

Measure 26-259

NOTICE OF MEASURE ELECTION

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District

Notice

Date of Notice 3/11/2025	Name of District Portland Public Schools	Name of County or Counties Multnomah, Clackamas	Date of Election 5/20/2025
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**Final Ballot Title** The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the district's voters. The ballot title notice has been published and the ballot title challenge process has been completed.

**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.

see attached.

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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 elections authority; or
- > any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.

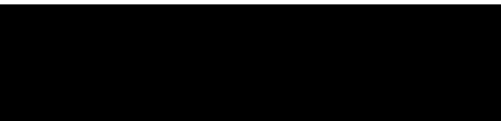
Explanatory Statement Attached?  Yes  No

**Authorized District Official** Not required to be notarized.

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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 that notice of receipt of ballot title has been published and the ballot title challenge process for this measure completed.



Signature

2/17/2025  
Date Signed

**Portland Public School District 1J Bond Measure  
May 20, 2025 Election**

**BALLOT TITLE**

**CAPTION:**

Bonds to Improve Health, Safety, and Learning; Modernize, Repair Schools

**QUESTION:**

Shall Portland Public Schools repair, modernize schools; increase health, safety; by issuing bonds estimated to maintain current tax rate?

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:**

Measure authorizes up to \$1.83 billion in principal amount of general obligation bonds for facilities and education investments.

If approved, this measure would finance capital costs, including:

**Update, Repair Aging Elementary and Middle Schools:**

- Update/replace major building systems, including roofs, siding, heating/cooling

**Make Schools Safe and Secure:**

- Update safety, security systems
- Seismic upgrades

**Modernize, Improve Educational Materials, Technology and Schools:**

- Renovate/replace schools, including Cleveland, Ida B. Wells (formerly Wilson)
- Upgrade curriculum materials, technology, including student devices

**Increase Extracurricular Opportunities:**

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- Upgrade/expand high school athletic facilities; create district-wide athletic hubs at Jackson, Marshall
- Update high school performing arts/theater facilities

Requires community accountability/oversight; independent audits of projects and expenditures

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

Due to declining debt service, measure is not expected to increase PPS's bond tax rate above \$2.50/\$1,000 assessed value, the rate that has been targeted since 2017 bond. Actual rates may differ based on interest rates and changes in assessed value.

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

If approved, this measure will allow Portland Public Schools to continue to prioritize schools in need of large-scale repairs and replacements to address safety hazards and to fix failing infrastructure.

This measure is not expected to increase tax rates above the level targeted by the 2017 bond.

In 2012, 2017, and 2020, voters approved capital bonds that funded improvements to many of Portland Public Schools's aging buildings, creating modern, safer places for students to learn.

Since 2012, the bond program has fully modernized eight schools, with three more under design. In addition, the bond program has addressed some of the infrastructure needs at every school throughout the District.

Prior investments include:

- Roosevelt, McDaniel, Franklin, Grant, Benson, and Lincoln High Schools, Kellogg Middle School, Faubion PK-8, and the Multiple Pathways to Graduation building were fully modernized.
- Full modernizations of Jefferson, Ida B. Wells, and Cleveland High Schools are in design.
- Health and safety improvements, including:
  - Replacing plumbing to reduce lead and improve water quality;
  - Removing or encapsulating exposed lead paint and asbestos;
  - Upgrading fire alarm and sprinkler systems;
  - Repairing or replacing leaking or deteriorating roofs;
  - Mitigating radon exposure;
  - Strengthening school safety and security.
- Educational improvements, including:
  - Upgrading science labs;
  - Enhancing technology;
  - New curriculum materials.

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- Accessibility improvements for children and adults with disabilities.

**What Would the Proposed 2025 Bond Fund?**

If approved, bond funding would address additional building, health, safety, and learning needs in schools across the District, while continuing PPS's plan to comprehensively address facility needs by improving all of our schools over the long term.

If approved, the bond funds will:

**Update and Repair Aging Elementary and Middle Schools:**

- Update or replace leaking or deteriorating school roofs, mechanical systems (heating and cooling), and other building repairs

**Make Schools Safe and Secure:**

- Update safety and security systems - including additional cameras, fencing to protect students and staff
- Seismic upgrades

**Modernize, Improve Educational Materials, Technology, Schools:**

- Renovate/replace Cleveland and Ida B. Wells (formerly Wilson) High Schools
- Utilize any high school improvement cost savings to update/repair elementary and middle schools
- Provide comprehensive, culturally relevant, and current curriculum materials across core and supplemental subject areas
- Replace or provide student tablets and laptops to provide equitable access to classroom learning, and update classroom and District technology

**Increase Extracurricular Opportunities:**

- Upgrade athletic facilities, including needed improvements for Roosevelt, Lincoln, Franklin and Grant and create athletic hub facilities at Jackson Middle School and Marshall campus.

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- Update high school performing arts/theater facilities.

**What Would the Bonds Cost?**

Because the tax rate on existing bonds is scheduled to decline, PPS's bond tax rate is not expected to exceed the previous estimate of \$2.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The total principal amount of bonds authorized by this measure cannot exceed \$1.83 billion.

**Oversight and Accountability**

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

Submitted by:

Dr. Kimberlee Armstrong

Superintendent