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**Please VOTE!**  
*Your Vote Matters!*



## Your vote matters!

On September 19th, two school district bond measures will be mailed out to all registered voters.

**Ballots must be returned by October 4, 2016.**

These bonds play an important role in maintaining our facilities and delivering educational programs.  
All of these requests are long-term solutions.



The Elementary School Bond funds a new K-5 Elementary School south of town on Airport Road.

This new school will relieve overcrowded classrooms and provide additional

classroom space for our growing student body. The bond will also address immediate needs at our five elementary schools.



Flathead High School, the Agricultural Education Center (H.E. Robinson Center) and Linderman will receive the bulk of these improvements, as detailed inside.

Updates to Flathead

High School are in areas that are original to the 1910 building. These are necessary improvements to aging areas to bring them up to current building code and 21st century standards.

For more information on the bond visit [www.sd5.k12.mt.us](http://www.sd5.k12.mt.us).

Click on the tab 'Bond Information' beside the school's tab.

You can also email [hensleighc@sd5.k12.mt.us](mailto:hensleighc@sd5.k12.mt.us) with any questions you may have on this bond.

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*If we built a new school today, it would be half-filled with existing students tomorrow.*



*Flathead High School is over 100 years old. The updates requested in this bond would bring it into compliance with current fire and safety codes.*



## 2016 School Bond Facts

Voters who reside in the School District #5 will see **two bond measures on a mail-in ballot**. Ballots go in the mail on September 19th.  
**Ballots are due by October 4, 2016**

Each bond plays an important role in maintaining and improving our school facilities and quality of our instructional programs.



The Elementary District Bond funds **a new K-5 Elementary school** on property south of town on Airport Road. This new school will **relieve overcrowded classrooms and schools**. Funding will also repair and update our existing five elementary schools, as well as the middle school, addressing immediate needs.



The High School District Bond **addresses aging buildings, inadequate learning environments, safety and security issues** as well as increasing enrollment capacity at the Agriculture Education Center, Linderman Education Center and Flathead High School.

## What is a "General Obligation Bond"?

A General Obligation Bond or 'Bond' is the primary means for school districts in Montana to raise funds for significant school facility improvements and/or construction. They are re-paid, generally over a 20 year term, although the term may vary.

See inside or visit our website for more bond information.  
We've created a special tab "Bond Information" next to the schools drop down menu.

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# Elementary Bond Measure

**Why is a new elementary school needed?**  
Current overcrowding at the elementary schools stands at approximately 225 students over capacity. Kalispell Public Schools has relied on a neighborhood school model, but as KPS has grown it has been difficult to keep students in their neighborhood school.



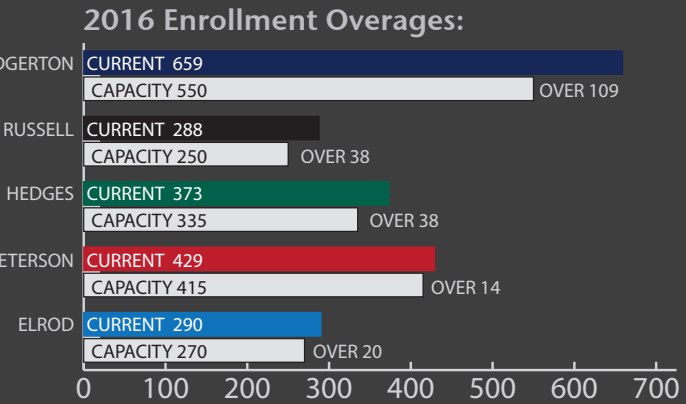
**Why are the repairs needed at the elementary schools?**  
Our existing five elementary schools are aging with significant infrastructure needs. Our newest is almost 30 years old and oldest was built in 1929.



Left: Students eat lunch in the hallway because there is no room in the cafeteria.

Currently, we accommodate overcrowding with ‘super-classrooms’ where up to 35 students are in one classroom with an additional instructor assigned. We’ve also converted custodial closets into teaching spaces.

If passed, the district would avoid purchasing portable classrooms, which is a short term solution.



