Superintendent Jarod Mendenhall, Ed.D.

Sincerely,

us! It takes all of us to move beyond our comfort zone and step out by being bold

Our bond issue at www.muskogeeps.org

through the school district’s sinking fund in twelve years. You can find more about

schools across the state. More specifically, it will allow us to provide our students a

This is a $110 million proposal which will increase the millage from 20 mills to

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We also have much more potential and the opportunity to accelerate that pace! Many of our school buildings are

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Outstanding Color Guard Coach of 2019. We have

so much to be proud of here in Muskogee!

MADE FOR MORE

Muskogee, home of the Roughers! We have

state softball championship titles. MHS

computers for every child in the district,

and appropriately placed on the site to accommodate sixth grade students. The entire building

accommodate for athletics and fine arts. A new egress will be designed and

constructed so there is more than one entry and exit out of the facility. The overall

accommodation for better traffic flow. New windows and new HVAC systems will

be installed to help with better ventilation throughout the building.

A new multipurpose auxiliary space will be constructed with restrooms to

and a new secure front entry, College and Career Services offices, and administrative

offices will be constructed.

An expansive building will connect the entire campus together extending from the

Performing Arts Center to the media center. The current ‘B Unit’ will be removed and

a new secure front entry, College and Career Services offices, and administrative

offices will be constructed.

The current New Tech facility, gymnasium, and fine arts spaces will be

renovated into a Freshman Academy. A new outdoor entry will be constructed to

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This new secure front entry with outdoor lighting will be designed to ensure better safety and security.

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to accommodate inclement weather. A new secure front entry will be designed to

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WHY IS MPS PROPOSING A NEW BOND?
The 2019 MPS Student Investment Plan is the recommendation of the 31 community members on the Long Range Planning committee. After months of facility review, funding research, and community input, the committee recommended that Muskogee Public Schools move forward with a significant investment at all MPS sites. Each facility underwent a complete needs assessment to determine if it needed new construction, repairs and new equipment. The proposed renovations will help lower maintenance costs on many of the buildings in the district that are 30 years or older.

WILL MY PROPERTY TAXES INCREASE?
Yes. The bond election calls for an increase to the targeted sinking fund millage rate from 20 to 32. This means for a home valued at $100,000, residents would pay an additional $119.30 per year in ad valorem taxes, which is an additional $9.94 per month, about the same cost as one meal at a local drive through restaurant. It is important to note that Muskogee Public Schools current millage rate of 20 mills is well below all other 6A school districts in the state.

PROJECT SCHEDULE
The 12 year lease-purchase bond issue will allow Muskogee Public Schools to receive bond funds at the beginning. This process will allow for all projects to be completed by 2023. Below you can review the timeline for individual projects.

WILL EVERY SCHOOL BENEFIT FROM THE BOND ISSUE?
Yes. If the bond issue passes, every school would benefit from the improvement projects. For more information visit MuskogeePS.org.

WHAT IS A SCHOOL BOND ISSUE AND WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR PASSAGE?
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CAN SCHOOL BOND ISSUES BE USED TO PAY FOR TEACHER SALARIES?
No, school bonds can’t pay for teacher salaries. As stated above, bond funds can pay to construct or renovate facilities, equip buildings with furniture and fixtures, acquire property utilized for instructional materials and transportation needs.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE CURRENT FOOTBALL STADIUM AT INDIAN BOWL?
The Indian Bowl will continue to serve as a district facility. We will host competitions for varsity soccer, varsity track, and junior high football. Upgrades are underway to ensure that we maintain the facility for competitions now and into the future.

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CURRENT MILLAGE RATES
MUSKOGEE & SIMILAR COMMUNITIES
SAPULPA 36
BIXBY 34
SAND SPRINGS 30
STILLWATER 27
BARTLESVILLE 26
TAHLEQUAH 25
MUSKOGEE 20

ESTIMATED INCREASE PER MONTH
$5
$10
$20
$50k
$100k
$200k

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
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