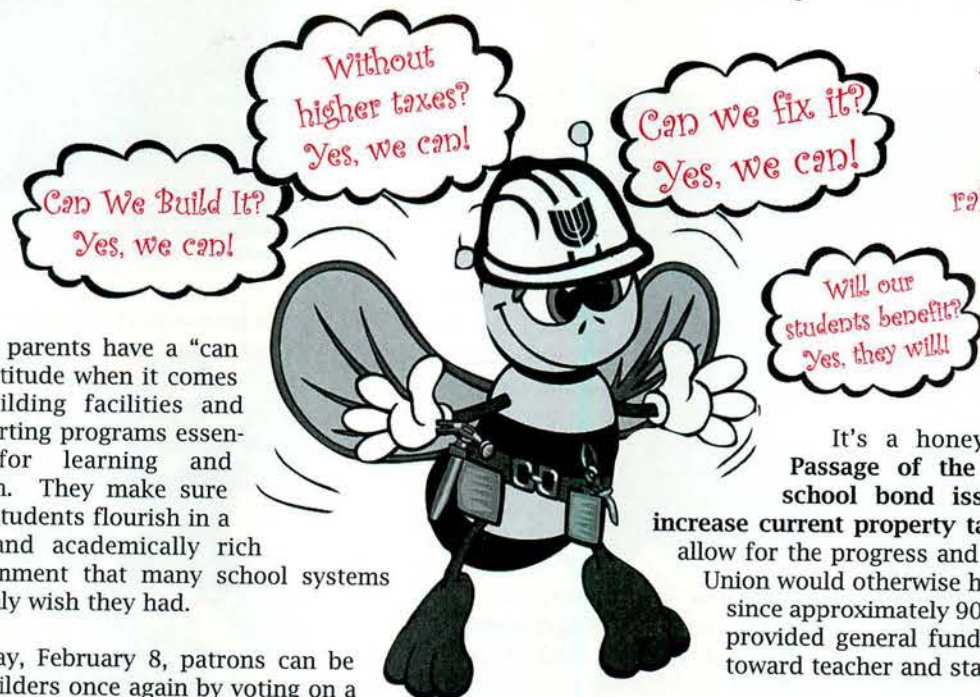




# -Bee the Builder February 8!



Union parents have a "can do" attitude when it comes to building facilities and supporting programs essential for learning and growth. They make sure their students flourish in a safe and academically rich environment that many school systems can only wish they had.

Tuesday, February 8, patrons can be the builders once again by voting on a school bond issue that would complete two major construction projects, allow maintenance at current facilities, provide textbooks and equipment districtwide and address the items parents and staff on each school's bond project committee listed as priorities.

It's a honey of a deal! Passage of the February 8 school bond issue will not increase current property taxes, but will allow for the progress and maintenance Union would otherwise have to forego since approximately 90% of its state-provided general fund money goes toward teacher and staff salaries.

Another important item on the February 8 ballot is the Zone #5 Board of Education seat. Residents who live within the boundaries of Zone #5 (see map inside) will select a replacement for Bill Bruner, who is retiring after completing more than two terms.

## \$13-Million February 8, 2005, Bond Issue Overview

Construction, furnishing and equipping of a new elementary school .....	\$4,340,000
Construction of Phase 2 of the 8th Grade Center, including furniture, fixtures, equipment, enlarged commons, upgraded corridors and classrooms ..	\$3,540,000
Construction of Phase 2 building at the 8th Grade Center to include coaches' offices, weight room for physical education classes, soccer dressing rooms, public restrooms and concessions.....	\$500,000
Construction of a cooling tower at 6th/7th Grade Center .....	\$150,000
Acquisition and installation of security surveillance system at the High School Fine Arts wing .....	\$200,000
Installation of additional lockers at the 6th/7th Grade Center .....	\$83,600
Acquisition of computer upgrades for one-third of the teaching staff.....	\$286,400
Textbooks and software; asphalt and concrete repairs; fence repairs; operations, transportation and support services equipment; musical instruments; athletic and spirit uniforms; contingency and fees.....	\$3,900,000
Total.....	\$13,000,000

Make a beeline to the polls! Remember to vote Tuesday, February 8!



