



## JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON AREA SCHOOLS **2020 BOND PROPOSAL**

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Current millage is a 2.30 mill sinking fund. The last tax collection for the sinking fund will be in the summer of 2020. If approved, it is estimated that the District will need to levy 2.99 mills, beginning in the summer of 2021. That would be a difference of .69 mills, or \$0.69 per every \$1,000 of taxable value.
- If you OWN a home or property in the school district, you would pay 2.99 mills on the TAXABLE VALUE of the property. For example, if the market value of your home is \$110,000, the taxable value would approximately \$55,000. Currently, owners of property with a taxable value of \$55,000 are paying \$126.50/year. If the District is required to levy 2.99 mills for the bonds, it would result in an increase of only \$37.95 per year or \$3.16 per month.
- If approved in May, the bonds will be sold in 2021 with construction commencing in 2021. Timelines will be dictated by the competitive bid process and the details within the project.
- Almost 60% of the bond will be spent to renovate current buildings and the K-8 parking lot.

All major parts of the heating systems are set to be replaced. The HVAC (heating) system runs on older pneumatic controls which have failed and caused classrooms to have heating issues. The passage of the bond will allow for the transition to digital control which are up to date, more reliable, and more energy efficient.

Passage of the bond will allow for many plumbing updates.

Currently 50% of the bathrooms in Lewiston are not able to be used.

There are areas of the Lewiston building without water.

There are only 5 stalls of bathroom spaces for girls and 3 stalls/2 urinals for the boys in 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade in Johannesburg. Currently, there are 219 students in that hallway who would use those bathrooms. This results in loss of instructional time as all students who need to cannot use the facilities during passing time.

A major update will be made to the K-8 parking lot to make is safer. We are working to have a platted roadway vacated alongside the current parking lot, then we will be able to expand it to the north slightly

and allow for the creation of a one-way loop, increase parking spaces, and a **SAFER** pick up and drop off for parents, students, and community.

There will be upgrades to the cafeteria space.

There will be money set aside through the length of the Bond (25 years) to update technology, moving towards a more 1-1 environment for students.

There will be money set aside over the life of the bond to replace aging busses.

Even though we are a smaller school in terms of enrollment – which is up this year and projected to be stable over the next 5 years- we still have just as many teams that need practice facilities as districts that are larger than us.

Currently, High School students have practice as early as 5:30 a.m. and as late at 8:00 p.m. With many students living more than 30 minutes from the High School Building, these are very late nights and early mornings. Additional space will allow more students to practice year-round between 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. This will support our academic goals as we know the later and earlier times directly impact student engagement in learning during the day.

Currently, and over the past three years, 70% of students in the district participate in an activity hosted at JL Schools outside of the school day.

Johannesburg-Lewiston Area students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of after school activities including:

- Cardinal club (Kindergarten-6<sup>th</sup> grade) – 73 students
- Odyssey of the Mind (Kindergarten-12<sup>th</sup> grade) – 80 students
- Cheerleading (Kindergarten -12<sup>th</sup> grade) - 40 students
- Robotics (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) – 11 students
- Archery (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) – 30 students
- Volleyball
  - Camp 40-50 students
  - 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> 25 students
  - 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> 12 students
  - 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> JV and Varsity - 19 students
- Football
  - 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> 14 students
  - 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> 16 students
  - 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 19 students
  - 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> JV and Varsity 42 students
- Cross Country
  - 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 20 students
  - 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 20 students

Weight lifting (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) – 40 students after school  
Little League also uses some district facilities  
Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts also use the district facilities

#### Basketball

Camp (100 students 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades)  
3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> boys - 12 students  
3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> girls –14 students  
5<sup>th</sup> boys - 7 students  
6<sup>th</sup> boys - 12 students  
5<sup>th</sup> girls - 10 students  
6<sup>th</sup> girls - 7 students  
7<sup>th</sup> boys -10 students  
8<sup>th</sup> boys-10 students  
7<sup>th</sup> girls 7 students  
8<sup>th</sup> girls 7 students  
JV boys 12 students  
JV girls 7 students  
Varsity boys 10 students  
Varsity girls 8 students

Indoor Track club (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) 22 students

#### Baseball

JV and Varsity 24 students  
Softball (HS) 14 students  
Track (MS girls) 17 students  
Track (MS boys) 30 students  
Track (HS girls) 21 students  
Track (HS boys) 20 students  
Golf (HS) 14 students  
After school Homework support (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) 86 students  
...and a host of other organizations use district facilities for their programs



**VOTE MAY 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020**