2016 BOND INFORMATION

This publication is provided as a public service by the offices of Operations and Maintenance, Communications and Financial Services.
The St. Vrain Valley Schools’ Board of Education is placing a bond measure on the November 8, 2016 ballot.

Bond measures fund bricks and mortar projects and do not fund operational costs or salaries.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The estimated impact to homeowners is $1.82 per month, per $100,000 of a home’s assessed value.
St. Vrain Valley Schools’ annual enrollment is increasing significantly each year, with total enrollment currently exceeding 32,000 PK-12 students. It is projected that more than half of the district’s school buildings will be operating beyond capacity within the next five years. This includes some schools that would be operating at more than 140 percent capacity.

The bond measure would fund the following facility needs:

- Additional classrooms, science labs and other instructional space to address student enrollment growth in schools district-wide
- Construction of three new schools in areas with rapid enrollment growth
- A districtwide Innovation Center located in Longmont to further enhance core programs and curriculum, including the district’s science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) program
- School safety and security improvements, including the installation of interior and exterior security cameras at elementary schools districtwide and improvements to the entrances of numerous elementary school buildings
- Replacement of outdated heating, ventilation and air conditioning, electrical systems, roofing, plumbing, doors and hardware to extend the useful life of existing school buildings and improve energy efficiency

Approximately 68 percent of the bond funds would go toward providing additional classroom space. The remaining 32 percent of the funds would address school safety and security upgrades, repairs and renovations to existing school facilities.

The District Finance and Audit Committee, comprised of financial professionals from local businesses, will provide ongoing review and assessment of the projects.

The last time St. Vrain Valley Schools asked voters to fund school building improvements was in 2008. These bond projects were completed in a timely manner and within budget.

Over 95 percent of K-12 aged children living in the St. Vrain Valley attend a public school.

St. Vrain Valley Schools is comprised of 55 schools, including: 23 Elementary, 8 Middle, 1 Middle/Senior, 9 High School Programs, 1 K-8, 1 PK-8, 1 Spark! Discovery Preschool, 3 Homeschool Enrichment Programs, 1 Main Street Special Education Center, 1 Career Development Center and 6 Charter Schools.

Since 2010, St. Vrain Valley Schools has refinanced bonds to lower interest rates, saving taxpayers more than $32 million over the life of the bonds. Bond spending is overseen by a public accountability committee that includes members of the community and district administration.

PEOPLE WHO OPPOSE THIS BOND MEASURE SAY:

- We can just increase class sizes to accommodate new growth.
- The community needs to explore more options to create additional capacity to accommodate continued enrollment growth that would not involve building new schools.
- Property values are going up in our area, resulting in higher property taxes. With the passage of this bond, our taxes will be even higher.
- The district seems to be enjoying a lot of success with their current level of resources, so they do not need more.
- Schools should be fully funded by the state, not by local property taxes.
Specifics of the bond plan and improvements schedule for each community can be found online at www.svvsd.org/bond.

In addition to the projects listed in this booklet, the bond plans include provisions for one new elementary school that will be placed in one of these communities, based on the highest need.
Currently, the Longmont community is home to 86,270 residents, with 15,157 students attending 28 schools in the area. Growth projections indicate student enrollment to increase by 11.2%, resulting in 16,855 students in the year 2022.

**PROJECTS FOR LONGMONT SCHOOLS**

The 2016 Bond measure includes the following:

- Adding new classrooms and building space to accommodate student growth and address capacity impacts
- Increasing safety with improved security entrances, stair barriers and sidewalk repairs
- Repairing and replacing roofs, windows, doors, caulking and masonry to reduce mold and airborne contaminants
- Adding security camera coverage inside hallways and surrounding exteriors to create a safer environment
- Upgrading building interiors such as commons, science labs and music rooms
- Improving fire suppression systems, smoke hatches and smoke alarm systems
- Creating safer building evacuations by repairing doors, ramps and exit pathways
- Improving building lighting inside, outside and throughout parking areas to create safe walk areas in low light conditions
- Updating doors and ramps to ensure safe accessibility in accordance with the Americans with Disability Act (ADA)
- Replacing classroom temperature controls, air quality, floor sinks, faucets, flush valves and filtered water bottle filling stations to improve the learning environments

*Hygiene is included with the Longmont projects.*
Currently, the Erie community is home to 18,135 residents, with 4,144 students attending six schools in the area. Projections indicate student enrollment will increase by 28.2%, resulting in 5,313 students in 2022.