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## Make a Beeline to the Polls Tuesday, Feb. 8!

### Voter Registration

Voter registration books close Friday, January 14 (24 days prior to the election). Completed registration forms must be postmarked by January 14. You can obtain a registration form at any Union school site, the Union Education Service Center, or the Tulsa County Election Board. For more information, call the Tulsa County Election Board at 596-5780.

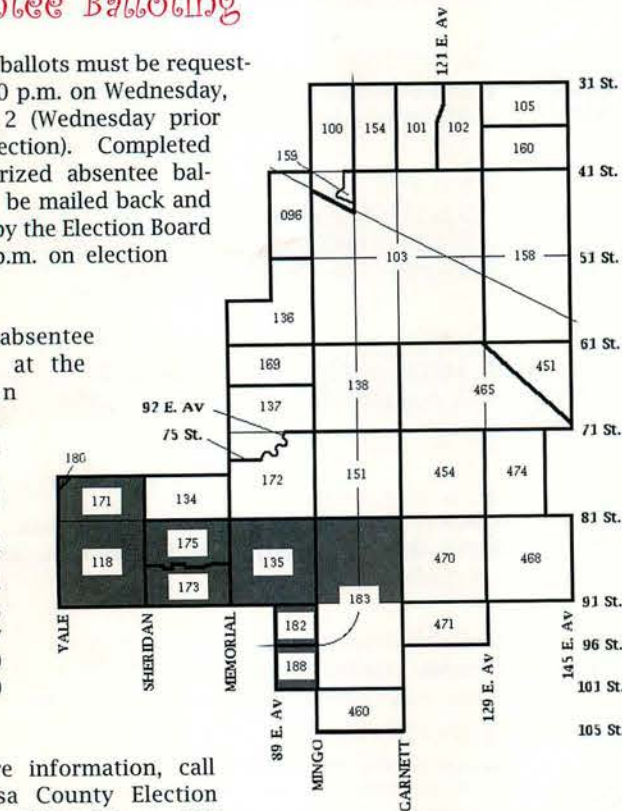
### Absentee Balloting

Absentee ballots must be requested by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 2 (Wednesday prior to the election). Completed and notarized absentee ballots must be mailed back and received by the Election Board by 7:00 p.m. on election day.

Walk-In absentee balloting at the Election Board office (555 N. Denver) is Friday, February 4, and Monday, February 7, 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

For more information, call the Tulsa County Election Board at 596-5766 or 596-5780.

Shaded area of map represents Board Zone #5 boundaries.



### Precinct Polling Places & Addresses

Every ten years, following the Federal Decennial Census, election precinct boundaries are realigned. In accordance with state law, precinct boundaries must adhere to all Congressional, State Senate, State House and County Commission district lines. If your precinct number or your polling place has changed, you should have received notification and a new voter registration card from the Election Board. Please be sure to check the map below and the precinct listing at left. If you have any questions, please call the Tulsa County Election Board at 596-5780.

