ETHICALLY EDUCATE YOUR COMMUNITY – AN EFFORT WORTH $90 MILLION DOLLARS

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AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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KINDERGARTEN READINESS
SLOTS FOR 180 STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN AN ACPSD 4K PROGRAM

4K EVENING PROGRAM
Jan 29-April 4
4:15-6:15 T/Th

8 SITES WILL SERVE THEIR AREAS:
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AIKEN WORKS
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Aiken County Public Schools is gearing up to lead a new community workforce development collaborative. Visit AikenWorks.org and join the effort to get students LEARNING & EARNING!

- Two simple messages
- Vital work sectors
- Targeted marketing

Multiple pathways to post-secondary success.
Graduate with a diploma and an employable skill-set.

AREA WORKFORCE DEMANDS

The Central Savannah River Area has identified four vital work sectors expected to be critical to our community's future growth.

- Energy
- Cyber Technology
- Health Science
- Industrial Manufacturing

AikenWorks-60a
PATH TO PREMIER – Aiken Scholars Academy

A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

- Six Advanced Placement courses taught by Aiken County’s highly qualified teachers during freshman & sophomore year.
- Scholars are full-time USC Aiken students in their 11th and 12th grade academic years.
- One of only 1,500 schools worldwide offering the AP Capstone program where scholars consider and evaluate multiple points of view to develop their own perspective on complex issues and topics through inquiry & investigation.

“...if somebody has a question or concern about something, the teachers spend ample time addressing it and give different examples and analogies to help them understand. The teachers make sure we leave class feeling confident about the material.”

Top Notch Test Scores

The Aiken Scholars Academy received a 100 percent pass rate on the Biology End of Course Exam.
PATH TO PREMIER - AFFINITY CARDS
HISTORY LESSON ON AIKEN’S COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

Two-Pronged Referendum

School Board To Seek 30 Mills

by VIVIAN DAVIS
Staff Reporter

The Aiken County Board of Education will be asking for a 30-mill tax increase in a double-barreled school referendum in the Nov. 3 general election.

The first proposal would require voters to approve two separate ballots. One would be a bonding referendum to raise money for a construction and renovation program. The other would be a tax millage increase for the operation fund for the school district.

District Superintendent Ted B. Wilks said the district’s board of education and administration had told the district would need a new high school to meet students’ needs within three years of the date of the referendum’s vote. The present school is not more than 12 years old; it was last bond-financed in 1976.

Wilks said that the bonding referendum would have to be in a separate ballot because it was being handled by a consultant that would also require that the funding referendum be on a separate ballot to avoid confusion. After considerable discussion about what would make a bond referendum an item of school-related only and what would ensure that it could be voted on during the general election, the board decided to present it as a separate ballot.

The bonding referendum will put the school district approximately $113 million on a building program. If voters approve it, the school district will follow the projects in order to pass the referendum. If not, the voters will have to put a limit on the estimated costs,” Wilks said.

The building program will include the following: in this order of priority:

- Renovations including 21 classrooms in Area A, six classrooms in Area 7A, a library at Wagner Elementary and renovations on the Aiken High gym.
- A new high school in the Valley at an estimated cost of $27.5 million.
- A new high school at the James Beach area, New Ellenton area which will probably cost about $2 million.
- New Aiken High School at an estimated cost of 3 1/2 mills.
- Renovations to existing facilities in Area IV at a cost of approximately $3 million. Wilks said that it had removed word from the Area IV Advisory Council saying that they were satisfied with just renovations and not any new buildings as had previously been discussed.

Although the building and renovation program is through 2014, the district will be in terms of millions of dollars in a period of time. The renewal of the current assessment rate does not change anything. The new assessment rate will be four mills.

The second referendum will be on a separate ballot, with the local option bond. After considerable discussion about what would make a bond referendum an item of school-related only and what would ensure that it could be voted on during the general election, the district decided to present the school district referendum separately. This includes an approximate $1.6 million for construction, renovation or repair costs. These costs would be used to reduce the pupil-to-teacher ratio in elementary schools and also add music, physical education and art teachers.

- Two mills for major maintenance expenses. This would include such items as repairing roofs, heating systems and other necessary parts of school facilities.
- The total 30-mill package was approved by the board last night.

THE COLUMBIA COUNTY NEWS TIMES

Aiken County voters pass penny tax

By, Nikisha Driskel

North Augusta, Oct. 31

Betty Ryberg of North Augusta was among the many voters who supported the penny tax for educational purposes.

She was among a little more than 6000 voters who gathered at the Hunt Club Bar and Grill to await results. The Aiken County School District’s referendum to renovate, add on to and build new schools passed with 68 percent of the vote.

More than 40 percent of the voters in favor of the penny tax as well as confidence that the bond money would be used appropriately.

The total bond referendum will provide the school district with additional funds to turn over the bond issue up to $125 million.

