



Frequently Asked Questions

Why does Sand Springs Public Schools need a bond issue?

Investing in our students is an investment in their futures and the future of Sand Springs. We want our students to graduate from high school prepared for college or career. In order to make this happen, we need classrooms and facilities, technology upgrades, athletic facilities, and transportation that meet these needs.

Why does the Central 9th Grade Center need to be rebuilt and moved to the Charles Page High School Campus?

The Central 9th Grade Center is not meeting the needs of our students. The building is the most costly building in the district for maintenance repairs. We need expanded space at Charles Page High School to incorporate Manufacturing, Interior Design, and Foundation of Construction. Community partners provide grants each year for the curriculum in our STEM programs including Biomedical Sciences, Engineering, and Computer Science. These programs are critical to providing our students with the skills necessary for today's workforce. All of these programs and more are accessed by our 9th-grade students requiring a daily shuttle to the Charles Page High School campus decreasing the critical instructional time for these students. Also, Central 9th Grade Center was not built to accommodate the number of students we have today. Our classroom sizes are too small to meet the needs of the number of students.

Why does the turf at Memorial Stadium need to be replaced?

Our current turf at Memorial Stadium has exceeded its lifecycle by 2 years. Over time, turf wears and hardens, increasing the likelihood of injuries. Memorial Stadium is a facility that services football, youth football, soccer, band, cheer, and dance and provides a place for other community-wide activities. The turf needs to be replaced so that our athletes and community organizations can continue to use the best facilities that are comparable to other 6A schools.

Why do the baseball and softball fields need to be re-graded?

There is limestone under the surface of the fields making the playing surface uneven with decreased ability to drain properly. The baseball field does not meet grade specifications, which provides for a safe playing surface for our athletes. Our softball players frequently have to miss practice and reschedule games because of the poor draining conditions. Our athletes deserve to have facilities that rival those of other 6A schools.



Why does Angus Valley need a separate gymnasium that doubles as a storm shelter?

Angus Valley is the only school in the district that does not have a separate gymnasium. Multiple events and assemblies create scheduling conflicts with PE classes having to be canceled. The separate gymnasium would allow even flow for class scheduling and events. Additional space in the existing area would also allow for much-needed future kitchen/serving-area expansion. To complete this picture, the installation of a storm shelter would provide protection for our students from potential tornadoes.

Why does the district need technology upgrades?

SSPS is meeting the needs of our students by providing the best technology possible. Our students need this technology to be prepared for life beyond high school. Providing mobile technology for our 1 to 1 initiative and updating computers in the district along with our software systems to protect our student data and financial management programs including increased WiFi capacity are a must in today's fast-paced technology world.

Why does the district need maintenance upgrades?

Just like homes, our buildings need to be maintained. The cost to maintain older and very large buildings is expensive. Our students need heat and air during the correct times of the year, roofs that do not leak, and improved doors, windows, and security systems. The Student Investment Plan (Bond) also allows for the parking lot, signage, and pavement improvements that benefit students, parents, and our guests.

Why does the district need to replace buses?

It is important to maintain a safe fleet of buses for our students. This means that buses must be replaced on a regular cycle. With the transportation bond, we will be able to replace some of our oldest buses and add new small activity buses.

How much is the student investment plan?

The bond is a \$32.85 Million Student Investment Plan, which will be spread out over a nine-year period.

Will there be a tax increase with the Student Investment Plan?

There will be NO tax increase with the Student Investment Plan!



What else does the bond issue cover?

With the bond, we will also be able to support the Core Curriculum with new textbooks and library media materials.

Safety improvements include removal of the louvers on the front windows at Clyde Boyd Middle School.

Other improvements include bleachers for Garfield, electrical upgrades for Limestone, playground upgrades for Northwoods to accommodate grades 3 -5, ADA accessible bathroom at Pratt, kitchen equipment at all sites, and student equipment including band uniforms, wrestling mats and weights, and elementary music equipment.

When do we vote on the Student Investment Plan?

Voting takes place on Tuesday, March 5th, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at your regular polling locations.

What is the total percentage required for a school bond issue to pass?

School bond issues require a 60 percent majority to pass. This means 60 percent of the people who vote in the election have to support the bond issue in order for it to pass. Sand Springs Public School voters will have the opportunity to vote for two separate propositions on the ballot, one covering the transportation and one covering all of the other projects.

What happens if the bond issue does not pass?

Sadly, we would not be able to provide our students with facilities designed for innovative education putting them at a disadvantage when preparing for college and careers. Our district will continue to put band-aids on problems that will not go away and only cost more money in the long term. Our students will not have the best technology, textbooks, and our security improvements, such as the safe room at Angus Valley and the removal of the louvers from Clyde Boyd Middle School will not be able to happen. Our aging buses will continue to become a burden with costly repairs and leaving students stranded on the road.