- 96 Regency Park Nazarene Church, 8707 E. 51
- 100 Hicks Community Center, 3443 S. Mingo Rd.
- 101 Garnett Church of Christ, 12000 E. 31
- 102 Briarglen Elementary School, 3303 S. 121 E. Ave.
- 103 Rockwood Village, 4130 S. 104 E. Ave.
- 105 Boevers Elementary School, 3433 S. 133 E. Ave.
- 118 Helmerich Library, 5131 E. 91
- 134 Central Church of the Nazarene, 7291 E. 81
- 135 Calvary Bible Church, 8555 E. 91
- 136 Volunteers of America of OK, 9605 E. 61
- \*137 UMAC (Union Multipurpose Activity Center), 6836 S. Mingo Rd.
- \*138 Asbury United Methodist, 6767 S. Mingo
- 151 Union Intermediate High, 7616 S. Garnett; B.A.
- 154 Cornerstone Family Church, 3434 S. Garnett Rd.
- 158 The Church at Battle Creek, 3025 N. Aspen Ave., B.A.
- \*159 Rockwood Village, 4130 S. 104 E. Ave.
- \*160 Tulsa City-County Health Dept, 5051 S. 129 E. Ave.
- 169 Country Club of Woodland Hills, 6333 S. 91 E. Ave.
- 171 Bethany Christian Church, 6730 S. Sheridan Rd.
- 172 Woodland Terrace, 9524 E. 71 Street
- 173 Heatheridge Baptist Church, 6901 E. 91 Street
- 175 Living Oaks Baptist Church, 8855 E. 91 Street
- 180 Alterra Sterling House, 6022 E. 71 Street
- 182 Forest Park Christian Church, 9102 S. Mingo
- \*183 Tulsa Community College SE, 10300 E. 81 Street
- \*188 Hardesty Regional Library, 8316 E. 93 Street
- \*451 The Church at Battle Creek, 3025 N. Aspen Ave., B.A.
- 454 Forest Hills Assisted Living, 4304 W. Houston; B.A.
- 460 Tulsa Tech S.E. Campus, 4600 S. Olive; B.A.
- 465 Union 8th Grade Center, 6501 S. Garnett; B.A.
- 468 Life Baptist Church, 1200 S. Olive; B.A.
- 470 St Michael's Episcopal Church, 8837 S. Garnett; B.A.
- 471 Cedar Ridge Christian Church, 4010 W. New Orleans; B.A.
- 474 Peters Elementary School, 2900 W. College

\* new polling place 2004-2005



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## Past Bond Issue Performance

The District Treasurer consistently monitors how bond funds are spent, and the Board of Education provides oversight and final approval of all bond expenditures on a monthly basis. Most bond project dollars must be spent within three years from the time the bonds are sold. Bond funds can only be allocated for capital expenditures and long-lasting equipment that has been approved by more than 60% of the voters.

This is the list of projects and purchases approved on Union's last two bond issues. All except those with an asterisk have been completed.

### 2003 Bond Issue - (Funds received in 2003)

Site	Project	Estimated Cost
6th/7th Grade	Keyboarding lab upgrade .....	\$ 45,000
	Clavinovas for vocal music .....	6,000
	Wall tile .....	40,000
8th Grade	Repaint gym floor game lines .....	1,500
	*Building remodeling .....	6,000,000
	Computer application labs .....	90,000
	Broadcasting studio upgrade .....	2,500
	Wireless laptop computers .....	11,400
	*Soccer field restrooms, concession & locker rooms .....	150,000
	Cafeteria freezer/cooler .....	8,000
	Cafeteria fryer .....	7,500
Andersen	Security camera .....	6,000
	Heating/air upgrade .....	65,000
Athletics/Spirit	Softball equipment .....	6,400
	Track equipment .....	5,000
	Wrestling mats, wall mats & heaters .....	36,000
	Athletic & spirit uniforms .....	70,000
	Artificial turf cleaning machine .....	30,000
	Electrical service upgrade at stadium .....	100,000
Boevers	Televisions .....	6,000
	Cafeteria freezer/cooler .....	8,000
Briarglen	Accelerated Reader materials .....	12,000
	Fire alarm system upgrade .....	55,000
	Cafeteria freezer/cooler .....	8,000
	Tables .....	9,500
	Restroom flooring .....	5,000
Cedar Ridge	Security camera system .....	6,000
Clark	Classroom furniture .....	5,000
	Magnetic/white boards .....	16,000
	Gym safety mats .....	5,000
	Heating/air upgrade .....	45,000
Darnaby	Teacher desks & bookshelves .....	8,000
	Storage cabinets .....	5,000
	Heating/air upgrade .....	65,000
Districtwide	Site allocations .....	155,000
	Textbooks .....	750,000
	Land for future development .....	1,500,000
	Food service equipment and software .....	51,000
	Transportation routing software .....	65,000
	Bond consultant fees .....	101,800
	Contingency fund .....	750,000
	Band and orchestra instruments .....	5,000
	Supplemental band uniform jackets .....	4,750
	Operations equipment .....	35,000
	Sidewalk and concrete replacement .....	20,000
	Ceiling tile upgrades .....	5,250
	Fencing replacement .....	15,000
	Softwater upgrades to kitchens .....	20,000
	Warehouse freezer/cooler condensers .....	110,000

## A Message From Dr. "Bee"

Dear Union Friends,

Thank you for your continuing support of Union schools. Our students deserve a safe and well-equipped learning environment, and citizen support on annual bond issues makes that possible. Good schools contribute to the strength of a community in many ways including enhanced property value for homeowners. Union continues to attract families who want excellent learning opportunities for their children, and we also continue to attract the best in faculty and staff by providing the facilities and tools that enable them to produce a quality product.

