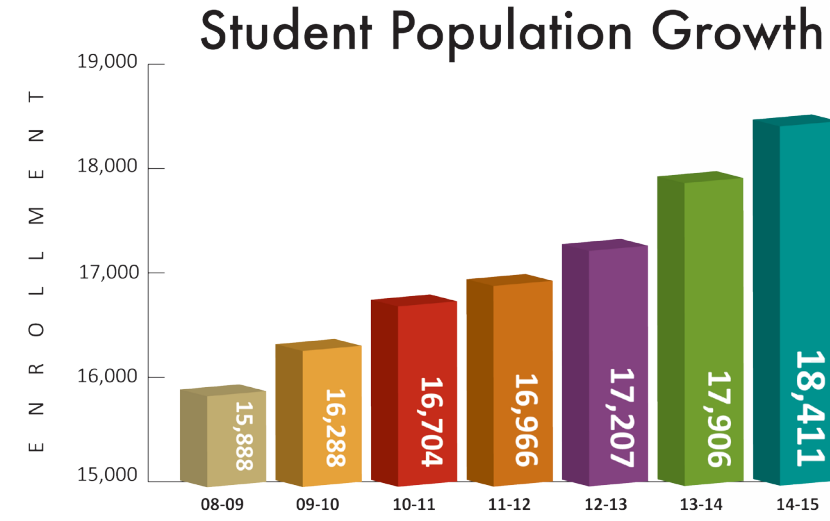


Why is BAPS proposing a new bond issue?

With a current enrollment of approximately 18,400 students, the BAPS district is growing at a rate of about 3% per year. We must continue to add new facilities as well as maintain existing ones to meet the demands of this growth.



Will the 2015 bond issue increase taxes?

No, the 2015 bond issue will not increase taxes. Through careful planning, BAPS has ensured that we can meet the needs of our growing district without requesting a tax increase from Broken Arrow taxpayers.

Will all schools benefit from the bond issue?

Yes, every student and school site in the BAPS district will benefit from the passage of the 2015 bond. Each school site will receive annual allocations for instruction and technology needs. Additionally, all schools will benefit from the transportation and furniture, fixture, and equipment improvements. The ultimate goal is to ensure there is equity across the district so that every student has the same educational opportunities in a safe, enriching learning environment.

If this bond issue passes, what will we do if we need to build another high school?

In the fall of 2015, we will begin to research and facilitate a conversation with the community about high school configuration. This process will be very thoughtful and thorough, with expert guidance and input from parents, the community, staff and students. If the research and dialogue with the community indicate we should change our high school configuration, we can assess whether bond funds need to be reallocated. None of the projects proposed on the 2015 bond issue precludes us from moving toward an additional high school.

What if the bond issue does not pass?

Due to projected student growth, without a new bond issue, our schools will become overcrowded. If we do not build new classrooms and schools soon, we risk returning to portable buildings.

Can money from the bond proposal be used to pay teacher salaries and benefits?

No. By law, school districts are not allowed to use bond funds for salaries. Bond funds must be kept separate from operating funds and utilized for capital improvement projects.

How many votes are required for the bond to pass?

School bond elections require a 60 % supermajority vote for passage.



TIMELINE FOR COMPLETION

The projects will be completed over a 12 year period in four phases as bonds are sold and funds become available. Based on projected growth, major projects have been prioritized in the following time frames:*

Phase I Priorities - \$93,500,000 (funds available 2016)

- New Elementary #15
- High School STEM Classroom Addition
- Sequoyah Middle School Renovation/Expansion
- Freshman Academy Classroom Addition
- Special Education Classrooms
- Kirkland Activities Complex Part 1
- Land Acquisition

Phase II Priorities - \$86,500,000 (funds available 2019)

- New Elementary #16
- Childers & Oliver Middle Schools Renovation/Expansion
- Vocational Agricultural Facility
- High School Renovations
- Elementary Renovations
- Land Acquisition
- Technology

Phase III Priorities - \$88,500,000 (funds available 2022)

- New Middle School #6
- New Elementary #17
- Land Acquisition
- Broken Arrow Alternative Academy Renovation
- Technology

Phase IV Priorities - \$101,500,000 (funds available 2025)

- Kirkland Activities Complex Part 2
- Westwood Spirit and Auxiliary Gymnasium
- High School and Freshman Academy Auditoriums
- Technology

