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RESPONSIBLE APPROACH TO FUTURE GROWTH

As a vibrant and growing community, it is important that the district has a plan in place to effectively manage growth. A recent demographic study points toward continued growth, which we must account for in a responsible manner. We put our students at a disadvantage if we do not accommodate for these increases, forcing them to learn in crowded spaces, or areas not designed specifically for 21st Century learning.

To ensure that we're providing the students in our district the best environment in which to learn, we've factored future growth into our bond planning. Here are examples of issues we've already begun to see:

- We've reached capacity at our PreK-4 building. In order to continue to build out programming, new space and the reworking of existing areas must occur.
- Our current elementary school gym space presents challenges for our current population, and this does not include projected growth.
- Many spaces are not configured to allow for modern, innovative educational programming.
- Our high school auditorium, with a capacity of 450 students, isn't large enough to accommodate our 9-12 student body or many of our community activities such as concerts, plays, and other performances.
- The Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) career cluster is one of the fastest growing job markets. With a new high school STEAM lab and elementary space remodeled to accommodate STEAM activities, students will get the training and education they need.

The result of growth, coupled with an investment in facilities, has been shown in other communities to raise the overall commercial tax base, as employers often look at the quality of the educational system when making location or relocation decisions. Raising the tax base results in lowering of the local tax burden long term.



"I love this school district so much, I moved into town so that my daughter and future children could enjoy the community and schools as much as I do. It is important to my family to retain outstanding staff and continue to provide innovative programming at all grade levels."

- Chelsey Meyer, Middle School Staff Member

Created by Jordan Public Schools to educate patrons about the November 5, 2019, operating referendum and bond election. For more information contact: Matt Helgerson, Superintendent, mhelgerson@isd717.org, 952-492-6200

ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019

JORDAN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT RESIDENTS WILL VOTE ON THREE QUESTIONS:

PHASE ONE

The work of our Long Range Planning Committee, in conjunction with the City and School Partnership Committee, has led to a recommendation to the school board that this fall is the right time to ask voters to consider phase one of the long range plan. On Tuesday, November 5, 2019, Jordan Public School District residents will vote on three questions:

QUESTION 1

An operating levy of \$300 per pupil unit

An operating levy helps support student programs and services. Currently, we DO NOT have a voter approved operating levy in place. These additional operating dollars are needed to:

- continue to maintain low elementary class sizes
- improve STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics) programming
- attract and retain high quality teachers and staff
- provide operating dollars for our campus to include our current facilities and the new proposed facilities found in Question 2 and 3

QUESTION 2

A bond referendum of \$24.5 million

ELEMENTARY RENOVATIONS

 significant renovation and gymnasium addition to our current elementary school

NEW EARLY LEARNING SERVICES BUILDING

 new early learning services building on the new property, complete with new classrooms for preschool and kids company students

HIGH SCHOOL REMODEL AND SECURE ENTRANCE

 remodel of our high school to build a new secure entry area and STEAM lab to serve the needs of our kids and prepare them for 21st Century jobs

IMPROVED PARKING AND DRIVES

 improve the function and safety of parking, driveways, walkways, drop-off/pick-up loops at our elementary school, high school, ball field area, and CERC

QUESTION 3

A bond referendum of \$15 million

HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM EXPANSION

 adding approximately 200 seats to our current JHS auditorium, along with new technology and features to ensure and continue to be a performing arts space that meets the needs of the community

MULTIPURPOSE FACILITY ON SOUTH CAMPUS

 a large indoor facility with field turf, golf simulator bays, archery simulator bays, and other amenities aimed at serving the entire community as an extension to the CERC as well as the athletes, teams, and organizations in our schools and community

Question 1 must pass for the others to pass

Question 1 must pass for Question 2 to pass **Question 1 and 2** must pass for **Question 3** to pass



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The 450-seat auditorium lacks the capacity to serve students, parents and community members who attend the numerous performances held in the auditorium. If more than 24 chairs are added, we violate Fire Marshal capacity limits. Often extra chairs are brought in to accommodate larger crowds.