Union's student population is nearing the 14,000 mark. Therefore, additional classroom space and equipment are necessary each year to accommodate that growth. However, the district is careful not to impose new taxes on our community. This bond issue will not raise taxes but is critical to



Union serves 13,969 students in grades PreK-12.

the community's desire to provide lower class sizes districtwide, all-day kindergarten, neighborhood elementary schools, and classrooms at the secondary level. Bond issue dollars are the only resource available to schools to make these capital improvements since state funding goes almost exclusively to pay teacher and staff salaries.

By working to provide mutual benefit to the community and schools, Union has enjoyed a history of positive citizen support. Successful students and quality programs provide testimony to the good investment that our patrons have made in Union Public Schools. I encourage you to keep the tradition going with your vote on February 8.

Sincerely,

*Cathy Burden, Ph.D.*  
Cathy Burden, Ph.D.  
Superintendent

### 2003 Bond Issue - (Funds received in 2003) Cont.

Site	Project	Estimated Cost
Districtwide (Cont.)	Reel mower .....	18,000
	Range wing mower .....	40,000
	Transportation maintenance shop equipment .....	10,000
Fine Arts	Fine Arts Plaza .....	500,000
Grove	Cafeteria refrigerator .....	5,000
	Heating/air upgrade .....	150,000
High School	Cognitive Tutor math program .....	55,000
	Social studies computer lab .....	65,000
	Roof replacement adjacent to Fine Arts addition .....	165,000
	Emergency power to intercom system .....	2,000
	Two-way radios .....	18,000
	UPAC stage lighting controller .....	17,000
	UPAC wireless mike replacements .....	9,000
	Fire alarm upgrade .....	140,000
	Kitchen fire suppression system upgrade .....	4,000
	Cafeteria refrigerator & fryer .....	10,000
	Repaint gym floor game lines .....	2,500
	Cognitive Tutor math program .....	134,000
	Math labs (2) and general curriculum lab upgrades .....	50,000
	Repaint gym floor game lines .....	1,500
	Public address system for gym .....	15,000
	Refurbish tennis courts .....	100,000
Jarman	Cafeteria tables .....	12,000
	Heating/air upgrade .....	30,000
McAuliffe	Cafeteria tables .....	12,000
	Resurface bicycle path .....	35,000
	Heating/air upgrade .....	45,000
Media/Libraries	Books, equipment, technology .....	105,500
Moore	Blackout shades for media center .....	25,000
	Repaint gym floor game lines .....	1,500
	Science lab tables .....	5,000
	Flooring replacement .....	10,000
	Heating/air upgrade .....	65,000
	WAN/LAN bandwidth expansion .....	1,500,000
	Software .....	250,000
	Media center technology upgrades .....	182,300

### 2003 Bond Issue - (Funds received in 2003) Cont.

Site	Project	Estimated Cost
Technology (Cont.)	Special education software and equipment .....	53,000
	Professional development wireless lab ..	10,000
	Internet/Intranet software and equipment .....	22,000
	Phonemaster upgrade .....	23,000
	Teacher computer upgrades .....	494,000
	*Optical storage .....	100,000
	Laptop computers for telecommunications, HVAC and electronics departments ..	14,000
	Technology equipment .....	2,500
	Art equipment and software .....	5,000
	Music equipment and software .....	10,600
UMAC	Construction .....	98,500
	Fixtures, furniture, equipment .....	661,500
	Stage lighting, intelligent lighting and follow spotlights .....	190,000
	<b>Total:</b> .....	<b>\$16,000,000</b>

