

Bayfield School District

2016 Bond Election Fact Sheet



What is the purpose of the bond election?

The Bayfield School District's existing Primary School was originally constructed in 1925 with additions in 1958, 1961, and 1972. The building is in need of high-priority replacement to address health and safety issues, upgrade instructional technology, eliminate costly repairs and alleviate classroom overcrowding.

To solve this problem, the District has been awarded a BEST grant in the amount of \$8.568 million and is seeking the required local matching funds of approximately \$28.632 million to complete the total project costing approximately \$37.2 million.

The local bond funds and BEST grant funds will be used for the following:

- Build a new 3-5 school on District-owned property adjacent to Bayfield Middle School.
- Renovate and update the existing Bayfield Elementary School to be used for grades K-2.
- Improvements to site safety and security at the existing Bayfield Middle School.

How will this benefit students?

- Provide facilities where students feel safe and secure.
- Provide students with new modern classrooms that will facilitate creative thinking, problem-solving, group work and the use of technology.

How much will the bond cost?

The District estimates an increase to residential property taxes of \$6 per month for every \$100,000 of a home's value. This estimate may change after the county updates assessed values in August 2016.

When will the election be held?

The election will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Mail-in ballots will be mailed during the week of October 17th.

Are you registered to vote?

You can register online at:

www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/vote/VoterHome.html

A **bond** is a loan used to pay for the building and infrastructure needs of the school district.

The **Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST)**

program is a State of Colorado grant program that was developed in 2008 to provide funding for school districts that cannot afford to address their building and infrastructure deficiencies on their own.

The State funding is contingent upon passage of a local bond issue to provide 76% of the funds for the total project. Through their selection process, the BEST Board recognized the District's Primary School as the highest priority school replacement project in the State of Colorado.

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