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BOND ISSUE

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VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

You must be 17-1/2 (18 years old by Election Day) in order to register. You must produce a valid form of identification (driver's license or Missouri ID) to show you are a resident of St. Louis County.

If you have recently moved, you will need to register again under the new address.

If you are not registered to vote and would like to know more, please visit one of the sites listed above or contact:

The St. Louis County Board of Elections
725 Northwest Plaza Dr., St. Ann, MO 63074
Phone: (314)-615-1800
<https://www.stlouisco.com/yourgovernment/elections>

IMPORTANT DATES

Deadline for Voter Registration..... July 10, 2024
Primary Election Date Tuesday, August 6, 2024

Frequently Asked Questions

➤ Will Jennings School District have a measure on the August 6, 2024, ballot?

Yes. On January 8, 2024, the Board of Education voted unanimously to place the District's **Proposition J, a \$9 million ZERO TAX RATE INCREASE bond issue,** on the **August 6, 2024 election ballot.**

➤ What exactly is a bond issue?

A BOND ISSUE is used to generate funds for maintaining or improving district facilities, or for equipment/technology. Bond issue funds cannot be used for operating purposes.

➤ Why is JSD submitting a bond issue to voters now?

The last bond issue was passed in 2016 and, since then, the list of needs has grown considerably. In 2024, the District is seeking funding for what we have deemed “priority projects,” including safety upgrades, repairs and renovations districtwide. Our older buildings require regular maintenance and much of that work has been on hold. Prop J, if approved, would provide improvements in the areas of **Academics, Safety, Facilities (buildings and grounds), Athletics and Technology.**

➤ What is meant by a ZERO Tax Rate Increase Bond Issue?

A **ZERO TAX RATE INCREASE** (or, NO tax rate increase) bond issue means that tax rates will NOT increase. If approved by voters, PROP J would generate an estimated \$9 million to be used for renovations and repairs in all District schools and facilities.

Frequently Asked Questions

➤ What should I look for on the August 6 ballot?

Proposition J requests approval for a \$9 million no tax rate increase bond issue for the purposes of repairs and renovations in schools and facilities district-wide. If approved, it is estimated that the tax rate will remain unchanged. However, it will look a bit different on the ballot.

The official ballot language is as follows:

Proposition J – Shall the Jennings School District, St. Louis County, Missouri borrow Nine Million Dollars (\$9,000,000) for the purpose of constructing, renovating, improving, furnishing and equipping school sites, buildings and related facilities for school purposes, including but not limited to making facilities and safety improvements District-wide, and issue general obligation bonds for the payment thereof? If this proposition is approved, the adjusted debt service level of the school district is estimated to remain unchanged at \$0.99 per one hundred dollars assessed valuation of real and personal property.

JSD’s Prop J requires a 57.14% majority vote for passage.

➤ How will Prop J bond issue funds be used?

Prop J bond issue funds will be used only for the purposes stated in the bond issue, i.e., **repairing**, upgrading and improving aging facilities, **renovating** classrooms and interior spaces and **remodeling** areas and systems worn with use.

All schools are included in the capital improvement schedule for Prop J. Also included are contingency fees, general contracting fees and funds to cover inflation over the construction period.

Frequently Asked Questions

➤ What types of projects are being planned?

The District has carefully curated the project list based on community and school feedback in addition to a series of facilities studies.

The project list prioritizes needs in Academics, Safety, Infrastructure (buildings and grounds), Athletics and Technology.

This chart below shows targeted projects that are tentatively part of the plan (this list may change as we work through changes in the supplies and services over time)

This does not cover every need, but it does tackle the most pressing projects at this time. Additional details are available upon request. Again, this is a tentative list of projects. The scope of projects listed could change based on the situations we face in construction at time of approval.

➤ What percentage of votes is needed to pass the bond issue?

Prop J requires a four-sevenths (or 57.14%) “YES” vote in order to pass on August 6, 2024.

TENTATIVE PROJECT LIST

JENNINGS PROP J* - August 6, 2024	FVP	NV	HAN	WL	JrH	SrH	JETS	Gore	CEN
ACADEMICS									
Preschool classroom/stay & play, and equipment	X								
Student Enrichment Center-Gore: robotics, culinary, shop class, recording studio								X	
SAFETY									
Control access (keyless access, barriers near HS Doors, fencing)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Ballistic Window Coverings	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
ADA - Chair Lift Replacements (3)	X X			X					
Improvements to Northview driver drop off flow									
Yellow fencing: safety (gates) visible / barriers for drivers /Electronic signage	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Open Gate Metal Detector(s)					X	X			
INFRASTRUCTURE/BUILDINGS									
HVAC Upgrade/Replace Districtwide (plus filters).	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Asbestos Abatement (floor tile, boiler room carpet, etc.)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Parking Lot Repair/Upgrade/replacement.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Windows and insulation at high school.									
Water proofing and upgrades following flooding,							X		
HVAC Auto Temp Control/Software at JETS							X		
Roofing in four areas (includes leaking skylight at HS).	X				X	X		X	
Playground Improvements, replacement or repair.	X	X	X	X					
HS boilers - replace obsolete parts									
Plumbing district-wide including restroom upgrades.	X	X				X			
Engineer and repair (mud-jacking)		X							

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Contract interior painting and exterior restoration as needed.		X							
Cafeteria Table Replacement					X	X			
Replacement of desks as needed.						X			
TECHNOLOGY									
Marquees (7, Outdoor Electronic Message Boards)	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Phone System Upgrades Districtwide									
ATHLETICS									
Concession stand upgrade									
Video boards (6 x 10 feet, two screens, video board--FB field & A-Gym)						X			
Gymnasium upgrades -- bleachers added under bball hoop					X	X			
Field bleachers renovat						X			
Restripe track and end zone; upgrade to heavier gauge fencing (visitor's side).						X			
Modernize football locker rooms and showers.						X			
Modernize/update/repair girls locker rooms.						X			

Thank you for your review of our tentative project list. Every school will be impacted by Prop J funds if approved.

If you have any additional questions, please call your school principal or email district office staff at propj@jenningsk12.org.

More information, including news of election procedures, can be found on our Prop J. website, jenningsk12.org/propj.

Election Day August 6, 2024

The Jennings School District

School District Mission

The mission of the Jennings School District is to ensure that each student develops a passion for learning through challenging curricula; rigorous academic standards; innovative, stimulating educational environments; and a passion that education is a lifelong pursuit.

2023-24 District Statistics

The District is **fully accredited** by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE).

Total District Enrollment (as of September 30, 2023) –2,300
K-12, students

THANK YOU
for your interest in the Jennings School District!

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