\* Items not completed

### 2004 Bond Issue - (Funds received in 2004)

Site	Project	Estimated Cost
6/7th Grade	Security cameras .....	\$ 15,000
	Pool area frames & door replacement ..	10,000
	Carpet & VCT replacement .....	165,000
	*Re-key building .....	20,000
	Flooring under electric water coolers ..	15,000
	*Two-way radios .....	5,000
	*Broadcasting project .....	5,500
8th Grade	Security cameras .....	12,000
Alternative	Office area RTU upgrade .....	45,000
Andersen	Resurface playground .....	12,500
	Roof replacement .....	420,000
	Crack repair and reseal parking lot .....	85,000
	Cooling tower replacement .....	85,000

### 2004 Bond Issue - (Funds received in 2004) Cont.

Site	Project	Estimated Cost
Athletics/Spirit	*Wrestling area remodel .....	300,000
	Track/Cross country area remodel. ....	150,000
	*Athletic uniforms .....	50,000
	*Softball/baseball hitting cages upgrade ..	25,000
	*Gymnastics equipment .....	12,360
	Spirit uniforms .....	50,000
Boevers	*Wall cabinets .....	24,750
	Carpet & VCT replacement .....	41,000
Briarglen	Sounds system .....	8,000
	Carpet & VCT replacement .....	41,000
Cedar Ridge	Track for playground .....	25,000
	Crack repair & reseal parking lot .....	10,000
Clark	Carpet & VCT replacement .....	41,000
	Crack repair & reseal parking lot .....	10,000
Darnaby	Carpet & VCT replacement .....	41,000
Districtwide	*Elementary school #12 .....	7,500,000
	*Land for elementary .....	2,000,000
	Defibrillators (25) .....	62,500
	*Textbooks .....	750,000
	*Computer labs (5) .....	260,000
	*Technology .....	200,000
	Time & Attendance/Sub Calling, Ph. 1 ..	375,000
	*Teacher computer upgrades .....	360,000
	*Library books for all sites .....	95,000
	*Contingency & fees .....	1,500,000
Fine Arts	Fine Arts addition/Stadium Plaza Phase 2 .....	175,000
	*Musical instruments .....	50,000
	*Equipment/software for art/vocal .....	40,000
	UPAC dressing rooms/stage repainting and repair .....	7,500
Grove	Carpet & VCT replacement .....	41,000
	Security cameras .....	12,000
High School	*Business lab .....	52,000
	Music lab .....	71,000
	*TV Studio .....	109,724
	Replace air compressors in boiler rooms ..	7,000
	Parking lot asphalt repairs, Phase 1 .....	40,000
Intermediate	Gym floor refinish .....	80,000
	*Student desks .....	30,000
	Lockers .....	20,000
	Roof replacement, Phase 1 of 3 .....	600,000
	*Re-key building .....	25,000
	Fire alarm system upgrade .....	180,000
	Upstairs magnetic lock upgrade .....	12,000
McAuliffe	Replace cooling tower .....	85,000
Moore	*Computer lab .....	24,000
Peters	*Computer lab (6 stations) .....	24,000
	Carpet & VCT replacement .....	41,000
	Replace gym carpet with flooring .....	20,000
Support Services	*Sidewalk/concrete repairs .....	20,000
	*Fencing repairs .....	10,000
	Operations equipment .....	20,000
	*Grounds equipment .....	40,000
	*Custodial equipment .....	45,000
	Freezer .....	205,000
	*Misc. emergency equip. replacement ..	20,000
	Softwater upgrade to kitchens .....	20,000
	Bus video recorder replacement .....	6,000
	Shop equipment .....	10,000
UMAC	Arena staging .....	87,166
	Portable stage system .....	15,000
	Plexiglass lecterns, covers & carts. ....	4,000
	<b>Total:</b> .....	<b>\$17,000,000</b>

\* Items not completed

### the Communicator

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## Frequently Asked Questions