PROGRESS AS PROMISED

Project highlights from the 2009 bond issue and 2011 reallocation

In 2009, Broken Arrow citizens helped ensure the success of Broken Arrow Public Schools students by passing a \$295 million bond issue. In 2011, voters elected to reallocate a portion of that bond to address the needs of our growing district. As a result, students now have safer, more enriching learning environments that have a positive impact on student success. Highlights from those bond elections include:

- Added 830,000 square feet to our buildings and facilities
- Opened four early childhood centers, three elementary schools and one middle school
- Removed 117 portable buildings and added 311 classrooms
- Improved the safety and security of our schools by adding 23 secured front entries and 1,300 security cameras
- Added 28 fine arts spaces with 13 at secondary sites and 15 at elementary sites
- Added 23 science/STEM spaces with 13 at secondary sites and 10 elementary sites
- Added 12 media centers and seven gymnasiums
- Improved technology across the district with the addition of 883 interactive boards and 1,000 Wi-Fi access points

**Projected time frames subject to change based on district needs.*

SEQUOYAH MIDDLE SCHOOL



BROKEN ARROW HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM



KIRKLAND ACTIVITY COMPLEX



NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL



VOTE FEBRUARY 10, 2015

For additional information, visit BASCHOOLS.ORG/2015Bond. If you have questions about specific bond project proposals, contact your school, email the district at feedback@baschools.org or call 918-259-5700.

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BROKEN ARROW PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOND ISSUE 2015





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The 2009 bond issue and the reallocation of bond funds in 2011 were a major step in addressing some long overdue needs of the district. As a result of these bond issues, Broken Arrow Public Schools made immense improvements to our facilities and provided safe, enriching learning environments for all students. Thanks to our patrons, portable buildings were completely eliminated, security and technology were vastly improved at every site, and there is equity for all of our students across the district as a result of these funds.

The 2015 bond issue projects total \$370 million and will be completed over the course of 12 years. By planning for long-term capital improvement projects, we can better utilize resources while ensuring taxpayer dollars are used efficiently.

These projects were carefully identified by the Long Range Planning Committee and include classrooms for growth, facilities for student programs, improvements in security and facility maintenance, advances in technology and instruction, and upgrades in transportation.

The structure of this bond issue was intentionally designed to provide flexibility. If at any time a new need is identified, approved projects that have not yet begun can be postponed until a later date. Additionally, much like in 2011, the district can present a new proposal to voters if a reallocation of funds is needed. This bond issue is an opportunity to meet the needs of our growing district while continuing the momentum of excellence.

As you read through this brochure, please remember this will not be the only tool used to communicate with our patrons. You will be seeing and hearing much more on the 2015 bond issue, and we encourage you to ask questions and offer input. Thank you for your participation in this process, and remember to vote on Tuesday, February 10, 2015.

Jarod Mendenhall

Jarod Mendenhall, Ed.D.
Superintendent
Broken Arrow Public Schools

2015 BOND ISSUE FACTS

- \$370 million bond issue over the span of 12 years
- Will NOT increase taxes
- Meets the demands of growing enrollment by adding new schools and classrooms as well as maintaining existing facilities
- Supports academic achievement through investments in facilities, instruction and technology
- Keeps students engaged in school by providing facilities for student programs

2015 BOND PROJECTS

CLASSROOMS FOR GROWTH

\$195,500,000

Three New Elementary Schools – \$80,000,000

With over half of our growth at the elementary school level, the district will build three new facilities which could accommodate up to 900 elementary school students. The schools will be located in various areas of the district to relieve overcrowding, with at least one new school in the north and one in the south. Amenities would include a media center, full-size gymnasium, music room, art room and science room as well as hardened areas of refuge for storm safety.

High School STEM Classroom Addition - \$21,000,000

To meet the needs of the district's growing science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) program, new classroom space, labs and STEM focused learning areas will be added at the high school. This state of the art addition to the high school would be specifically designed for our STEM program and also provide a hardened area of refuge for storm safety.

New Middle School - \$30,000,000

The district will build a new facility for middle school students to accommodate for student growth. Amenities would include a media center, full-size gymnasium, music room, art and science rooms as well as hardened areas of refuge for storm safety.

