

## April 2017 Bond & Levy Fact Sheet



- We are out of space.
- Our schools must measure up by giving students more opportunities to reach their potential through smaller learning environments.
- A 2nd HS contributes toward “raising the bar” in our continued journey of pride through excellence in everything we do.

What’s on the ballot? Per the Long Range Facilities Planning Committee’s 2014 recommendation (reaffirmed in 2015 & 2016), a total levy increase of \$1.10 from \$3.69 to \$4.79:

- **Proposition J** (Bond): \$130 million to build a 2nd high school & renovate/add on the current high school, which makes up \$0.65 of the total levy increase.
- **Proposition C** (Levy): \$0.45 increase to provide funds to operate the second high school and for additional instructional resources.

The second high school will be available for the current 6th grade class when they become 9th graders in 2019. JCPS would not be required to add trailers on Major Field for adequate learning space for 700+ students.

Two high schools will not become a “haves” and “have-nots” situation. Of the \$130 million in total construction, \$45 million will be spent to overhaul the current high school. It won’t just be new lighting, new heating/cooling and new paint - it will look and feel like a totally different facility.

We have elementary and middle school space issues too. Through this current plan, JCPS can build equity to borrow additional money every four to five years to address these additional needs - with no increase to your tax rate/tax levy amount.

Our current tax levy is \$3.69:

- Is \$0.50 less than the state average (puts JCPS in the bottom third of the state)
- Is \$1.68 less than similarly sized MO districts
- Is \$2.35 less than neighboring Columbia Public Schools (CPS levy is \$6.04)

Part of the tax levy increase (\$0.20 of the \$1.10) will fund instructional resources for students and teachers in grades K-12. These resources include:

- Textbooks (digital & hard copy), which haven’t been purchased in a decade
- More technology devices for elementary and middle school students
- Additional behavioral and mental health supports
- A preschool classroom at Callaway Hills elementary

A reasonable levy increase request from \$3.69 to \$4.79 to address our space issues and provide opportunities for all students through smaller class sizes and smaller learning environments.

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