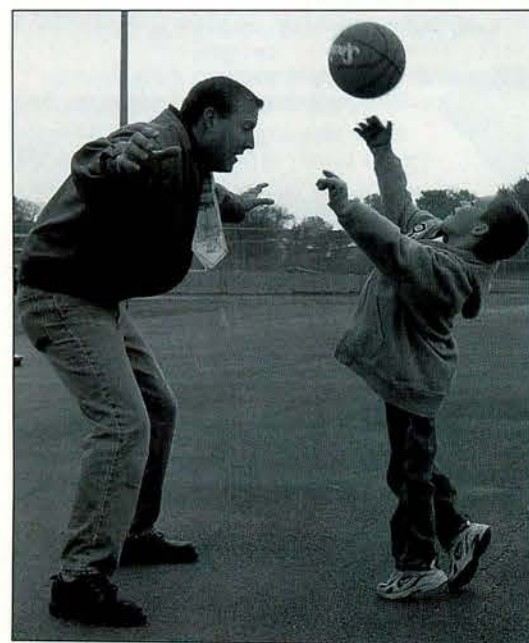
**Q. Why is passage of this bond proposition important to Union?**

A. The district's general fund is for salaries, utilities and other recurring operating expenses. It is through the issuance of bonds that Union is able to pay for capital expenditures such as textbooks, instructional technology, equipment and construction. That is why you see those items on bond propositions almost every year. Without bond propositions, the district would have to tap into its general fund to pay for the facilities and instructional tools our children need, leaving little money to hire teachers or conduct daily operations.



**Q. How will passage of this bond proposition affect my taxes?**

A. This is not a tax increase. Because the district pays off existing bonds and its property base continues to grow, that portion of estimated ad valorem tax attributed to Union Public Schools is not expected to increase with passage of the bond proposition.



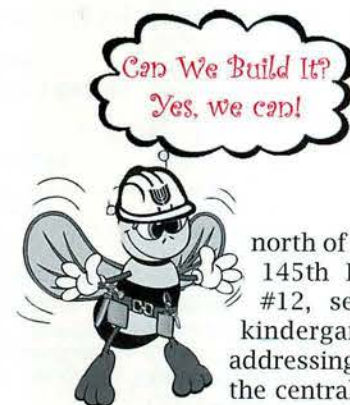
**Q. Why is my vote important?**

A. Contrary to most elections in which a simple majority carries an issue, state law requires school bond propositions to pass by a 60% super majority. This makes each vote that much more critical. Please remember to cast your ballot February 8!

**Q. Where do I vote?**

A. Vote at your regular polling place used in county, state, and national elections. If you are unsure where to vote, please call the Tulsa County Election Board office at 596-5780. Polls are open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## Building the Hive February 8, 2005...



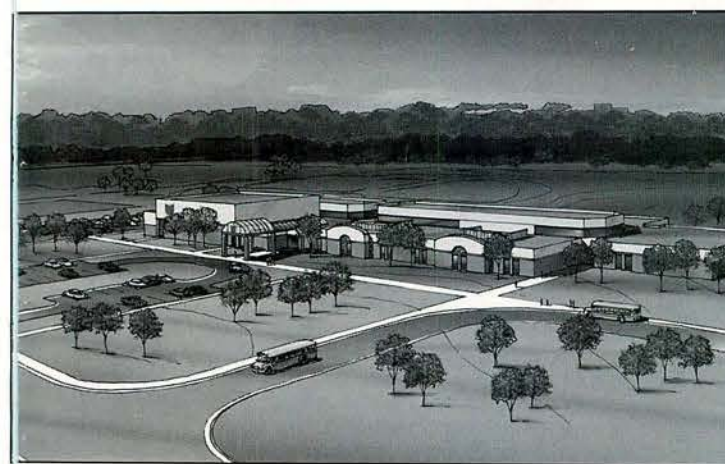
...Unfinished Business at Elementary #12 & the Eighth Grade Center

Thanks to overwhelming support at the polls last year, land has been purchased north of 51st Street between 129th and 145th East Avenues for Elementary #12, setting the stage for full-day kindergarten districtwide and for addressing elementary student growth in the central and northern portions of the district.

