

Notice of Measure Election

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Notice

Date of Notice

9.3.26

Name of District

Grants Pass School District No. 7

Name of County or Counties

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Date of Election

November 3, 2026

Final Ballot Title The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to district voters. The ballot title notice was published and the ballot title challenge process is complete.

Caption 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure.

Bonds to update school facilities, increase safety; receive grant

Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.

Shall the District issue \$10,890,000 general obligation bonds for school facility and safety improvements and receive \$8,168,000 State grant? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.

Grants Pass School District No. 7 has been awarded \$8,168,000 State grant only if this general obligation bond measure is approved. If approved, this measure would finance capital costs of the District, including:

- Improve, construct, acquire, equip and furnish school facilities
- Heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) improvements
- Electrical and plumbing improvements
- Roof replacements
- Site circulation and traffic flow safety improvements
- Renovate restrooms and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) updates
- Athletic field and turf improvements

Bonds may be issued in multiple series; each maturing within 31 years from issuance. This measure is estimated to cost approximately \$0.10 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value. Actual tax rates may vary depending on changes in property assessed value and bond interest rates.

Explanatory Statement 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect.

If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be written and attached to this form for:

→ any measure referred by the district elections authority; or

→ any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.

Explanatory Statement Attached?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Authorized District Official Not required to be notarized.

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By signing this document:

→ I hereby state that I am authorized by the district elections authority to submit this Notice of Measure Election; and

→ I certify that notice of receipt of ballot title has been published and the ballot title challenge process for this measure completed.

Signature

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Date Signed

Grants Pass School District No. 7 is asking voters to approve \$10,890,000 in general obligation bonds for school facility and safety improvements. If approved, the District will receive an \$8,168,000 State of Oregon grant that is only available if the bond measure passes. If the measure is not approved, the State grant will not be awarded, and the proposed projects will not proceed.

CURRENT SCHOOL FACILITIES

Approximately half of the District's school buildings are 60 to 70 years old. The oldest school was built in 1956. The measure would fund improvements to heating and cooling, roofing, plumbing, electrical systems, school safety, traffic circulation, restrooms, and athletic facilities. Every school in the District is earmarked to receive funds, except for the school inside the Rogue Valley Youth Correctional Facility.

WHAT WOULD BE IMPROVED

If approved, the bond and State grant would fund:

Heating and cooling: Add air conditioning to the main and auxiliary gymnasiums at Grants Pass High School and the gyms at Redwood and Lincoln Elementary Schools. Add HVAC and electrical improvements to North Middle School's A Building.

Roofing: Replace roofing at Grants Pass High School and Parkside Elementary School.

Traffic and safety: Reconfigure Redwood Elementary's internal road and turn lane to improve traffic flow on Leonard Road. Renovate South Middle School's main building entrance so the front office is the first point of entry for visitors.

Restrooms and plumbing: Renovate restrooms and upgrade plumbing at Riverside Elementary. Add prefabricated modular restrooms at Gladiola High School.

Athletic facilities: Replace the approximately 20-year-old softball outfield turf and subgrade at Grants Pass High School, including improved drainage. This is the second phase of the softball field renovation; the infield is already being completed.

Building improvements: Complete asbestos abatement and install new classroom flooring at Allen Dale and Highland elementary schools.

These improvements would provide additional air-conditioned spaces in District school buildings. The projects would also improve visitor access and traffic circulation, address aging roofs and plumbing, and update athletic and learning spaces.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND USE OF FUNDS

Bond proceeds may be used only for the capital projects described in the measure and may not be used for ongoing school operations, including salaries, instructional materials, or routine operating expenses. The District expects to establish a citizen oversight committee to monitor bond expenditures and provide accountability for bond funds.

TAX IMPACT

Bonds may be issued in multiple series, with each maturing within 31 years from issuance. The estimated tax rate is \$0.10 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Assessed property value is different from a property's current market value. Property owners can find their assessed value on their property tax statement. The estimated average yearly cost is approximately \$22 for a home with a median assessed value of approximately \$220,000. Actual tax rates may vary based on changes in assessed property values and bond interest rates.