PROJECTS FOR ERIE SCHOOLS

The 2016 Bond measure includes the following:

- A new 120,000 square foot PK-8 school to accommodate student growth and address capacity impacts
- Repairing exterior learning spaces
- Building additions and a 31,000 square foot high school wing
- Increasing parking areas
- Improving entrances and camera coverage to create a safer environment
- Remodeling high school science rooms
- Improving lighting along facility exteriors and parking lots
- Adding cafeteria/gym multi-use spaces
- Repairing masonry and exterior caulking to protect from moisture, mold and airborne contaminants
- Replacing emergency generators
- Repairing and replacing cracked, broken and missing sidewalks
- Replacing leaking water control valves
- Building retaining walls and fencing
- Replacing antiquated exhaust fans, faucets, lavatories, filtered drinking fountains and floor sinks
- Installing new door closers and retrofitting locks to create safe classroom environments
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements and repairs
The Carbon Valley area consists of Firestone, Frederick and Dacono. Currently, the area has 22,978 residents, with 5,102 students attending nine schools with one of those schools dedicated to preschool students. **Student enrollment projections indicate an increase of 24.1%, resulting in 6,332 students by 2022.**

**PROJECTS FOR CARBON VALLEY SCHOOLS**

The 2016 Bond Plan includes the following:

- New elementary school to accommodate student growth and address capacity impacts
- Outfitting buildings with security cameras inside and out, lighting parking lot walk paths and establishing secure entryways
- Replacing classroom doors and key systems
- Adding a new wing to the high school and increasing parking
- Repairing roofs at several schools
- Finishing several building components of Spark! Discovery Preschool to support young families
- Improving classroom environment temperature controls and interior lighting systems in learning environments
- Upgrading and replacing fire alarm systems
- Repairing exit doors as well as concrete walk pathways and paved areas to provide safe exiting paths for students and community members
- Maintenance and repairs to improve air quality and reduce airborne particulates
- Exterior maintenance including: adding gutters and downspouts to move water away from buildings; completing landscaping repairs; and caulking and painting windows
- Repairing and replacing filtered water bottle filling stations
- Adding new water heaters and plumbing systems to improve on the quality of water in the buildings

*Frederick, Firestone and Dacono are included with the Carbon Valley projects*
Currently, Lyons has 2,033 residents, with 713 students attending two schools in the area. We are projecting student enrollment to increase by 11.3%, resulting in 794 students in 2022.

PROJECTS FOR LYONS SCHOOLS

The 2016 Bond Plan includes the following:

- Improvements to the auditorium
- Adding cameras inside hallways and outside of structures to create a safer environment
- Adding classrooms to the elementary school to accommodate student growth and address capacity impacts
- Remodeling interior classrooms to enhance learning environments
- Improving safety by increasing lighting around buildings that operate during low light periods
- Improvements to the cafeteria areas
- Improving safety by adding GFCI outlets
- Installing lights in parking lots for increased safety
- Installing Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant pedestrian walking paths to bleachers to improve accessibility
- Replacing pea gravel with wood chips
- Replacing and relocating sinks and adding filtered water bottle filling stations designed to reduce water particulates
Currently, Mead has 3,405 residents, with 1,951 students attending three schools in the area. We are projecting student enrollment to increase by 24.5%, resulting in 2,429 students in 2022.

**PROJECTS FOR MEAD SCHOOLS**

The 2016 Bond Plan includes the following:

- Adding new classrooms and a new wing to the high school to accommodate student growth and address capacity impacts
- Increasing security camera coverage inside hallways and surrounding exteriors to create a safer environment
- Increasing building sizes
- Remodeling building interiors to enhance learning environments
- Adding new exterior sidewalks for better access
- Increasing parking
- Addressing roof drainage issue impacting asphalt, including removing asphalt and installing underground storm drainage system
- Bringing the auditorium stage into Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance
- Addressing exterior lighting issues to enhance safety
- Installing smoke vents
- Repairing roadway
- Replacing trees
- Installing infield irrigation system
- Repairing tennis courts
- Adding fume hoods in science classrooms
- Installing new camera server
Currently, the Niwot community has 4,199 residents, with 1,740 students attending two schools in the area. We are projecting student enrollment to increase by 7.5%, resulting in 1,870 students in 2022.

PROJECTS FOR NIWOT SCHOOLS

The 2016 Bond Plan includes the following:

- Adding auditorium seats
- Upgrading lighting
- Building new library
- Increasing security camera coverage inside hallways and surrounding exteriors to create a safer environment
- Remodeling the interior to enhance learning environments
- Adding a new auditorium stage floor
- Rebuilding bus loop and playground area
- Improving safety by securing entrances
- Replacing interior finishes reaching their life expectancy
- Installing safety pole
- Replacing exterior doorways
- Addressing air flow problem in kiln room
- Repairing dumpster area for safety
- Installing pumps and replacing boiler system
- Replacing drains and drinking fountains
- Adding isolation valves
- Addressing lack of hot water issues
- Installing new camera server
- Adding fume hoods in science classrooms
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