



# Caldwell-West Caldwell Public Schools

*Bond 2014 ...  
... Securing the health and safety  
of our children*

On Tuesday, December 9, 2014, registered voters in Caldwell and West Caldwell will vote on a bond referendum focused on improving the health, safety and security of our students and staff.

The projects proposed in the bond referendum will address security and safety needs, necessary facility repairs and technological upgrades, and health and safety improvements. These projects will preserve the school buildings for future use.

In addition, passing the referendum will secure state funding for approximately 22.36% of the total project's principal and interest payments over the life of the bond, equating to \$5.8 million, depending on borrowing rates. **State funding is contingent on the referendum's approval by voters.**

## Security Enhancements

### Upgrade Safety and Security In and Around Our Schools

- Interior/Exterior Doors - Replace nearly 900 doors to improve security. Many doors are original to the schools.
- Security Cameras/Recording Devices – Add security cameras with recording capabilities to every entrance/exit at every school and at Bonnel Field.
- Repair and replace sidewalks and lighting at Jefferson Elementary and Grover Cleveland Middle School.

## Technology and Facility Repairs

### Improve Technology Foundation and Prepare for Increased Technology Needs

- Move technology center from current location, a former custodial closet, to a dedicated and properly ventilated space.
- Install more efficient temperature controls to better support and maintain technology equipment.
- Address additional needed facility repairs.

## Health and Safety Improvements

### Improve Environment/Air Quality

- Replace heating units, many more than 50 years old, and 17-year old boilers at Lincoln School and Grover Cleveland Middle School.
- Upgrade electrical systems required to support heating ventilators. These same upgrades will allow for the installation of air conditioning in school buildings.

### Improve Air Quality and Safety

- Replace remaining original windows at James Caldwell High School, Washington Elementary and Harrison School.
- Renovate parking areas at Grover Cleveland Middle School and Jefferson Elementary.
- Replace roof of the Maintenance Shop.

### Repair and Resurface Athletic Fields

- Drainage Issues on Athletic Fields, Replacement of Track at JCHS and Installation of Turf at Bonnel Field – Athletic fields at James Caldwell High School, not updated since 1987, require drainage and sprinkler system upgrades. Doing the required work enables the installation of turf at Bonnel Field at a cost of approximately \$500,000, allowing for increased use of the field.

## Questions and Answers

### Q1. Why didn't the district take care of the renovations as part of the regular operating budget?

The district continues to make necessary repairs and upgrades to buildings through the use of budget funds. However, the scope of work required in the referendum package cannot be met within the operating budget, which is capped at two percent. Facility projects, funded from the budget over the past years, include the replacement of several windows and doors per year. However, continuing at the current pace extends the completion date and results in the delay of other necessary work.

### Q2. Why isn't extended-day kindergarten part of the plan?

All-day kindergarten was included as the Board discussed the need for a referendum. However, based on recent parent survey results, the cost associated with the need to build on to the middle school, the need to move students to the middle school in order to create the space required to accommodate the extra classes, and additional transportation needs led us to delay the program at this time. We will continue to monitor the kindergarten program and funding initiatives by the state for full-day kindergarten programs in non-Abbott districts.

## BOND 2014 – PLANNED RENOVATIONS AND PROJECTS BY SCHOOL

 <b>James Caldwell High School</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Exterior and Interior Doors</li> <li>• Additional Security Recording Equipment*</li> <li>• Electrical Service Upgrades</li> <li>• HVAC Upgrades and Air Conditioning throughout School</li> <li>• Replace Windows</li> <li>• Drainage and Repairs at Lower Field and Bonnel Field</li> <li>• Field/Track /Turf Upgrades</li> <li>• Athletic Facility Upgrades</li> </ul>	 <b>Grover Cleveland Middle School</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Interior Doors</li> <li>• Security Cameras/Recording Equipment at Every Entrance*</li> <li>• New District Data Technology Center</li> <li>• Electrical Service Upgrades</li> <li>• HVAC Upgrades and Air Conditioning throughout School</li> <li>• Replace Boilers</li> <li>• Replace Sidewalks and Renovate Parking Area</li> </ul>						
 <b>Jefferson Elementary</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Interior Doors</li> <li>• Security Cameras/Recording Equipment at Every Entrance</li> <li>• Electrical Service Upgrades</li> <li>• HVAC Upgrades and Air Conditioning throughout School (through ROD Grant)</li> <li>• Renovate Parking Area and Install New Site Lights</li> </ul>	 <b>Lincoln Elementary</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Interior Doors</li> <li>• Security Cameras/Recording Equipment at Every Entrance</li> <li>• Electrical Service Upgrades</li> <li>• HVAC Upgrades and Air Conditioning throughout School</li> <li>• Replace Boilers</li> </ul>						
 <b>Washington Elementary</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Interior Doors</li> <li>• Security Cameras/Recording Equipment at Every Entrance</li> <li>• Electrical Service Upgrades</li> <li>• HVAC Upgrades and Air Conditioning throughout School</li> <li>• Replace Windows</li> </ul>	 <b>Wilson Elementary</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Security Cameras/Recording Equipment at Every Entrance</li> <li>• Electrical Service Upgrades</li> <li>• HVAC Upgrades and Air Conditioning throughout School</li> </ul>						
 <b>Harrison School</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Exterior and Interior Doors</li> <li>• Security Cameras/Recording Equipment at Every Entrance</li> <li>• Electrical Service Upgrades</li> <li>• Replace Windows</li> </ul>	 <b>Other</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replace Maintenance Shop Roof</li> </ul> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">Estimated Cost of Total Bond per Taxpayer:</th> </tr> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Caldwell</th> <th style="text-align: center;">West Caldwell</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">approx. \$11</td> <td style="text-align: center;">approx. \$11</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Estimated Cost of Total Bond per Taxpayer:		Caldwell	West Caldwell	approx. \$11	approx. \$11
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### Why Now?

- Focus on increased security, safety and health initiatives of our children
- Interest rates remain historically low
- Immediate need for repairs and replacements of Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning (HVAC) and Electrical Systems
- Debt Service Aid (DSA) is currently available from the state, and future availability is uncertain
- Work completed in referendum ensures that funding for classroom/instructional needs are met through regular budget
- Drainage needs of fields enable installation of turf field with minimized additional costs

## Questions and Answers, continued...

### Q3. Assuming the referendum passes on December 9, when will construction work begin and when will it be completed?

Development of plans and specifications for submission to the state will begin in spring of 2015. The work will be completed within three to five years.

### Q4. What will happen if the referendum is not approved in December?

This will mean that much of the work deemed necessary will not be done. It will take much longer to implement the security, health and safety initiatives, and a future bond referendum will require more funds as costs and needs continue to rise. These can impact our educational services and initiatives.

*\*Work to be completed through regular operating budget*



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