**Each of our five elementary schools and Kalispell Middle School (KMS) will receive improvements, including:**

- Deferred maintenance improvements, roof repair, replacing outdated and inefficient heating and ventilation systems, replacing broken or outdated windows.
- Safety and security improvements including but not limited to updates to our fire alarm system in the older buildings, security camera installation, one button classroom lock down, and update the public address systems.
- New gymnasium spaces at Russell, Peterson and Elrod; renovating the existing gym space into flexible teaching/multi-use area. A multi-purpose room at Hedges and cafeteria renovation to add teaching space.
- Upgrades to comply with the Americans with Disability Act (ADA).
- Renovations and improvements to enhance instructional quality by adding flexible teaching/learning space.
- KMS parking lot improvements, exterior door replacements as well as safety and security upgrades.

PROJECT COSTS :	
New Elementary:	\$15,186,500
Upgrade/Remodel Existing K-5 Schools	\$6,256,300
Deferred Maintenance on K-5 Schools	\$3,427,000
Deferred Maintenance on KMS	\$412,200
Total cost of the elementary bond:	\$25,282,000

**FOR THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOND:**  
For every \$100,000 of assessed property value, the annual tax for the elementary district bond would be \$4.87 per month or \$58.41 per year.

ELEMENTARY			
Home Value		Yearly	Monthly
\$170,655	Kalispell Median	\$99.68	\$8.31
\$200,000		\$116.82	\$9.74
\$300,000		\$175.23	\$14.61
\$400,000		\$233.64	\$19.48

# High School Bond Measure

- FLATHEAD HIGH SCHOOL**
- Eliminate obsolete half floors, replace with new classrooms that tie into the existing 1st and 2nd floors.
  - Bring building up to current fire code, install sprinkler system, & upgrade public address systems.
  - Demolish the old gym and replace it with a multi-use, auxiliary gym.
  - Safety and security improvements.
  - Addressing all deferred maintenance: replacing old windows, roof replacement/repairs, electrical and plumbing improvements, heat and ventilation components to improve indoor air quality.
  - Possible parking expansion.

\$19,287,200

- AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION CENTER**
- New welding facility, green house, veterinary science, science lab, classrooms, commons area and larger bathrooms.
  - Address all deferred maintenance issues.
  - Renovation of existing facility to meet current fire codes and other 21st Century standards.
  - Septic tank and drain field relocation and improvement.

\$4,645,500

- LINDERMAN EDUCATION CENTER**
- Refurbishing aging classrooms & gymnasiums.
  - Electrical and plumbing upgrades, roof replacement, fire alarm replacement, parking lot and sidewalk improvements.
  - Addressing all deferred maintenance, renovations and improvements.

\$3,448,300

- LEGENDS STADIUM**
- Visitor bleachers are aging and cannot accommodate full capacity.
  - Athletic Field needs renovation including addressing drainage issues, making it safer and more usable.
  - Other facility improvements.

\$958,100

- GLACIER HIGH SCHOOL**
- Deferred maintenance.
  - Parking lot repairs.
  - Sidewalk repairs.

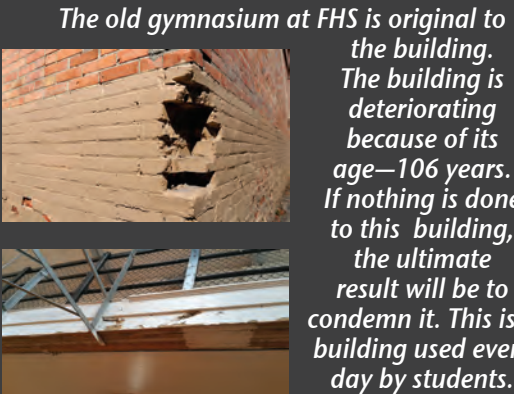
\$426,900

**PROJECT COSTS \$28,766,000**

**FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL BOND:**  
For every \$100,000 of assessed property value, the annual tax would be \$2.44 per month or \$29.23 per year.

HIGH SCHOOL			
Home Value		Yearly	Monthly
\$170,655	Kalispell Median	\$49.89	\$3.65
\$197,563	County Median	\$57.75	\$4.16
\$200,000		\$58.46	\$4.87
\$300,000		\$87.69	\$7.31
\$400,000		\$116.92	\$9.74

The half floors at Flathead High School were built in 1910 and are not in compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.



The old gymnasium at FHS is original to the building. The building is deteriorating because of its age—106 years. If nothing is done to this building, the ultimate result will be to condemn it. This is a building used every day by students.

Asbestos in the ceiling in the main hallways and on the half floors is part of abatement that this bond will address.



The Agricultural Education Center was built in 1978 and has not received a major update since that time.



The electrical system at Linderman uses fuses that date back to the 50's and 60's and are considered illegal in current building construction.