**NADABURG UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 81**

**BOND FACT SHEET & FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**What is a Bond?** Bonds are loans made to the school district used to purchase capital items and make capital improvements to existing facilities, such as building or renovating a school or purchasing school buses and add to the minimum facilities funded by the state to meet the needs of today’s students.

**Why is Nadaburg Unified School District calling upon local voters for a bond election?** The State’s School Facilities Board has not provided funding for building maintenance and repair to keep facilities up-to-standard for over 8 years. The state budget for capital projects has been drastically reduced – more than an estimated $18 million to the District in the past six years. As a result, bond funding is the only mechanism to begin to restore, repair and refurbish existing facilities. School security is a high priority and all schools need single entry points with controls. Upgrades and sustainable renewal of technology for students and teachers is critical. Lastly, with the growth in enrollment in the district, the temporary renovated high school will become a middle school. The bulk of the bond funds will go to build the new comprehensive high school campus beyond the minimum requirements, to include athletic fields, an archery range and flexible STEM learning spaces.

**What will the Bond do for Nadaburg District students?** The Governing Board of Nadaburg Unified School District #81 has called this special bond election to address four areas:

1. The District has identified the essential new construction project to accommodate growth in high school student enrollment for Mountainside High School with athletic fields and multi-use learning spaces beyond the state-funded minimum requirements, as a priority.
2. The 2022 Bond program will provide improvements to the learning environment for students, staff and families at every school district site. The bond will address three primary areas to help the district create a user-friendly technology system that provides:

* Sustainability of the 1 to 1 computer initiative for students as we experience rapid growth
* Improvements, replacements and upgrades in the district’s technology infrastructure, including security, network capability, wireless applications, and school and student computer access

1. The District is recommending that bond funds be used for safety upgrades, maintenance, replacements, and refurbishing of schools and district facilities such as:

* Secure single-entry points for all school sites
* Replacement of aging or non-serviceable school air-conditioning/heating units
* Upgrading of fire alarms and security systems
* Improving elementary playgrounds
* Transportation vehicles for students
* Renovations and improvements of district facilities
* Replacement of outdated furniture and equipment

**What amount is the Nadaburg Unified School District asking for in the upcoming bond election?**

The total bond is for $20 million.

**How much will the bond cost the average taxpayer?** There would be an average **$0.86 tax increase per $100 valuation** as a result of the successful passage of the bond. This equates to an average of $86 annually per $100k assessed value.

**How do I know the money will be spent as indicated?** The Nadaburg District is committed to responsible stewardship of bond funds. Arizona law requires the district to clearly identify how the bonds will be spent in the voter information pamphlet. Additionally, school districts must hold public hearings annually to inform the public on the progress of how the bond proceeds are spent. Communication on the bond fund usage will be shared with stakeholders on a consistent basis on the NUSD website located at [www.nadaburgsd.org](http://www.nadaburgsd.org) and though other channels.

**When will the Bond be on the ballot?** The Bond election will be on the Tuesday, November 8, 2022 regular election ballot. Early voting for this measure will start Wednesday, October 12, 2022. Last day for voter registration is Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at 11:59 pm.