



Sahuarita Unified School District

SPECIAL: SCHOOL BOND PROPOSAL

Overview

The Sahuarita Unified School District is considering placing a bond measure on the upcoming November election ballot.

The comprehensive, long-term solution could provide more space for the District's growing student enrollment and make improvements and upgrades to maintain the health and safety of our existing schools.

Learn more about this measure — why it is needed, what it will cost, and how it will improve community schools for all Sahuarita students.

We would like to hear from you.
Please take our brief survey online.

What are some of the proposed projects?

The bond could fund priority projects that cannot be funded with current budget constraints.

- Safety improvements
- Upgrade electrical systems to safely accommodate computers, technology, and other electrical devices.
- Renovate aging restrooms, plumbing systems, roofs, carpet and related proactive improvements
- Replace aging buses in a logical phased manner
- Build classrooms at Main Campus sites to accommodate growth
- Build a new school to support expanding development
- Build a performing arts center

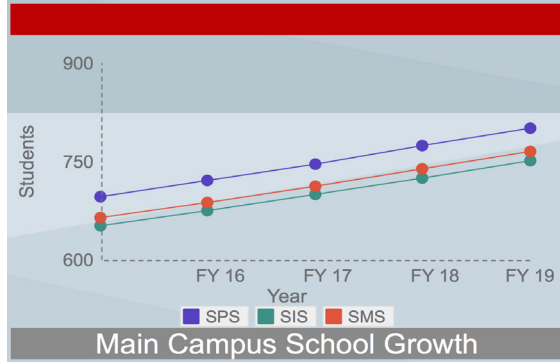
Survey at *Or on the District website*
<http://goo.gl/forms/CwPB9GGfzJ> www.susd30.us

Current Condition of SUSD Schools

Schools built more than 20 years ago lack many of the amenities and functionality of recently constructed schools. Sahuarita Primary School and Sahuarita Intermediate School have faced some challenges regarding the accommodation of technology and other electrical educational devices.

A need has been identified for repairs and renovations at some schools across the District, including the need to upgrade classrooms, fix roofs, and improve bathrooms.

Over the last 5 years the student population has grown by an average of **3.6%**. At the end of the 2014-2015 school

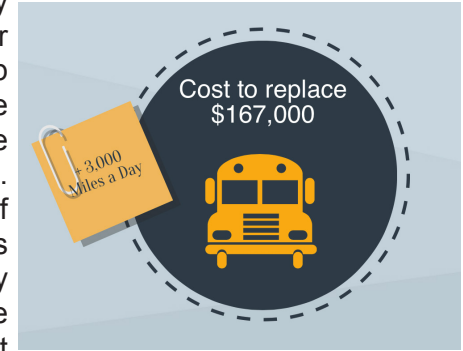


year, the District served 5930 students. It is estimated by the School Facilities Board (SFB) using the current growth model that we will **exceed** current school capacity by 2019. It is projected that the Main Campus schools (Sahuarita Primary, Sahuarita Intermediate, and Sahuarita Middle Schools) will see the **greatest growth** on already crowded campuses. A bond affords a local community with the ability to proactively control its own future.

Sahuarita USD school buses travel over **3,000** miles per day. The District currently has **12 buses older than 15 years** and 15 buses that have accrued

approximately **200,000 miles** or more. It is a top priority to provide safe and reliable transportation. The purchase of one school bus is approximately **\$167,000**. The current budget constraints do

not allow for the funding to replace aging buses. With funding, the District has an intentional, ongoing plan to regularly purchase buses in support of safe, comfortable transportation services.



At-a-Glance

Why the bond now?

- All previous bond funds have been expended for designated school improvement projects
- Capital budget **reductions** have slashed the capital budget from **\$2.6 million to approximately \$400,000**.
- Student population growth continues at an average rate of **3.6%**.
- School budget **reductions** in the last 5 years have been \$8 million, largely in the area of capital outlay.

Tax Impact:

Passage of a \$40 million bond would impact the average homeowner approximately \$60 per year.

Due to the loss of the capital override in 2014, the average homeowner will see a decrease of about \$45 per year which could create an approximate net impact of \$15 per year.

Home Value	Estimated increase for proposed School Bond		Estimated Net Tax Increase (loss of Capital Override)	
	Yearly	Monthly	Yearly	Monthly
100,000	\$42.00	\$3.50	\$4.00	<\$0.50
150,000	\$62.00	\$5.00	\$14.00	\$1.17
200,000	\$83.00	\$7.00	\$19.00	\$1.60