



PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2020 SCHOOL BOND RENEWAL

Overview of Proposed Bond Options

The PPS Board of Directors has proposed three options for a 2020 bond renewal at the current tax rate, and is seeking community input on these options through July 3. If approved by voters, a 2020 School Bond Renewal would maintain the current tax rate and continue investments in our schools.

The proposed options are examples of bond packages the board could refer to voters for the November ballot. The board may move forward with one of these options, or modify an option, based on community input.

More information and background on the proposed investments in these options can be found here, and on Portland Public Schools' 2020 School Bond Renewal website at www.pps.net/2020bondrenewal.

Share Your Feedback On the 2020 School Bond Renewal

What should the PPS Board of Directors consider as they decide on a Bond renewal package to refer to voters for the November ballot?

Ways to provide feedback:

- Participate in the 2020 School Bond Renewal survey by July 3
- Participate in the 2020 School Bond Renewal Virtual Town Hall on June 25
- Email feedback to schoolbond@pps.net

Portland Public Schools is also gathering community feedback through focus groups with historically underserved communities, and a representative poll.

Following board discussion of community feedback in early July, a final proposed bond option will be published for public comment. A Board vote to refer a bond renewal package to voters is tentatively planned for July 28, 2020.



Option 1 would be a renewal of the current bond rate, with a plan to return to voters for another renewal at the same rate in 2022. As currently proposed, Option 1 includes the following investments:

Proposed Educational Investments

- \$127.5 million to provide equitable access to technology, including replacement of tablets or Chromebook laptops for students, and updates PPS' core technology infrastructure
- \$24.9 million to fund adoption of comprehensive, culturally relevant and current instructional materials across core subject areas, including language arts and math, and materials—with a reduced level of investment—in subject areas like science, the arts and social emotional learning
- \$4.5 million to fund purchase and installation of furniture in special education classrooms, to create small, structured instructional spaces within classrooms

Proposed Health & Safety Investments

- \$53 million to repair or replace leaking or deteriorating school roofs at up to 9 sites.
- \$45 million to replace or repair approximately 9 highest priority mechanical systems—which heat and cool buildings—with additional funding available for smaller mechanical projects
- \$26.5 million to upgrade all classroom door locks to current district standard, install additional security camera systems, and upgrade or replace intrusion alarm systems in schools that have not been modernized.
- \$15 million to retrofit up to 3 of the smallest schools on the City of Portland Unreinforced Masonry database, in coordination with full roof replacement.
- \$11 million in bond funding to remove barriers and make one K-5 schools, one middle school, and one high school per district cluster fully accessible.

OPTION 1: \$584 MILLION

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Educational Improvements:	\$156.9M
Technology	127.5M
Curriculum	24.9M
Special Education Classrooms	4.5M
Health & Safety Projects	\$150.5M
Roofs	53M
Mechanical	45M
Security	26.5M
Seismic	15M
ADA Accessibility	11M
Modernizations & Rebuilds:	\$200M
Benson Polytechnic HS completion	138M
MPG new building	62M
Management (5%):	25.3M
Program Contingency (10%):	50.7M

Proposed Modernizations & Rebuilds

- \$138 million in bond funding to complete the modernization of Benson Polytechnic High School—a historic building that will cost more to modernize than was originally estimated in the 2017 bond
- \$62 million in bond funding to build a new Multiple Pathways to Graduation programs facility on the Benson campus, providing space to support the diverse and specific needs of students with programs like Alliance at Benson and Meek, DART/Clinton, Teen Parent Childcare, and Reconnection Services & Program.

Under this scenario, work to modernize or rebuild Cleveland, Jefferson, and Wilson High Schools would pause until 2022. This may delay completion of Jefferson High School, but is unlikely to significantly impact when Cleveland or Wilson High Schools could be completed.

Voters could be asked to approve funding for full planning, design, and construction for some or all of the remaining high schools in a later bond renewal, as soon as 2022.

Option 2 would be a renewal of the current bond rate, with a plan to return to voters for another renewal at the same rate in 2022 or 2024. As currently proposed, Option 2 includes the following investments:

Proposed Educational Investments

- \$127.5 million to provide equitable access to technology, including replacement of tablets or Chromebook laptops for students, and updates PPS' core technology infrastructure
- \$29.2 million to adopt comprehensive, culturally relevant and current instructional materials across core subject areas, including language arts, math, science, the arts and social emotional learning. This investment would provide students with high-quality, standards-based instructional materials, and would allow for a return to the Oregon textbook adoption cycle.
- \$22.3 million to improve and modify more than 82 special education classrooms across the district to provide flexible, adaptive, distraction-free spaces with visual and acoustic mitigation to support both the instructional requirements of special education staff and the sensory-needs of our students.
- \$10 million in flexible bond funding to address critical/essential additional educational facilities investments, including schools that need additional or upgraded dedicated gyms for physical education, covered outdoor play areas, and visual and performing arts spaces.