A successful February 8 bond issue will enable the district to make required improvements to the site, such as removing surface rock in certain sections and building an access road to 145th E. Avenue, as well as completing construction, classroom fixtures and furniture for the new school. The opening is on target for the 2006-2007 school year.

Another major construction project that depends on your vote February 8 is completion of renovation at the 23-year-old Union Eighth Grade Center, which currently houses nearly 1,100 students, and a separate building for offices, restrooms, dressing rooms and a weight room at the adjoining soccer field used districtwide throughout the year.

The addition of 27,112 square feet, made possible through funds from the 2004 bond issue and the proposed 2005 issue, will net eleven new classrooms, nine new science labs and a media center three times as large as the current one. Phase II projects will include much-needed paint, flooring, updated classrooms and the addition of space to the commons area.



Elementary #12 will be ideally located in the middle of a section of property north of 51st Street between 129th and 145th East Avenues. The 72,000 square-foot school was designed with input from parents, teachers and staff using the best features of Union's other elementary schools.

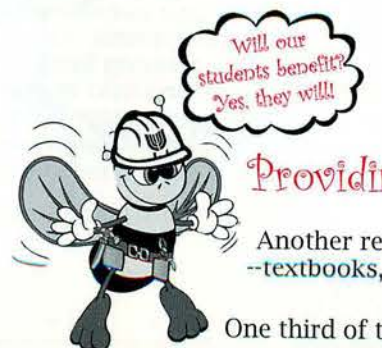


### Maintaining Assets

Realizing that the wonderful buildings and property Union owns are a major patron investment, regular maintenance and security are essential. That is why you will see items such as roof, asphalt, concrete, fence and chiller repairs on bond issues when needed. Security cameras for buses and facilities that don't already have them are on the list as well.



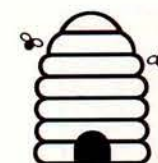
A rendering of the proposed Eighth Grade Center addition that includes eleven new classrooms, nine new science labs and a media center three times as large as the current one. The February 8 issue calls for renovation of existing classrooms and hallways.



### Providing much-needed books & equipment

Another reason Union has a bond issue each year is to provide students and teachers with basic tools--textbooks, library books, computers, instructional software and equipment.

One third of the district's teachers are scheduled to receive updated computers and several outdated student computer labs will be brought up-to-date. Web-based software will help to assess reading comprehension for students in grades one through 12, providing valuable information for teachers.



### Vision 2025

Classroom fixtures, furniture and equipment; library books; high school TV studio equipment; two 8th grade curriculum labs and elementary #12 library books

### Districtwide

Textbooks; teacher computer upgrades; software for reading assessment; special education assistive technology; data analysis software updates/support/ training; & bond fees

### Elementary #12

Construction completion, site improvements, equipment & furniture

### Andersen Elementary

Site allocation; chiller overhaul; teacher computer upgrades; software for reading assessment; special education assistive technology

### Boevers Elementary

Site allocation; security surveillance system, exterior lighting; teacher computer upgrades; software for reading assessment; special education assistive technology

### Briarglen Elementary

Site allocation; computer lab upgrade; teacher computer upgrades; software for reading assessment; special education assistive technology

### Cedar Ridge Elementary

Site allocation; computer lab upgrade; teacher computer upgrades; software for reading assessment; special education assistive technology

### Clark Elementary

Site allocation; computer lab upgrade; chiller overhaul; teacher computer upgrades; software for reading assessment; special education assistive technology

### Darnaby Elementary

Site allocation; teacher computer upgrades; software for reading assessment; special education assistive technology

### Grove Elementary

Site allocation; teacher computer upgrades; software for reading assessment; special education assistive technology

### Jarman Elementary

Site allocation; security surveillance system; teacher computer upgrades; software for reading assessment; special education assistive technology

### McAuliffe Elementary

Site allocation; teacher computer upgrades; software for reading assessment; special education assistive technology

### Moore Elementary

Site allocation; computer lab upgrades; ELL hardware/software; teacher computer upgrades; software for reading assessment; special education assistive technology

### Peters Elementary

Site allocation; computer lab upgrade; teacher computer upgrades; software for reading assessment; special education assistive technology



