



Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why Does Weatherford Public Schools need a bond issue?

- Infrastructure investments in and across Weatherford are making our great city an even better place to live. So that we can complete the package, the district needs to make facility improvements that will continue the progress made by the city. Weatherford Public Schools is asking voters to invest in students so that we can provide the best all-around education to every student in the district. This bond issue covers 4 A's: Academics, Ag, Arts and Athletics but also includes security, technology and transportation.

2. Why do both East and West Elementary Schools need to be re-built?

- Both East and West have been around since President Eisenhower was in office. While we are excited about being a growing district, this presents a facility challenge. We do not have the space to accommodate the growth. Both school sites will be reconfigured in the bond issue to accommodate for the growth. Additionally, the buildings are not ADA compliant, have plumbing issues, leaky roofs, there are not enough restrooms to meet the needs of the population, today's technology needs are not supported by 1950s electrical wiring and capacity and there are not secured entrances necessary in today's world.

3. What is included in the Middle School in this bond issue?

- Our middle school is in desperate need of new tile flooring in the hallways and bathrooms. The tile is worn out, irreplaceable and has been in the building for 20+ years. Because of our growth, the Middle School also has crowding issues. The 5th and 6th grade center at East will allow us to have a 7th & 8th grade Middle School which alleviates the overcrowding conditions and would greatly reduce the number of students who have to walk across the street (Broadway) to get to a classroom.



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- 4. What security improvements are including in this bond issue?**
 - In addition to providing safe entry points for both East and West elementary sites, all school sites will have secure entry and exit systems as well as security cameras.
- 5. The technology improvements are included in this bond issue?**
 - Both East and West's technology capacity will be built to today's standards and with room to meet the future technology needs. Additionally, the bond issue will also replace outdated computers and programs across the district.
- 6. Why does the Ag Program need a new barn?**
 - Weatherford has one of the best Ag ED Programs/FFA Chapters in the state of Oklahoma. With the barn in it's current state, there is no room for the program to grow/add new members. The current barn is outdated and the building cannot be heated in the bitter cold winters. It also doesn't have the capacity or infrastructure to accommodate today's technology needs of the agriculture industry.
- 7. The Band Uniforms and Equipment don't look too bad from far away, why do they need replacing?**
 - Some of our band instruments are up to 40 years old. Some of the instruments can no longer be repaired and the sound quality is poor. Upon close inspection, the uniforms are fraying, missing buttons and the baldricks can no longer be worn because they are beyond repair.
- 8. Why is it important to update the busses?**
 - Transportation of our students is not only a necessity for many of them to get to school, but it is also a critical component in safety. Just like our individual cars need to be replaced with a new one, so that we are safe on the road, we must continue to replace our bus fleet with new ones. This bond issue will replace approximately 8 - 10 of our oldest busses.



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- 9. How much is the bond issue?**
 - The bond issue is \$55.68 million.
- 10. Is there a tax increase with this bond issue?**
 - Yes, there is a small tax increase of 10%. For most people, cutting out a cup of coffee each month will equal the total of the tax increase in a year.
- 11. When do we vote on the bond issue?**
 - August 28th from 7:00am to 7:00pm at your regular polling place.
- 12. How much does the bond issue need to pass?**
 - School bond issues require a 60 percent majority to pass. That means that 60 percent of the people who vote in the election have to support the bond issue in order for it to pass. For Weatherford Public School voters, they need to pass both of the propositions on the ballot by 60 percent.
- 13. What happens if the bond issue does not pass?**
 - The district cannot support students with updated technology, security, improved academics, ag, arts or athletics. WPS would have to continue incurring high maintenance costs and the problems will not go away, they would only get worse and cost more money in the long term.