

On April 3 the patrons of the Fairland school district will have an opportunity to vote to improve our school facilities, keep our students safe and enhance our ability to prepare students for their future. To that end the board of education has unanimously approved a resolution to offer a bond proposal as follows:

- **\$2,175,000.00** To construct, furnish, equip and/or acquire a classroom storm shelter addition at the Early Childhood Center
- **\$100,000.00** To acquire and install technology equipment to include, but not be limited to hardware and software district wide
- **\$1,345,000.00** To construct, furnish, equip and/or acquire renovations at the elementary gymnasium, to include, but not be limited to demolition, flooring, bleachers, finishes, new entrances, canopies, paint, locker room upgrades and ADA compliancy upgrades.
- **\$3,620,000.00** Total

These are all necessary items to bring our school up to a safe and adequate space to educate our children.

**Elementary classrooms/bathrooms/storm shelter:** Fairland school enrollment has increased from 545 in 2007-08 to 620 today; much of that increase is in the elementary school. Several of our elementary classrooms today are so overcrowded that teachers cannot navigate up and down aisles to monitor students or answer individual questions. It is important that we are able to divide some grade levels into three sections rather than two to help alleviate the overcrowding. Because we are completely out of classroom areas, it is essential that we construct new classrooms. The proposed new classroom building would be constructed between the elementary gymnasium and the early childhood building, would also contain some much needed bathroom facilities and also be constructed as a storm shelter or safe room to house our elementary students when necessary.

**Technology:** Our children are growing up in an age of technology; they are digital natives. It is important that we equip and prepare them for the world that they will live and work in. These funds will go a long way toward our ability to provide an online device for most of our students. The funds will transform instruction and learning in our school district.

**Elementary Gymnasium:** If you have been in our community very long, chances are, you have been in our elementary gymnasium. It is the most used facility on our campus. The facility is used for Physical Education and Athletic team practices during the day, but is also used extensively by the community after school hours for work out classes, community basketball leagues, and baseball/softball practices. The facility also contains the school weight and work out area for our power lifting team. The building is in need of several upgrades and renovations to make it even more usable for the community and school district. These proposed funds would replace the worn out wood floor with a new all purpose, synthetic floor that would be cleaner and easier to maintain. The stage and bleachers would be eliminated to create more space for batting cages and work out stations. Coaching offices and locker rooms would also be upgraded and renovated.

Obviously these improvements will not come without cost to the property owners within the school district. Below is the chart showing the increase in property tax that would result from approval of this bond proposal.

<b>Fairland Public Schools</b>				
<b>\$3,620,000 Building Bonds</b>				
<b>April 3, 2018</b>				
		<i>Tax Impact</i>		
<u><i>If your taxes were....</i></u>		<u><i>Your new taxes would be.....</i></u>		
Previous Tax Amount		First Year's Tax Impact		
		Tax Amount	Annual Increase	Monthly Increase
\$25.00	.....	\$29.38	\$4.38	\$0.37
\$50.00	.....	\$58.76	\$8.76	\$0.73
\$75.00	.....	\$88.15	\$13.15	\$1.10
\$100.00	.....	\$117.53	\$17.53	\$1.46
\$200.00	.....	\$235.06	\$35.06	\$2.92
\$300.00	.....	\$352.58	\$52.58	\$4.38
\$400.00	.....	\$470.11	\$70.11	\$5.84
\$500.00	.....	\$587.64	\$87.64	\$7.30
\$600.00	.....	\$705.17	\$105.17	\$8.76
\$700.00	.....	\$822.69	\$122.69	\$10.22
\$800.00	.....	\$940.22	\$140.22	\$11.69
\$900.00	.....	\$1,057.75	\$157.75	\$13.15
\$1,000.00	.....	\$1,175.28	\$175.28	\$14.61

These projects were researched and discussed by a committee of teachers, administrators and other community members before being presented to the board of education. We believe that approval of these proposals is vital to our ability to continue to provide the best possible education to all of our students. We believe that our ability to provide adequate space for learning and the increase in technology for instruction will bring more students into our school district and further the economic development of our area. We hope that you will support these improvements and vote yes on April 3.