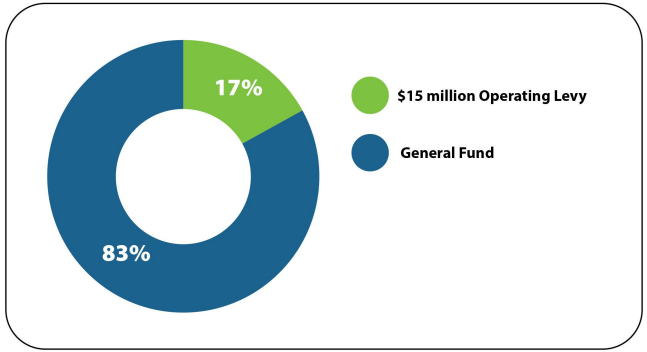
- This investment will continue to generate $15 million annually. **If approved, this would *not* have an additional tax impact on homeowners.**
- The levy would be in place for 10 years.

The Operating Levy and Our Budget

OPERATING LEVY
Continue the Excellence.

★ The operating levy provides critical funding and support to our general fund. Without it, we would need to reduce student services and staff, and increase class size.

Overall Budget



How you can encourage voting:

- ★ We need your support and enthusiasm!
- ★ Wear your “I Voted” sticker proudly. If you live in the District, please vote!
- ★ Vote early and tell everyone you did!
  - **Early Voting starts September 22!**
- ★ You can also:
  - Make calls during calling nights.
  - Be a referendum ambassador! When you talk, people listen!

Stay Informed!

★ We will continue to share details about the referendum through:

- Our website
- Information sessions
- Social media and newsletters

Questions?