

Proposal S Bond Referendum

Election Day – Nov. 3

President Obama Makes Stimulus Dollars Available to DPS

President Barack Obama has made millions in stimulus bonds available to the Detroit Public Schools to build eight new schools and modernize 10 schools. The funds would come to DPS in the form of no-interest and low-interest bonds available under economic stimulus packages. These dollars must be spent quickly—within 3 years. DPS received the 6th largest allocation of qualified school construction bonds in the country. If the district does not use these funds, it will lose them.

How Do We Access these Funds?

On Nov. 3, Detroiters will be asked to vote on a bond referendum, Proposal S. Proposal S must be approved by voters if the district is to receive \$500.5 million in stimulus funding to build new and/or modernize 18 Detroit Public Schools. There will be NO tax increase if Proposal S is approved. Your taxes will remain the same. Issue

Facts about Proposal S

- The funds will allow DPS to build eight new schools and modernize 10 schools within the next 3 years.
- Before DPS can receive and use these stimulus bond funds, voters must approve a bond issue that will be on the Nov. 3 ballot.
- There will be NO tax increase if Proposal S is approved. Your taxes will remain the same.
- \$246 million—nearly half of the bonds— will be re-paid at a 0% interest rate.
- According to the State of Michigan's formula, Proposal S will create nearly 11,000 jobs.
- Proposal S will result in \$500.5 million being spent in Detroit neighborhoods within a 3 year period beginning in January 2010.
- Proposal S will improve the district's progress toward creating safe, new, state-of-the-art Centers of Excellence in Detroit neighborhoods and public schools. It is our goal that any Proposal S fund savings would be redirected to improve the safety, technology and quality of life in the district.
- All construction work must be completed within 3 years under the conditions of the federal stimulus package.

Continued Progress

The district has implemented strategic changes to improve the educational system including:

- Assigning new leadership in 1-out-of-4 schools, hiring new staff members, restructuring schools and engaging national turn around partners.
- Launching the "I'm In" student retention campaign, a program to reverse the steady drain of students from DPS that has occurred in recent years.
- Completing a \$32 million summer construction program at 42 schools.

The improvement include:

- General enhancements, such as lighting upgrades and flooring and replacement
- Roofing
- Bathroom and drinking fountain replacement and repairs

- Playscapes
- Fixtures (such as mobile science room demonstration tables and pre-K cubbies)
- Safety upgrades with security and signage
- Heating and cooling repairs and replacements
- Painting of schools

Accountability

To provide voters assurance that there will be accountability in the investment of these funds in our schools, DPS Emergency Financial Manager Robert Bobb will establish an oversight committee of respected community leaders that will review every aspect of the ongoing construction and funding. The DPS Bond Advisory and Fiscal Responsibility Committee will include parents as well as political, industry, labor and community leaders who are committed to ensuring that the goals of the district are met.

Inclusive Procurement

This bond program will include Local/Small Local Business Enterprise programs and incentives:

- First Source Programs to encourage hiring Detroiters, and
- Mentoring and Student Employment Programs to train a new generation of Detroit Construction professionals.

Project Recommendations

Bethune Academy
Modernized

Brightmoor PK-8
New Building

Chadsey High School
New Building

Cooley High School
Modernized

Denby High School
Modernized or New Building

Duffield PK-8
Modernized

Finney High School
New Building

Ford High School
Modernized or New Building

JR King PK-8
Modernized

Marcus Garvey PK-8
Modernized

Mark Twain PK-8
Modernized

Martin Luther King, Jr. High School
New Building

Maybury PK-8
New Building

McNair PK-8
New Building

Mumford High School
New Building

Munger PK-8
New Building

Northwestern High School
Modernized or New Building

Western International High School
Modernized or New Building

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