



Riverview Gardens
SCHOOL DISTRICT

PROPS

Safe & Secure Schools

April 2, 2024

NO-TAX-RATE-INCREASE FOR RIVERVIEW GARDENS SCHOOL DISTRICT

PROP S PRIORITIES



SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS



SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS



STRUCTURAL UPGRADES



WHAT IS PROP S?

Prop S is a No-Tax-Rate-Increase Bond Issue on the April 2, 2024 ballot for residents of Riverview Gardens School District. If passed, Prop S will raise \$25 million to enhance safety and security for RGSD schools and offices, make important structural enhancements and upgrade technology and security systems across the District.

SAFETY & SECURITY UPGRADES

- Secure Entries
- Perimeter Fencing
- Classroom Doors
- Exterior Doors
- Fortify Locks
- Fire Doors
- Window Blinds
- Key Replacement
- Access Controls
- LED Lighting
- Intercom Systems
- Crisis & Emergency App
- RGHS Security Center

STRUCTURAL UPGRADES

- HVAC Units
- Roof Replacement
- Athletic Fields
- School Kitchens
- Technology Infrastructure

VOTE ON APRIL 2

PROPOSITION

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Q: WHAT IS A GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND?

A: A “general obligation bond” is debt of the School District that is payable from taxes levied against all property located within the boundaries of the School District. The proceeds received from the sale of the general obligation bonds will be used to pay the costs of various capital improvements to School District facilities.

Q: WHAT WILL THE COST BE FOR TAXPAYERS?

A: This bond issue requires no tax rate increase and the principle of and interest on the bonds will be payable from the School District’s existing debt service levy, which is currently \$1.1392 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation of real and personal property.

Q: WHAT VOTE IS REQUIRED TO ISSUE THE BONDS?

A: This bond issue requires no tax rate increase and the principle of and interest on the bonds will be payable from the School District’s existing debt service levy, which is currently \$1.1392 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation of real and personal property.

Q: HOW WILL THE NO-TAX-RATE-INCREASE BOND ISSUE APPEAR ON THE **APRIL 2, 2024** BALLOT?

A: Shall the School District of Riverview Gardens, St. Louis County, Missouri borrow \$25,000,000 for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, renovating, furnishing and equipping school sites, buildings and related facilities for school purposes, including safety, security, roof, HVAC, parking and technology improvements, and issue general obligation bonds for the payment thereof? If this proposition is approved, the adjusted debt service levy of the school district is estimated to remain unchanged from the current debt service levy of \$1.1392 per one hundred dollars assessed valuation of real and personal property.

- YES
- NO

PROPOSITION S - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Q: WHAT WOULD THE NO-TAX-RATE-INCREASE BOND ISSUE PAY FOR?

A: Prop S would help to address issues related to safety and security, structural enhancements and technology improvements. To enhance safety and security, Prop S funds would be used to secure the entries to schools, construct and extend perimeter fencing, replace classroom doors, replace exterior doors, upgrade doors for fire safety, replace blinds and window coverings, replace and upgrade locks and upgrade to LED lighting districtwide. Prop S funds would also include upgrading the school's intercom systems.

Structural enhancements would include, replacing HVAC systems, replacing and repairing roofs, enhancing athletic fields, renovating kitchens at all schools and renovating the security and welcome center at Riverview Gardens High School.

Q: WHAT WOULD THE TIMELINE BE FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECTS?

A: When Bonds are issued by the school district, the District has to assert that it expects to spend the proceeds within a 3-year period. We expect to follow this guideline per the requirements of the bond sale.

Q: HOW DID THE DISTRICT PRIORITIZE THE PROPOSED PROJECTS?




A: We looked at the most pressing safety projects in the District, looked at the tentative costs of each of these projects and then determined from there which ones would potentially come first.

Q: HOW CAN I LEARN MORE ABOUT PROPOSITION S & THE APRIL 2, 2024 ELECTON?

A: Visit rgsdmo.org/props for the latest information on Prop S. RGSD officials, stakeholders and other volunteers will be canvassing the RGSD community to provide information and answer questions regarding Prop S. You can sign up on the website to receive emailed updates regarding the ballot initiative.

Prop E (April 2021)

Promises Kept

Prop E Priorities	Results
 Expand Early Childhood Education	Additional openings were created at Michelle Obama ECAC. Early Childhood scholars were also placed at Lewis & Clark Elementary.
 Expand transportation for students within a mile	Additional routes and bus top access has been added for students who live within a mile of the school district.
 Expand health services for students and families	Riverview Gardens High School recently opened the R.A.M.S. Clinic, a school-based health center to serve scholars and the community. Scholars have also been provided medical support through mobile vans, immunization days and more, through partners such as BJC HealthCare, CareSTL Health, Christian Hospital Foundation and more.

 Ensure we continue to align district goals to state standards	In 2023, RGSD launched an all-new Comprehensive School Improvement Program (CSIP). The CSIP sets the district's goals and action steps from 2023-2026. The plan is placed prominently in all schools and was mailed to all households in the RGSD community.
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 <p>Strive to implement community and adult education programs</p>	<p>RGSD's Parent Advisory Council holds regular Parent University workshops, providing community resources & learning opportunities for parents. The PAC also holds regular meetings and resource fairs.</p>
 <p>Enhance salary schedule to retain & recruit high-quality staff.</p>	<p>RGSD teachers and staff have received consistent raises from 2021-Present. The minimum wage in the district was raised to \$15 per hour, step amounts have increased for teachers. Recruiting and referral stipends have been given.</p> <p>Starting teacher salaries (for new teachers) in RGSD has risen from \$38,433 to \$46,935.00.</p>
 <p>Strive to regain full accreditation</p>	<p>In 2022, all RGSD schools began a partnership with Solution Tree to improve student achievement. RGSD is in the process of opening Literacy Labs in all elementary schools.</p> <p>RGSD continues to progress and make gains in regard to earning points for academics. The State of Missouri will consider changes to accreditation after the final results of the 2023-24 school year are calculated.</p>