

November 8, 2011 School Bond Referendum - FACT SHEET

School Bond Referendum November 8th

Loudoun County residents will be asked to vote on the method of funding the construction of four new schools and renovations to a current high school when they go to the polls on Tuesday, November 8th.

The projects to be voted upon include: two elementary schools (one in Moorefield Station and one in the Ashburn area), a middle school in the Ashburn area, a high school in the Ashburn area, and renovations at Park View High School.

The bond amount on the ballot is \$169,620,000. These projects will appear as ES-16, ES-22, MS-6, and HS-8 on the ballot.

Why Is Funding Needed?

Loudoun County Public Schools has been one of the fastest-growing school systems in America for more than a decade. In 1991, Loudoun County had 34 schools and 15,118 students. When school opened on August 29, 2011, LCPS will have 80 schools and an estimated 66,266 students.

According to the most recent Capital Improvements Plan adopted by the School Board and Board of Supervisors, enrollment in LCPS will be 69,323 students in 2012; 72,395 in 2013; and 75,011 in 2014.

Why Have Bonds Been Selected as the Method of Funding?

The Board of Supervisors has selected general obligation bonds as the method of funding these projects for Loudoun County Public Schools. General obligation bonds have historically been sold with a 20-year repayment schedule for construction projects. With these schedules, people moving into Loudoun will help pay for the schools that will be built for the county's increasing school population.

People ask, "What will happen if the school referendums are not approved?"

If the bond referendum is not approved, the Board of Supervisors must find other means of funding the construction of this school.

What Bond Referenda Have Funded

The following schools and renovation projects have been approved for bond funding on general election ballots (schools are listed in the year they were opened):

1997

- Potomac Falls High School
- Lowes Island Elementary
- Gymnasium for Catoctin Elementary and heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) upgrades for older schools
- Computer technology and equipment

1998

- Evergreen Mill Elementary
- Gymnasium, HVAC improvements and classrooms for Guilford Elementary
- Gymnasium, HVAC improvements and classrooms for Sully Elementary
- Temporary classrooms for Loudoun County High School and Rolling Ridge Elementary

1999

- Harper Park Middle School
- A six-classroom addition to Lucketts Elementary
- Replacement of the HVAC systems at Leesburg Elementary, Meadowland Elementary, J. Lupton Simpson Middle School and Seneca Ridge Middle School

2000

- Stone Bridge High School
- Little River Elementary
- Mill Run Elementary

- Classroom additions and paving of the parking lots at Blue Ridge, J. Lupton Simpson, Seneca Ridge and Sterling middle schools

2001

- Eagle Ridge Middle School
- Seldens Landing Elementary
- Classroom renovations and additions for Lovettsville Elementary
- Additions and renovations to Park View High School
- Classroom additions to Round Hill Elementary
- Nine portable classrooms

2002

- Heritage High School
- Harmony Intermediate School
- River Bend Middle School
- Forest Grove Elementary
- Hutchison Farm Elementary
- Additions and Renovations to Broad Run High School

2003

- Dominion High School
- Belmont Ridge Middle School
- Countryside Elementary
- Mountain View Elementary
- Frances Hazel Reid Elementary

2004

- Belmont Station Elementary
- Mercer Middle School
- Smart's Mill Middle School
- Renovations to Blue Ridge, Seneca Ridge, J. Lupton Simpson and Sterling middle schools
- Renovation and expansion of Loudoun County High School

- Purchase of land for two future elementary schools and two future middle schools

2005

- Briar Woods High School
- Freedom High School
- Newton-Lee Elementary

2006

- Renovation (Phase II) to Blue Ridge, Seneca Ridge, Simpson and Sterling Middle Schools
- Land Purchase – 2 Middle Schools & 1 High School

2007

- Arcola Elementary
- Rosa Lee Carter Elementary
- Stone Hill Middle School
- Sycolin Creek Elementary

2008

- Creighton's Corner Elementary
- Liberty Elementary School
- Steuart W. Weller Elementary School

2009

- Kenneth W. Culbert Elementary

2010

- Buffalo Trail Elementary
- Tuscarora High School
- Woodgrove High School

2011

- J. Michael Lunsford Middle School

2012

- Frederick Douglass Elementary School

Voting and Voter Registration

Polls will be open from 6 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 8th. Information on voting and polling places is available from the Loudoun County Voter Registration and Electoral Board at 801 Sycolin Road, SE, Suite 102, Leesburg 20175. The Voter Registration and Electoral Board phone number is 703-777-0548.

The deadline to register to vote is 5 p.m. Monday, October 17th.

Voter applications may be obtained at:

- Loudoun County Voter Registration Office
- Loudoun County Community Centers
- Loudoun County Public Libraries
- Offices of the Loudoun County Commissioner of the Revenue
- Offices of the Loudoun County Treasurer
- DMV Offices

Applications may be submitted in person or by mail. The General Registrar's office also supplies absentee ballots to eligible voters upon request. A voter registration form is available on the Virginia State Board of Elections Web site as is the application for an absentee ballot.

QUESTION: Shall the County of Loudoun, Virginia contract a debt and issue its general obligation capital improvement bonds in the maximum amount of \$169,620,000 to finance in whole or in part, the cost to design, construct and equip the new Moorefield Station Elementary School (ES-16), Ashburn Area Elementary School (ES-22), Ashburn Area Middle School (MS-6), Ashburn Area High School (HS-8), and Park View High School Renovation?

- YES
- NO



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