The money will be used to fund additions and renovations at North Augusta High School, Aiken High School, Ridge Springs Middle School and Aiken Elementary School and the Aiken County Career and Technology Center. A completely new facility will be built for Leavelle McCraven Middle School.

1976 2014
ADDRESSING A HANDFUL – GREATEST FACILITY NEEDS
THE EDUCATION SALES AND USE TAX ACT OR PENNY TAX

Q&A

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Aiken High School Phase 2A Construction & Tour Photos, Phase 2B Construction Photos

UNDER CONSTRUCTION Phase 2B

Design:
Spring 2016 – Fall 2016
Construction:
Fall 2017 – Spring 2019
Total Estimated Project Cost:
$14.8 Million

Architect & Contractor Information

Architect: LSJP
Contractor: H.G. Reynolds
Delivery Method: Construction Management At Risk
Design Phases and Decisions with School Stakeholders’ Involvement
School Board and Office of School Facilities Approval of Each Phase
Continual Building began in early 2016
Schematic Design—coming soon

COMPLETED Phase 2A

Design:
Summer 2015 – Spring 2016
Construction:
Spring 2016 – Fall 2017
Total Estimated Project Cost:
CONSISTENT MESSAGING
CELEBRATED SUPPORT
CONSTANTLY BROADCASTING SUCCESS

CELEBRATING
YOUR INVESTMENT IN PUBLIC EDUCATION
AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NOVEMBER 10, 2016

CELEBRATE
OUR COMMUNITY'S INVESTMENT IN PUBLIC EDUCATION
THE PROGRESS OF "THE PENNY"

2.28.19
SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

ATTEND THE MEETING LIVE @
AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS' DISTRICT OFFICE
VIRTUAL PRESENTATION + DETAILED UPDATE + LIVE Q&A

or virtually @
ADVISORY COUNCIL-HOSTED
VIRTUAL LOCATIONS
MIDLAND VALLEY, NORTH AUGUSTA, RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA,
SILVER BLUFF, AND WAGENER SALLEY HIGH SCHOOLS

AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
40+ FACILITIES & ONLY ADDRESSED A HANDFUL
RIPENING THE ISSUES

PERCENT OF STUDENT POPULATION

Critical Areas

- AT OR NEAR CAPACITY
  - Midland Valley High: 100%
  - Leavelle McCampbell: 100%
  - Byrd Elementary: 100%
  - Clearwater Elementary: 100%
  - Waresville Elementary: 100%
  - Ashland Elementary: 100%
  - Chilhowee Creek Elem.: 100%
  - Mossy Creek Elem.: 100%
  - Hamwood Hill Elem.: 100%
  - East Ashland IA: 100%

- SIGNIFICANTLY BELOW CAPACITY
  - New Elberton Middle: 38%
  - Ohio Middle: 40%
  - Oswood Elementary: 53%
  - Wagner Valley High: 53%
  - North Ashland Elementary: 63%
  - Schofield Middle: 60%
  - Ashland Middle: 50%

FY07 % of District Enrollment

- Area 1: 40.22%
- Area 2: 36.90%
- Area 3: 22.03%
- Area 4: 22.88%
- Area 5: 17.55%
- Area 6: 10.06%

FY17 % of District Enrollment

- Area 1: 40.22%
- Area 2: 36.90%
- Area 3: 22.03%
- Area 4: 22.88%
- Area 5: 17.55%
- Area 6: 10.06%

Your community your schools your voice
With limited funding mechanisms available for funding Capital Improvement Projects, which funding mechanism do you believe should be utilized to support program and facility needs?

- 0% Funds (Using 0% funds as the funding mechanism, individual projects would begin in 2024.)
- 1 Cent Sales Tax Funds
- $30 Million Bond Referendum (If the community supported the use of a bond referendum as the funding mechanism for current needs, individual projects would begin in 2019.)

Responded: 32 Skipped: 2

Answer Choices:

- 0% Funds: 1.19% 1
- 1 Cent Sales Tax Funds: 28.85% 10
- $30 Million Bond Referendum: 69.23% 36

Total: 32
November Ballot: No Room for Education

Officials urge Aiken County voters to pass CPST in November
$90 million bond referendum passes for Aiken schools

Voters in Aiken County and part of Saluda County approved Tuesday the $90 million Aiken County Public School District's bond to help pay for expansions, additions and security enhancements at four existing schools and to build two new schools.

Aiken County voters approved the bond by an unofficial vote of 8,574, or 53.90 percent, to 7,333, or 47.10 percent, with all but two precincts reporting at 10 p.m. Tuesday.

As of approximately 10:30 p.m. Tuesday, 108 votes in Precinct 2 and 57 votes in Precinct 69 had not been counted, said an official with the Aiken County Registration and Elections office. Those votes will be counted Wednesday, she said.
Please remember that there is no prohibition against “the expenditure of public resources by a government entity to prepare information materials, conduct public meetings, or respond to news media or citizens’ inquires concerning a ballot measure affecting that governmental entity; however, a governmental entity may not use public funds, property, or time in an attempt to influence the outcome of a ballot measure.”
INFORMATION SHARING: what you can do...

