



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

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Current millage is a 2.30 mil sinking fund. The last tax collection for the sinking fund will be in the summer of 2020. If approved, this bond will be 2.99 mils (summer of 2021). That is a difference of .69 mils, 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 mils on the TAXABLE VALUE of the property. For example, if the market value of your home is \$110,000, the taxable value is \$55,000. Currently, that taxable value is paying \$126.50/year. Approval of the bond at 2.99mils 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 boilers range in age from the 1970's to the 1990's. 20% of the boilers in Johannesburg have failed this year. 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 4th-8th 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 it 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 5:30am and as late at 8pm. With many students living more than 30minutes from the High School Building, these are very late nights and early mornings. Additional space will allow more students to practice year-round between 3pm and 7pm. 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-6th grade) – 73 students
- Odyssey of the Mind (Kindergarten-12th grade) – 80 students
- Cheerleading (Kindergarten -12th grade) - 40 students
- Robotics (6th-12th grade) – 11 students
- Archery (6th-12th grade) – 30 students
- Volleyball
 - Camp 40-50 students
 - 4th-6th 25 students
 - 7th/8th 12 students
 - 9th-12th JV and Varsity - 19 students
 - 5th-6th 16 students
 - 7th-8th 19 students
- Football
 - 3rd-4th 14 students
 - 9th-12th JV and Varsity 42 students
- Cross Country
 - 6th-8th 20 students
 - 9th-12th 20 students
- Weight lifting (9th-12th) – 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 3rd-12th grades)

3rd-4th boys - 12 students

3rd-4th girls -14 students

5th boys - 7 students

6th boys - 12 students

5th girls - 10 students

6th girls - 7 students

7th boys -10 students

8th boys-10 students

7th girls 7 students

8th girls 7 students

JV boys 12 students

JV girls 7 students

Varsity boys 10 students

Varsity girls 8 students

Indoor Track club (6th-12th) 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 (6th-12th) 86 students

...and a host of other organizations use district facilities for their programs



VOTE MAY 5th, 2020