

Q & A ----- Rock Hill Schools Bond Referendum

May 5, 2015

Q: What is a referendum?

A: A referendum, or a vote by ballot, is an official vote by the public on a specific issue.

Q: Why is a referendum needed for Rock Hill Schools?

A: The district wants to transform our schools into collaborative, sustainable, efficient places where students feel safe and can learn, grow, connect and thrive. In order to sell bonds to finance the improvements, approval by Rock Hill voters is needed.

Q: What is the amount of the referendum for Rock Hill Schools?

A: Voters in the Rock Hill School District will be asked to approve \$110 million to be issued over a five-year period, 2016-2020.

Q: How much will taxes increase if the referendum passes?

A: There will be NO TAX INCREASE.

Q: What is the wording on the ballot?

A: All qualified electors desiring to vote in favor of the issuance of bonds for the stated purposes shall vote "IN FAVOR OF THE QUESTION / YES".

and

All qualified electors opposed to the issuance of the bonds for the stated purposes shall vote "OPPOSED TO THE QUESTION / NO".

Q: When will the referendum be held and who can vote?

A: Tuesday, May 5, 2015. All registered voters in the Rock Hill School District can vote.

Q: Where will people vote?

A: People will vote at the precinct designated on their voter registration card.

Q: Will every school benefit if the referendum passes? If so, when would the projects begin?

A: Yes, there are, at least, 20 projects that will be completed at each school over the five-year period, 2016-2020. Several of the most significant projects are listed below:

Applied Technology Center

- Original Buildings Renovation
- Safety & Security Improvements
- HVAC & Restroom Replacement

Bellevue Elementary

- Original Building Renovation
- Safety & Security Improvements
- Front Drive/Grounds Improvement
- Library Upgrade & Renovation

Castle Heights Middle

- Safety & Security Improvements
- Athletic Facilities Upgrades
- Technology Upgrades
- Digital School Road Sign

Central Child Dev. Center

- Campus Capacity Upgrade
- Safety & Security Improvements
- Roof Replacement

Children's School at Sylvia Circle

- Campus Capacity Upgrade
- Safety & Security Improvements
- Front Drive/Grounds Improvement
- Roof Replacement

Dutchman Creek Middle

- Safety & Security Improvements
- Technology Upgrades
- Digital School Road Sign

Ebenezer Ave. Elementary

- Campus Capacity Upgrade
- Parking/Grounds Improvements
- Safety & Security Improvements
- Roof & Restroom Replacement

Ebinport Elementary

- Additions & Renovations
- Safety & Security Improvements
- Roof Replacement
- Technology Upgrades

Finley Road Elementary

- Original Building Renovation
- Safety & Security Improvements

- Library Upgrade & Renovation
- Technology Upgrades

Flexible Learning Center

- Alterations & Improvements
- Safety & Security Improvements
- Roof Replacement

Independence Elementary

- Library Upgrade & Renovation
- Safety & Security Improvements
- Restroom Renovations
- Technology Upgrades

India Hook Elementary

- Classroom Addition
- Safety & Security Improvements
- Grounds Improvements
- Technology Upgrades

Leslie Elementary

- Original Building Renovation
- Safety & Security Improvements
- Library Upgrade & Renovation
- Technology Upgrades

Mount Gallant Elementary

- Library Upgrade & Renovation
- Safety & Security Improvements
- Grounds Improvements
- Technology Upgrades

Mount Holly Elementary

- Safety & Security Improvements
- Technology Upgrades
- Digital School Road Sign

Northside Elem School of the Arts

- Renovation & Modernization
- Safety & Security Improvements
- Parking/Grounds Improvements
- Library Upgrade & Renovation

Northwestern High

- Original Buildings Renovation
- Mobile Computers – All Grades

- Safety & Security Improvements
- Athletic Facilities Upgrades

Oakdale Elementary

- Renovation & Modernization
- Safety & Security Improvements
- Roof Replacement
- Technology Upgrades

Old Pointe Elementary

- Safety & Security Improvements
- Technology Upgrades
- Digital School Road Sign

Rawlinson Road Middle

- Original Buildings Renovation
- Safety & Security Improvements
- Athletic Facilities Upgrades

Richmond Drive Elementary

- Additions & Renovations
- Safety & Security Improvements
- Roof Replacement
- Technology Upgrades

Rock Hill High

- Original Buildings Renovation
- Mobile Computers – All Grades
- Safety & Security Improvements
- Athletic Facilities Upgrades

Rosewood Elementary

- Renovation & Modernization
- Safety & Security Improvements
- Front Drive/Grounds Improvement
- Technology Upgrades

Saluda Trail Middle

- Safety & Security Improvements
- Technology Upgrades
- Roof Replacement

South Pointe High

- Mobile Computers – All Grades
- Safety & Security Improvements
- Athletic Facilities Upgrades

■ Replacement of Band Uniforms

Sullivan Middle

- Renovation & Modernization
- Safety & Security Improvements
- Athletic Facilities Upgrades
- Roof & Restroom Replacement

Sunset Park Center

- Renovation & Modernization
- Safety & Security Improvements
- Library Upgrade & Renovation
- Technology Upgrades

York Road Elementary

- Library Upgrade & Renovation
- Safety & Security Improvements
- Restroom Renovations
- Technology Upgrades

Q: Is 1:1 technology included as part of the referendum?

A: Yes. If the referendum passes, the district will provide laptops to students in grades 9-12 and iPads (that are currently used in the high schools) to third-graders in the fall of 2015. Students in grades 4-8 have already been provided with iPads.

Q: Why can't the day-to-day operating budget be used for school improvements or new construction?

A: The day-to-day operating budget cannot be used for capital or facility improvements. It's primarily used for employee salaries and benefits, supplies and contracted services.