

Notice of Measure Election

District

26-193

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Notice

Date of Notice
3/9/17

Name of District
Portland Public Schools

Name of County or Counties
Multnomah County

Date of Election
5/16/17

Ballot Title Prepare with assistance from the district attorney or an attorney employed by the district.

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

BONDS TO IMPROVE HEALTH, SAFETY, LEARNING BY MODERNIZING, REPAIRING SCHOOLS

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

SEE ATTACHED

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

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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 drafted and attached to this form for:

- any measure referred by the district governing body; or
- any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.

Explanatory Statement Attached? Yes No

Authorized District Official Not required to be notarized.

Name
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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 the above ballot title is true and complete.

Signature

3/9/17

Date Signed

BONDS TO IMPROVE HEALTH, SAFETY, LEARNING BY MODERNIZING, REPAIRING SCHOOLS

QUESTION: Shall Portland Public Schools improve health and safety, modernize and repair schools, build education facilities, by issuing \$790,000,000 in bonds? 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:

If approved this measure would finance or refinance capital costs, including projects that:

- Reduce or eliminate exposure to hazardous materials districtwide, including lead, asbestos, and radon;
- Upgrade fire alarm and/or sprinkler systems;
- Improve accessibility for people with disabilities;
- Repair or replace leaking or deteriorating school roofs;
- Upgrade school safety and security;
- Strengthen schools against earthquakes;
- Renovate or replace schools, including Benson, Lincoln, Madison, and Kellogg, to improve health and safety and provide up-to-date classrooms and facilities, and increase access to technology and modern learning environments; and

Citizen accountability and oversight, including audits of bond projects and expenditures will be required.

Bonds may be issued in one or more series, with each series maturing in 30 years or less.

The average levy rate for this bond issue is estimated to be \$0.68 per \$1,000 of assessed value over 30 years. The levy rate is estimated to be \$1.40 per \$1,000 for the first four years, declining thereafter. Rates may differ based on interest rates and changes in assessed value.

Measure Explanatory Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet

Important! Please read all instructions before completing this form. This form is to be used when filing a 'Measure Explanatory Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet' with your County Elections office. If a local government is located in more than one county, the county clerk of the county in which the city hall of the city or the administrative office of the local government is located shall be the filing officer for the 'Measure Explanatory Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet'.

Filing Information

Election: Primary 20____ General 20____ Special May 16, 2017

Measure # 26 - 193

Ballot Title Caption

BONDS TO IMPROVE HEALTH, SAFETY, LEARNING BY MODERNIZING, REPAIRING SCHOOLS

Name of Person responsible for content of 'Explanatory Statement' (as it should appear in the Voters' Pamphlet):

Emily Courtnage, Deputy Clerk

Name of Jurisdiction/Organization Person is authorized to represent (as it should appear in the Voters' Pamphlet):

Portland Public Schools

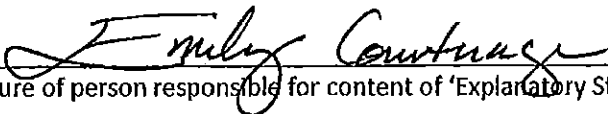
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Signature of person responsible for content of 'Explanatory Statement'

3/9/17
Date

MEASURE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

See attached for 'Measure Explanatory Statement' (500 word/number MAX).

For Office Use only:

County: Multnomah

Signed? Yes No

'Measure Explanatory Statement' attached?

Yes No

Intake Staff Initials:



Word Count (500 max):

Digital copy? Yes No

Review Staff Initials:



EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Portland Public Schools (PPS) is the largest school district in Oregon, with over 90 school sites and 48,500 students. PPS' buildings average 77 years old—many are over 100 years old.

Aging schools need repair and upgrades to provide students with modern learning environments and to address unsafe conditions. Lead testing in 2016 showed most schools had cold water fixtures testing above the EPA action level. Many roofs are beyond their useful life and some leak frequently. Fire alarm and sprinkler systems at most schools are inadequate.

PPS has adopted a Long-Range Facilities Plan to modernize and improve schools districtwide through a series of capital construction bonds. In 2012, voters approved a \$482 million bond, funding:

- Modernization of Franklin, Grant, and Roosevelt High Schools, and Faubion PreK-8;
- Projects at 52 additional schools—upgraded science classrooms, new roofs, improved accessibility and seismic improvements; and
- Planning for upgrade of all high schools.

In 2017, PPS convened a Bond Stakeholder Advisory Group (BSAG) to evaluate needs for the next bond. The BSAG recommended, and community feedback affirmed, a bond that would fund modernization of Benson, Lincoln, and Madison High Schools and Kellogg Middle School, and at least \$150 million in health and safety projects at schools across the district.

What would the bond do?

The \$790,000,000 bond would fund renovations and additions at Benson and Madison High Schools, and full rebuilds of Lincoln High School and Kellogg Middle School. Approximately 30% of the budgets for these projects comprehensively address health and safety issues, including reducing exposure to hazardous materials, improving accessibility, and addressing fire safety. It would also begin planning for upgrade of Cleveland, Jefferson, and Wilson High Schools.

Additionally, at least \$150 million would fund district-wide health and safety projects, including:

- Replacing old pipes and fixtures to reduce lead, improve water quality, and reduce the need to use bottled water;
- Removing or encapsulating exposed lead paint and asbestos;
- Upgrading fire alarm and/or sprinkler systems;
- Repairing or replacing leaking or deteriorating school roofs;
- Improving accessibility for people with disabilities;
- Improving building foundations and ventilation to decrease radon exposure; and
- Strengthening school safety and security.

In addition, PPS will receive \$8 million in state capital matching funds if this measure is approved, for additional health and safety investments. If the bonds are not approved, funds will be awarded to another district.

What would the bond cost?

The average levy rate for this bond issue is estimated to be \$0.68 per \$1,000 of assessed value over 30 years. The levy rate is estimated to be \$1.40 per \$1,000 for the first four years, declining thereafter. For

a house assessed at \$200,000 the initial annual cost would be about \$280. Overall average cost is \$136 annually. The total principal amount of bonds authorized by this measure cannot exceed \$790 million.

Accountability

An independent group of citizens from the community will review quarterly reports and audits of how the bond dollars are being spent to provide accountability to the public until construction is complete.