

Notice of Measure Election

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CLACKAMAS COUNTY ELECTION **SEL 803**
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Notice

Date of Notice	Name of District	Name of County or Counties	Date of Election
	MOLALLA RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 35	Clackamas County	May 21, 2024

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 replacing Molalla River Middle School, improving safety, classrooms, education

Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.

Shall district replace Molalla Middle School, improving school safety, learning spaces, removing hazards; issue \$77.46 million in bonds; audits required?

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.

The Molalla River School District proposes bond to address deteriorating 70 year-old Middle School

Current conditions:

- Multiple School Closures due to failing heating, plumbing systems
- Health and Safety: outdated fire safety, electrical, security systems, asbestos, poor air quality
- Education Spaces: Classrooms lack necessary space, technology, vocational education.

Bonds would finance capital costs to replace Middle School and facilities with a new school on current property, demolish existing Middle School, abate asbestos, hazardous material.

A New Molalla Middle School:

- Safe, Secure Campus
 - o Secure campus perimeter, main entry
 - o Security cameras and intercoms
 - o Fire sprinkler and alarm systems
- Efficient Building Systems
 - o High-efficiency HVAC with filtration
 - o Modern electrical, plumbing systems
- Expand Student Opportunities
 - o Career Technical/Vocational Classrooms
 - o Technology Improvements
 - o Flexible Learning Spaces
 - o Main Gym and Aux Gym with 3 courts

Citizen oversight committee, audits required

Bonds may be issued in multiple series, aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$77.46 million, each series maturing within 30 years from issuance. Estimated levy is \$1.55 per \$1,000 assessed property value. Actual levy rate may differ due to changes in interest rates and assessed value.

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 Redacted

February 26, 2024
 Date Signed

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT
MOLALLA RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT
CLACKAMAS COUNTY, OREGON**

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT: (500 WORD LIMIT Current Count 488)

The Molalla River School District serves approximately over 2500 students in 6 schools across Clackamas County.

THE DISTRICT SEEKS COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The school board seeks voter approval of a \$77.46 million general obligation bond to replace the failing 70-year-old Molalla River Middle School with a safe, secure facility with better opportunities for students.

A COMMUNITY IDENTIFIED PRIORITY

In 2023, after the completion of a 106 page independent school facility evaluation, the district formed a bond committee made up of community volunteers that analyzed the needs of all of the district school buildings. The committee recommended a plan to the school board that narrowed the focus of the proposed bond to a single project of the highest need: replace the Middle School. The proposal would demolish the old building and build a new building on the north side of the current Middle School property, and sports fields would be reconfigured on the site.

WHAT IS THE CURRENT CONDITION OF THE MOLALLA RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL?

- **Multiple School Closures Due to Failing Building Systems:** On several occasions in the past several years the school has been forced to close due to failing heating, plumbing systems raining water into classrooms and hallways. In 2019, students attended school for a week in jackets due to no functioning heating system.
- **Health and Safety:** outdated fire safety, electrical, security systems, asbestos, poor air quality
- **Education Spaces:** Classrooms lack necessary space, technology and room for in-demand vocational education.

WHAT WOULD A NEW MOLALLA RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL PROVIDE?

- **A Safe, Secure School**

Ensuring the safety and security of students and staff is paramount.

- Secure campus perimeter, main entry
- Security cameras and intercoms
- Fire sprinkler and alarm systems
- Improved accessibility for all to comply with ADA requirements

These measures are designed to provide a secure learning environment.

- **Efficient Building Systems**

Efficient building systems not only provide an improved learning environment for students, they also realize significant cost savings for the district.

- High-efficiency HVAC with filtration to address the growing problem of fire smoke
- Modern electrical, plumbing systems

- **Expand Student Opportunities**

A new Middle School will support a wider range of learning opportunities.

- Career Technical/Vocational Classrooms
- Technology improvements
- Flexible Learning Spaces
- Main Gym and Aux Gym with 3 courts

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.

BOND FUNDS CAN ONLY BE USED FOR VOTER-APPROVED PROJECTS

Law requires bond funds be used for projects described in the ballot.

FINANCIALS

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