Sequoyah Middle School Renovation and Expansion- \$19,500,000

At Sequoyah, the oldest parts of the building will be updated and a new, larger cafeteria will be added. The old cafeteria will be converted to a new media center and additional classrooms will be created along with a new space for fine arts. The project will also include the addition of an elevator to the two-story section of the building along with other upgrades to meet ADA accessibility requirements. The new addition would also provide a hardened area of refuge for storm safety.

Childers and Oliver Middle School Renovation and Expansion - \$12,000,000

These schools will both receive updates and additions. At both schools, the district will construct a new media center and convert the existing media centers to classrooms. New flooring will be added in the classrooms and hallways, along with new paint, code upgrades, and appropriate storage. Some of the new spaces would act as a hardened areas of refuge for storm safety.

Freshman Academy Classroom Expansion - \$15,000,000

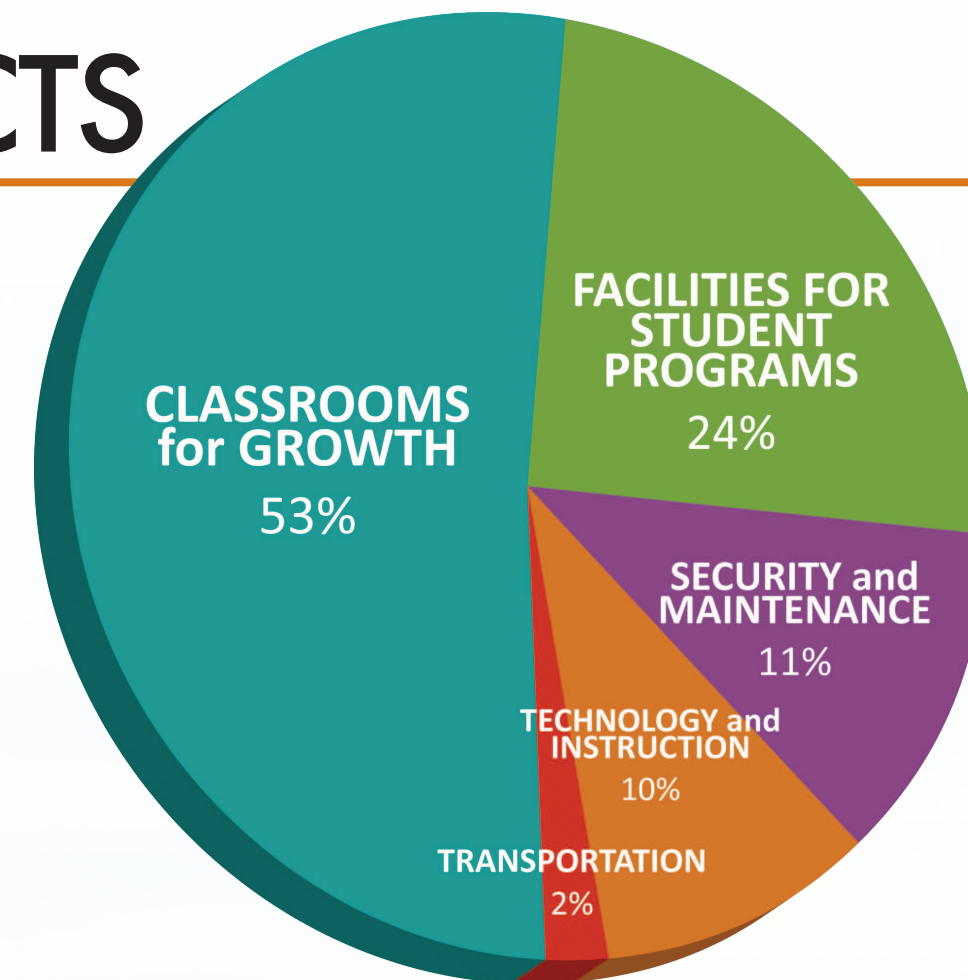
To meet the needs of our freshmen students, the district will construct new classrooms at the Freshman Academy to accommodate for growth. The new structure would also act as a hardened area of refuge. During the renovation, various needs throughout the site would be addressed including upgrading science rooms, pavement, and enhancing common space for student collaboration.