Proposed Health & Safety Investments

- \$71 million to repair or replace leaking or deteriorating school roofs at up to 12 sites.
- \$75 million to replace or repair approximately 15 highest priority mechanical systems—which heat and cool buildings—with additional funding available for smaller mechanical projects.
- \$26.5 million to upgrade all classroom door locks to current district standard, install additional security camera systems, and upgrade or replace intrusion alarm systems in schools that have not been modernized.
- \$15 million to retrofit up to 3 of the smallest schools on the City of Portland Unreinforced Masonry database, in coordination with full roof replacement.
- \$11 million to remove barriers to accessibility, and make one K-5 schools, one middle school, and one high school per district cluster fully accessible.
- \$10 million in flexible bond funding to address critical/essential facilities projects to improve health and safety, such as plumbing systems, electrical systems, asbestos remediation, energy improvements, flooring replacement, play structure repair, or foundation work.

OPTION 2: \$785 MILLION

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Educational Improvements:	\$189.0M
Technology	127.5M
Curriculum	29.2M
Special Education Classrooms	22.3M
Other Improvements	10M
Health & Safety Projects	\$208.5M
Roofs	71M
Mechanical	75M
Security	26.5M
Seismic	15M
ADA Accessibility	11M
Other Improvements	10M
Modernizations & Rebuilds:	\$285M
Benson Polytechnic HS completion	138M
MPG new building	62M
Design/Pre-construction of 3 High Schools	75M
Other Improvements	10M
Management (5%):	34.1M
Program Contingency (10%):	68.3M

Proposed Modernizations & Rebuilds

- \$138 million to complete the modernization of Benson Polytechnic High School—a historic building that will cost more to modernize than was originally estimated in the 2017 bond.
- \$62 million to build a new Multiple Pathways to Graduation programs facility on the Benson campus, providing space to support the diverse and specific needs of students with programs like Alliance at Benson and Meek, DART/Clinton, Teen Parent Childcare, and Reconnection Services & Program.
- \$75 million for intensive design and pre-construction planning for modernization of Cleveland, Jefferson, and Wilson High Schools.
- \$10 million in flexible bond funding to address future capacity or enrollment needs through new capacity or school reconfiguration work.

Under this scenario, \$75 million could fund design and pre-construction for Cleveland, Jefferson, and Wilson High Schools.

Voters could be asked to approve funding for construction of shovel-ready projects in 2022 or 2024, keeping completion of Cleveland, Jefferson, and Wilson High Schools on track for modernization.

Option 3 would be a renewal of the current bond rate, with a plan to return to voters for another renewal at the same rate in 2022 or 2024. As currently proposed, Option 3 includes the following investments:

Proposed Educational Investments

- \$127.5 million to provide equitable access to technology, including replacement of tablets or Chromebook laptops for students, and updates PPS' core technology infrastructure
- \$29.2 million to adopt comprehensive, culturally relevant and current instructional materials across core subject areas, including language arts, math, science, the arts and social emotional learning. This investment would provide students with high-quality, standards-based instructional materials, and would allow for a return to the Oregon textbook adoption cycle.
- \$4.5 million to fund purchase and installation of furniture in special education classrooms, to create small, structured instructional spaces within classrooms

Proposed Health & Safety Investments

- \$71 million to repair or replace leaking or deteriorating school roofs at up to 12 sites.
- \$75 million to replace or repair approximately 15 highest priority mechanical systems—which heat and cool buildings—with additional funding available for smaller mechanical projects
- \$26.5 million to upgrade all classroom door locks to current district standard, install additional security camera systems, and upgrade or replace intrusion alarm systems in schools that have not been modernized.
- \$15 million to retrofit up to 3 of the smallest schools on the City of Portland Unreinforced Masonry database, in coordination with full roof replacement.
- \$11 million to remove barriers to accessibility, and make one K-5 schools, one middle school, and one high school per district cluster fully accessible.

Proposed Modernizations & Rebuilds

- \$138 million to complete the modernization of Benson Polytechnic High School—a historic building that will cost more to modernize than was originally estimated in the 2017 bond
- \$62 million to build a new Multiple Pathways to Graduation programs facility on the Benson campus, providing space to support the diverse and specific needs of students with programs like Alliance at Benson and Meek, DART/Clinton, Teen Parent Childcare, and Reconnection Services & Program.

OPTION 3: \$1 BILLION

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Educational Improvements:	\$161.2M
Technology	127.5M
Curriculum	29.2M
Special Education Classrooms	4.5M
Health & Safety Projects	\$198.5M
Roofs	71M
Mechanical	75M
Security	26.5M
Seismic	15M
ADA Accessibility	11M
Modernizations & Rebuilds:	\$560M
Benson Polytechnic HS completion	138M
MPG new building	62M
Jefferson High School modernization	320M
Design/Pre-construction of 2 High Schools	40M
Management (5%):	43.6M
Program Contingency (10%):	87.2M

- \$320 million to modernize Jefferson High School, in line with a recent master plan concept design.
- \$40 million for intensive design and pre-construction planning for modernization of Cleveland and Wilson High Schools.

Jefferson High School ranked higher than other high schools on two out of three modernization criteria when high schools were prioritized in a 2014 process. In 2014, an advisory group recommended postponing modernization of Jefferson High School until 2020 to allow more time for the school's then-new Middle College focus option to become established, before planning a new building.

Under this 2020 scenario, \$320 million could fund design, pre-construction planning, and construction of Jefferson High School's building, in line with a recent master plan concept design for a comprehensive high school for 1,750 students.

An additional \$40 million could fund design and pre-construction for Cleveland and Wilson High Schools

Voters could be asked to approve funding for construction of shovel-ready projects in 2022 or 2024 for Cleveland and Wilson, keeping both high schools on track for modernization.