

Notice of Measure Election

District

Measure 3-545

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Notice			
Date of Notice	Name of District	Name of County or Counties	Date of Election
	Oregon City School District No. 62	Clackamas	November 6, 2018
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.			
Bonds for safety, security, repairs, overcrowding; renovation, efficiencies, and construction			
Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.			
Shall Oregon City School District address safety, security, overcrowding, repairs, construct/improve classrooms; issue \$158 million in general obligation 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 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.			
If approved, bond and grant funds are expected to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improve safety and security at every school and facility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Build secure entries at all schools - Install and upgrade emergency, security and camera systems - Address current and future school overcrowding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Replace Gardiner Middle School - Renovate Ogden Middle School - Reduce portable classrooms - Expand classrooms and CTE facilities - Update schools built 1938 to 1975 including energy efficiencies, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, roofing and plumbing - Fund site improvements, furnishings and equipment - Fund capitalized interest, land acquisition, and bond issuance costs, and refinance borrowings for capital costs <p>District will receive \$3,700,000 to \$8,000,000 in state grants if these bonds are approved. Citizen oversight committee will ensure proceeds are used for purposes indicated. Bonds would mature in 31 years or less from issuance and may be issued in series. The estimated tax rate is \$1.24 per \$1,000 of assessed property value, an increase of \$0.10 over the current rate. Actual levy rate may differ due to changes in interest rates and/or assessed value.</p>			
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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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.			

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Signature

9/5/2018
Date Signed

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 18 ☐ Special _____ Measure # 3-545

Ballot Title Caption

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

Larry Didway, Superintendent

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

*Oregon City School District #62
/ Susan Noddel, CFO*

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Signature of person responsible for content of 'Explanatory Statement'

Date

MEASURE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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

For Office Use only:

☐ County: _____

Signed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

'Measure Explanatory Statement' attached?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Word Count (500 max):

Digital copy? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Review Staff Initials:

Intake Staff Initials:

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Explanatory Statement

Oregon City School District serves over 7,500 students in seven elementary, two middle, and three high schools.

Oregon City schools face challenges:

- School safety and security needs have changed.
- Schools built from 1938 to 1975 are worn, and need updates and upgrades including heating and lighting to improve learning conditions.
- The district's two middle schools are 140% over original capacity and Gardiner is 64 years old.

The district seeks community support: The school board seeks voter approval of a \$158 million general obligation bond to make safety and security improvements, provide overcrowding relief, and make upgrades and updates to improve learning spaces and increase energy efficiency.

Community identified priorities: In 2015 after the completion of a 950-page independent school facility evaluation, the district formed a bond committee that gathered public input on the needs of school buildings. A blue-ribbon task force analyzed the committee's report and suggested a plan to the school board.

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

- **Improve life safety and security at every school:** Build secure entries and install and upgrade emergency communication systems, fire alarms and sprinklers, entry security systems, and camera systems.
- **Reduce overcrowding:** Rebuild Gardiner Middle School and renovate Ogden Middle School to accommodate more students. These projects would reduce portables, expand classrooms, and add more common spaces and career/technical learning facilities.
- **Update and upgrade schools:** Improve elementary and high school facilities including energy efficiencies and upgrades, roofing, plumbing, and furnishings, along with site improvements, including field upgrades.

Financials: The bonds would mature in 31 years or less from issuance and may be issued in series. The estimated tax rate is \$1.24 per \$1,000 of assessed property value, a projected increase of ten cents over the current rate. The bond would also fund capitalized interest, land acquisition, bond issuance costs, and refinance borrowings for capital costs. Actual levy rate may differ due to changes in interest rates and assessed value.

Bond to leverage state matching funds: The District will receive \$3.7 to \$8 million in state grants if bonds are approved. If bonds are not approved, these funds would not be received.

History of accountability: The last time Oregon City voters were asked for capital bond funds to upgrade schools was in 2000. The projected tax rate at that time was \$1.90 per thousand. The bond built the new Oregon City High School and provided seismic updates across the District. The bond was refinanced twice, saving taxpayers \$7.6 million.

Bond funds can only be used for voter-approved projects: The principal amount cannot exceed \$158 million. Law prohibits the use of bond funds for any expense not listed on this ballot.

Citizen oversight for bond expenditures: The school board would appoint a long-term citizen oversight committee to ensure that all bond funds are used for the purposes approved by voters. Their role would include communicating project implementation to the public and overseeing spending.