



What is Volunteers for Issaquah Schools (VIS)?

Volunteers for Issaquah Schools was formed in 1977 by community members as a non-profit 501(c)4 organization that works to promote the passage of Issaquah School District bond and levy ballot measures. It is run entirely by community volunteers.

Why is VIS involved in this process?

Financial resources of school districts can be used only to place an issue on the ballot and to provide information and facts related to a ballot measure. School districts are prohibited by law from using taxpayer dollars to actively promote the passage of bonds and levies. Therefore, it is VIS's purpose to actively promote and campaign for the passage of Issaquah School District Bonds and Levies and get the information out to voters.

What is a School Bond used for?

School bonds provide funding for construction - - building new schools, acquiring property, renovating and repairing facilities and systems within buildings - - to ensure that students learn in safe, secure and modern classrooms. School bond elections require a supermajority (60%) of voter approval to pass.

*** * * * 2016 Bond Feasibility Committee * * * ***

An Issaquah community Bond Feasibility and Development Committee met April 1 through May 6, 2015 to determine essential facility needs and shape a potential bond measure to go before voters in Spring 2016. The committee was made up of community members, business owners, representatives from each school - - over 40 people in all. The committee considered proposed projects, total cost, and tax impact of a potential bond. The committee sent its proposed bond recommendation to the Superintendent, who used the proposal to inform his recommendation to the school board for final approval.

The recommended 2016 potential bond projects include:

- Acquisition of land for Four New Schools
- New Comprehensive High School (4th)
- New Middle School (6th)
- Two New Elementary Schools (16th & 17th)
- Rebuild of Pine Lake Middle School
- Upgrade/Update of Beaver Lake Middle School
- Expansion/Remodel of Discovery Elementary
- Expansion/Remodel of Endeavor Elementary
- Expansion/Remodel of Cougar Ridge
- Expansion/Remodel of Sunset Elementary
- Expansion/Remodel of Maple Hills Elementary
- Expansion of Clark Elementary to 32 classrooms
- Expansion/Remodel Central Administration
- Property Acquisition for Transportation

Please visit <http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/2016-school-bond-feasibility> for a detailed list of proposed projects and costs.

How can you help Volunteers for Issaquah Schools?

Be an advocate for public education within the Issaquah Schools community. Endorse the bond or levy. Talk to your friends and neighbors about the benefits of passing the bonds and levies and make sure they are all registered to vote. Vote when a bond or levy is on the ballot. Donate to the campaign. Thank you to our Issaquah community for voting to support our schools and maintain high quality education as a priority in our community!

www.visvote.org