

**Notice of Measure Election**  
**District**

26-187

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Notice			
Date of Notice 09/06/2016	Name of District Gresham-Barlow School District 10Jt	Name of County or Counties Multnomah and Clackamas	Date of Election 11/08/2016

**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.

See attached

**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 Jim Schlachter	Title Superintendent
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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	Date Signed 09/06/2016
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## Caption:

BOND PROJECTS INCREASING  
SAFETY, TECHNOLOGY,  
EXPANDING EDUCATIONAL AND VOCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

## Question:

Shall Gresham-Barlow School District increase security and technology, relieve over-crowding, update/replace schools, by issuing \$291,170,000 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, bonds are expected to fund projects to relieve over-crowding, increase safety and access to technology, and repair aging buildings. The District has been awarded \$8 million in state matching funds if measure is approved; reducing the amount financed by taxpayers.

Independent audits and citizen oversight would be required.

For all schools, bonds and grants expected to fund:

- Improved Learning Spaces
  - Expanded classrooms to relieve over-crowding
  - Increased access to technology
  - Modernized areas for science, engineering & vocational education
- Safety Projects
  - Secured entries
  - Emergency communications equipment
  - Classroom door locks
- Significant Projects:
  - Improve water and air quality
  - Major Renovations to Sam Barlow and Gresham High
  - Replace North Gresham and East Gresham Elementaries
  - Improvements to Deep Creek Damascus K-8

- Additional Costs:

- Refinancing capital costs
- Land acquisition, site and building improvements, demolition
- Furnishing, equipping projects and bond issuance costs.

Bonds maturity will not exceed 21 years, may be issued in series. The estimated incremental tax rate is approximately \$1.89 per \$1,000 of assessed property.

### 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 16  Special \_\_\_\_\_ Measure # 26-187

#### Ballot Title Caption

BOND PROJECTS INCREASING SAFETY, TECHNOLOGY, EXPANDING EDUCATIONAL AND VOCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

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

Mike Schofield, Chief Financial Officer

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

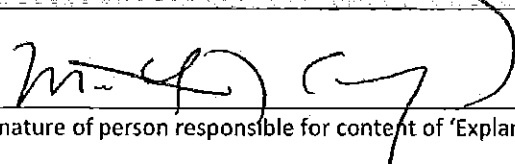
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#### SIGNATURE

  
Signature of person responsible for content of 'Explanatory Statement' \_\_\_\_\_ Date 9/6/16

#### MEASURE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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

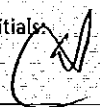
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County: Multnomah

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'Measure Explanatory Statement' attached?

Yes  No

Intake Staff Initials: 

Word Count (500 max):

Digital copy?  Yes  No

Review Staff Initials: 

## Explanatory Statement (500 WORD LIMIT)

Gresham-Barlow School District serves over 12,000 students in 22 schools across 54 square miles.

School buildings average 51 years in age. Some are close to 100 years old.

Gresham-Barlow voters have not approved capital bond funds to upgrade facilities since 2000.

With the 2000 Bond the District constructed three new schools – Springwater Trail High School, Center for Advanced Learning and Hogan Cedars Elementary School – as well as providing upgrades and maintenance to buildings across the district.

In 2015, District convened a bond measure planning committee made up of local citizens to identify the condition of current school facilities.

Citizens Committee reported the following issues:

- **Classrooms are Out of Date:** The student learning environment in many of the District schools lack current technology, many of the modern educational platforms and tools cannot be used.
- **Safety and Security Needs Improvement:** School buildings provide too many points of entry for visitors and general public, emergency communications are out of date, and portable classrooms at elementary schools sited away from the building.
- **Update and Increase Access to Vocational and Career Technical Education:** The classrooms that provide hands on job training opportunities for career and technical education need updating and expansion.
- **Building Systems Are Rapidly Aging:** Systems including electrical, heating, plumbing, roofs, windows, and more are in substandard condition and need updating.

The citizens committee proposed a bond measure fund the following capital projects:

### District Wide

- **Improve student environments** across the district by updating and expanding learning spaces including increased space for vocation and career technical education.
  - The district would remodel and update schools to add capacity to address overcrowding
  - Update classroom teaching technology for every school.
- **Provide Safety and Security Upgrades**

- Control access points to buildings and playgrounds, improved visibility and surveillance, internal classroom door locks and equipment for emergency communications.
- **Update and Modernize Existing Buildings**
  - Renovate building systems including repairing exterior walls, repairing or replacing roofs, floors, ceilings, interior walls; replacing windows and doors. Update heating, ventilation, electrical and plumbing systems to improve air and water quality.

### **School Specific**

- Major renovations and/or replacements of the following schools:
  - Sam Barlow and Gresham High Schools would undergo major renovations; Highlights include expanded vocational and technology classrooms, new media centers and libraries, new science wings with science labs and new classrooms spaces.
  - Hall And Hollydale Elementary Schools – each school would receive modern classrooms to address capacity and pull-out collaboration project areas.
  - Complete replacement of aging and outdated North Gresham and East Gresham Elementary Schools
  - Deep Creek Damascus K-8 - additional classrooms to accommodate middle school aged students and science, art and math classes.

The Board of Directors shall establish an independent citizen oversight committee to ensure bond funds are used as approved by voters.

**An Unique Opportunity:** The District was one of 11 districts to be awarded state capital matching funds and was awarded the largest of any district at \$8 million if measure is approved; reducing the amount financed by taxpayers.