



BUILDING FOR LEARNING

2024 Bond INFORMATION FACT SHEET Election November 5, 2024

The Auburn School District Board of Directors has set a bond proposition for the November 5 ballot.

This bond will:

- Build a new Middle School #5 on school district property on Sumner-Tapps Highway E.
- Replace the 57-year old Cascade Middle School on school district property located north of the existing school at I St. NE and 40th St. NE.
- Replace the 52-year old Alpac Elementary School on the current school site.
- Make facility improvements at 16 schools and six support buildings to address safety, security, critical systems, energy conservation measures and major building needs.

The bond will provide needed classroom space at the middle school level. Middle school enrollment is 3,715 and there are currently 41 portables in use at middle schools housing approximately 1,148 students.

The bond will modernize learning environments:

- The buildings have exceeded their useful life, despite regular maintenance.
- Energy efficient heating, cooling and lighting will be standard.

The bond will increase safety:

- Schools will feature high-quality design and construction.
- Schools will have secure entry points.
- Traffic flow and pedestrian safety will be improved.

Please remember to vote!



Facts:

- A citizen's committee with more than 40 members met for 12 weeks during the fall of 2023 and the priority recommendations were to build a new middle school, replace Cascade and Alpac, and fund safety, security and critical systems at 16 schools and six support buildings.
- The overall school tax rate has dropped over the last three years, from \$5.20 to \$4.71. The projected tax rate will be \$5.51.
- These projects are eligible for \$26 million in state matching funds.
- The total cost of three new schools and the improvements to 16 schools and six support buildings is \$532,100,000.
- The Auburn School District has a history of building high-quality schools that last for generations. In the last eight years, we built Bowman Creek Elementary, Willow Crest Elementary, and replaced Olympic Middle School, Chinook Elementary, Dick Scobee Elementary, Lea Hill Elementary, Pioneer Elementary and Terminal Park Elementary. All projects were completed on-time and on-budget.

