

## **\$700,000 Bond Proposal**

The Verden Board of Education is proposing a combined \$700,000 bond issue for the public's approval on Tuesday, March 5. There will be two propositions: the first in the amount of \$640,000 for the purpose of capital improvements, and the second in the amount of \$60,000 for transportation.

**Election Date:** March 5, 2019

**Poling Places:** All regular polling precincts

**Polls Open:** 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### **Proposition #1 \$640,000**

- **Air condition the gymnasium.** The Verden gymnasium is the only facility large enough to house many of the functions held on campus. From late March until early November the heat in the building makes these functions very uncomfortable. The budgeted cost of this project is **\$350,000**.
- **Carpet the hallways and elementary classrooms.** The carpets throughout the campus have become very worn and in some cases stretched. The budgeted cost for replacing all existing carpets is **\$94,000**.
- **LED lighting district-wide.** Replacing every light on campus with LED lights would save the district approximately \$8,000 per year on utilities, as the new technology is much more energy efficient. The budgeted cost for the lighting is **\$51,000**.
- **Student furniture.** Much of the furniture that our students use is in very poor shape. Many desk supports have been repaired by the Vo-Ag classes, but desks are still missing book racks, are bent out of shape, and seats are cracked. The average cost of a new student desk is approximately \$200. The budgeted amount for this project is **\$42,000**.
- **Copiers/Printers.** Copiers and printers are essential pieces of equipment for a school. All the copiers on campus are at least 5 years old, and some are so old that parts for repair are no longer available. The budgeted amount for copiers/printers is **\$35,000**.
- **Student iPads.** In order to perpetuate the student iPad program that has been a part of Verden Schools for the past 5 years, annually the district must replace outdated and damaged devices. This bond issue would support the iPad program for another three years. The budgeted amount for iPads is **\$25,000**.
- **Cafeteria Tables.** Not only are some of the cafeteria tables broken, but we do not have enough tables to properly seat all the students that we feed in the morning. The budgeted amount for cafeteria tables is **\$25,000**.
- **Projectors.** Nearly all of the projectors in the elementary are in need of replacement. The budgeted amount for projectors is **\$10,000**.
- **Bell System.** The bell system in the elementary is in constant need of repair. The budgeted amount for a bell system is **\$8,000**.

### **Proposition #2 \$60,000**

- **14-Passenger Activity Bus.** A 14-passenger activity bus would allow teachers to take students to events without using the large route buses. Another advantage to this type of bus is the fact that a CDL or bus driving certification is not required to drive it, freeing up our certified bus drivers to stay at school when these types of activities take place.