Special Education Classrooms - \$4,000,000

To accommodate our most profoundly disabled students, BAPS will improve special education classrooms throughout the district. Additional classrooms will be added to appropriate early childhood, elementary, middle school and high school sites to accommodate special education students.

Land Acquisition - \$14,000,000

To accommodate new facilities and infrastructure, BAPS will purchase tracts of land for future district needs. These properties would be purchased throughout our 115 square mile district in areas of growth and expansion.



FACILITIES FOR STUDENT PROGRAMS

\$89,000,000

Kirkland Activity Complex - \$39,000,000

The site formerly used as North Intermediate High School will be repurposed with special recognition given to its historical significance in the district. Plans include renovations to the current auditorium and gymnasium. Kirkland Field will be repurposed as the Kirkland Soccer Complex which will feature a full-size competition soccer field. Additionally, a swimming facility will be constructed which will house an Olympic size swimming pool for district and community use.

Two School Auditoriums - \$34,000,000

To provide much needed large performance and meeting space on both the high school and Freshman Academy, the district will construct an auditorium on each campus which would hold approximately 750 students. The structures would also act as hardened areas of refuge for storm safety.

Westwood Spirit and Auxiliary Gymnasium - \$12,000,000

The former Westwood Elementary school will be repurposed to accommodate spirit squads, dance curriculum, and track teams. Appropriate locker rooms will be added along with site upgrades and amenities to the softball and baseball complex. Additionally, a new auxiliary gymnasium will be constructed for use by athletic programs across the district as well as space for high school PE classes and events. It would also act as a hardened area of refuge for storm safety.

Vocational Agricultural Facility - \$4,000,000

Currently, the district does not own the land or structure used by our Vocational Agricultural Program. Funds will be allocated to purchase land and construct a show barn along with livestock pens needed to support students pursuing careers in agricultural production, agribusiness and other agricultural related occupations.

SECURITY and MAINTENANCE

\$38,500,000

Elementary Renovations - \$5,000,000

The district will continue the process of updating and renovating several of our elementary schools. At Arrowhead, Country Lane Primary, Leisure Park, Liberty, Rhoades, Spring Creek, Vandever, and Wolf Creek Elementary Schools, buildings would receive new flooring in the classrooms and hallways as well as new paint and storage areas.

High School Renovation – \$12,000,000

At the high school, several areas in need of updates would be addressed. Several classroom buildings would receive new carpet, paint, and storage. Lockers would be removed to create common space for better student collaboration. Several restroom facilities will be remodeled, and hallways and classrooms will be retrofitted with necessary safety systems.

Broken Arrow Alternative Academy Renovation - \$4,000,000

At the Broken Arrow Alternative Academy which is housed in the former Haskell Middle School, the building would receive several improvements to accommodate growth. Additionally, new virtual education labs will be created to meet the needs of the district's growing virtual education program.

District Maintenance, Security, and Furniture/Fixtures/Equipment - \$17,500,000

To address ongoing maintenance needs, funds will be allocated to maintain and replace roofs, HVAC equipment, parking lots, fencing, concrete and other projects. Additionally, these funds will be used to replace copiers, vehicles and safety related equipment. Funds will also be used for new furniture to accommodate district growth including student and teacher desks, and to replace broken desks and chairs. New equipment for playgrounds and other areas will also be provided with these funds.

TECHNOLOGY and INSTRUCTION

\$38,000,000

District Technology Allocation - \$20,000,000

In order to provide the best learning technology, funds will be allocated to update existing computers, and to replace software and hardware as needed. These funds will also provide increased technology in classrooms, moving the district toward a 1:1 student to computer ratio. The technology allocation will also enable the district to make the necessary Wi-Fi and infrastructure upgrades needed to accommodate this expansion.

District Instructional Allocation - \$18,000,000

These funds will provide for district-wide allocations for textbooks and software as well as equipment and materials for media centers, special education, science and other instructional areas. Additionally, funds will be allocated for purchasing equipment and satisfying the needs of the fine arts and athletic programs.

TRANSPORTATION

\$9,000,000

Buses and Student Transportation - \$9,000,000

To accommodate the needs of our growing district and to ensure the safety of our students, the district must keep our fleet current and in good repair. These funds will allow for the annual purchase of buses and vehicles needed for student transportation to make sure we can meet the transportation needs of our 115 square mile district.

TOTAL BOND:
\$370,000,000