✓ Explain How Money Will Be Used.


✓ Answer Questions About Potential Impact of Passage or Failure.

✓ Fact Sheets.

✓ Hosting Information Sessions.

✓ Providing Voter Information & Reminding Employees & Citizens To Vote in All Elections.

✓ District/Schools May Utilize Social Media For Education/Delivering Information (not advocating or soliciting a “yes” or “no” vote).
PROTECT & INFORM
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

NO “ON THE CLOCK” ADVOCACY OR OPPOSITION.

No use of public resources (district-owned phones, computers, email accounts, “on the clock” time, etc.) to advocate for or against a bond referendum.

When “off the clock,” employees have the same fundamental civic responsibilities and privileges as any other citizen.
WHAT YOU COULD* DO...

PRESENT & BE PRESENT
ON THE ROAD AGAIN – TOWN HALL 2018

MILLBROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 95% CAPACITY; Capacity = 761, projected enrollment = 724
- 2 PORTABLES
- 1950's ERA SECURITY ACCESS TO 30 classroom doors from Pine Log Road
- LIMITED PARKING & SAFETY CONCERN WITH DROP OFF & DISMISSAL
- Projected enrollment based on new attendance line zone

COST OF RENOVATION & EXPANSION: $11 MILLION

HAMMOND HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 104% CAPACITY; Capacity = 728, Total enrollment = 757
- 5 PORTABLES; many with drainage issues
- SAFETY CONCERNS: with students walking from main building to portables & with morning drop off & dismissal due to limited parking
- TECHNOLOGY & WIRING: simply not enough outlets for today’s educational environment

COST OF RENOVATION & EXPANSION: $13 MILLION

RECOMMENDATION TWO

Expand Midland Valley High School to include additional classrooms and additions to the core facility and parking.

$20 MILLION;
FUNDING CURRENTLY NOT AVAILABLE*

“Ash problems you have at Midland Valley, with nine mobile units and five teachers floating (without a classroom), will be there for some time. We just can’t resolve the space issue at Midland Valley without an expansion.”

-Dr. Jerome McKibben, McKibben Demographics

AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
# Educating is Everyone’s Job

## 60 Meetings in 60 Days

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**Aiken County Public Schools**
CONNECT NEEDS TO
CORE VALUES
EXCELLENCE ACROSS ALL SCHOOLS
# Aiken County Public Schools

## FRAME YOUR WEAKNESSES

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### 2018 Bond Referendum; $236 Million

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SHARE THE QUESTION

Shall the Board of Education of The Consolidated School District of Aiken County, South Carolina (the “School District”) be empowered to issue, at one time or from time to time, general obligation bonds of the School District, in a principal amount of not exceeding $90,000,000, the proceeds of which shall be used to finance the costs (including architectural, engineering, legal and related fees) of acquiring, constructing, improving, equipping, expanding, renovating, and repairing school facilities, including land acquisition, if necessary, within the School District, as follows:

Renovation and Expansion of existing facilities:

- Midland Valley High School
- Hammond Hill Elementary School
- Belvedere Elementary School
- Millbrook Elementary School

Constructing and equipping new facilities:

- A new elementary school and a new middle school sharing a common campus site location and sharing the utilization of certain common facilities as may be practicable, to be located between Graniteville and North Augusta?

If the voter wishes to vote in favor of the question, fill in the oval next to “In favor of the question;” if the voter wishes to vote against the question, fill in the oval next to the words, “Opposed to the question.”
PAINT THE PICTURE
WHAT YOU COULD* DO...

UTILIZE COMMUNICATIONS VEHICLES
THE VOTE: May 1, 2018

The community had an opportunity to vote in a special election May 1, 2018, on a $90 Million Bond Referendum on facility needs at Midland Valley High School, Millbrook Elementary School, Hammond Hill Elementary School, Belvedere Elementary School, and for the construction of a new elementary and a new middle school between Graniteville and North Augusta.

The bond, approved by voters, will result in an increase in property taxes to homeowners of $20/year/$100K home value (4% tax base) and $30/year/$100K value (6% tax base). The tax, if approved, would be a tax on all property (homes, vehicles, etc.). Construction for all projects will begin in 2019 and are estimated to be completed by 2022.

The Projects

Six projects representing the greatest capacity (space) and safety challenges appeared before voters for their consideration on May 1, 2018. The $90 million bond, will be used for the following six projects and only these six projects.
ENCOURAGE VOTER REGISTRATION/VOTING

Submitting Your Voter Registration Form

1. Download this form.

2. Complete the form and print.

3. Return it to Aiken County’s Board of Voter Registration & Elections in one of the following ways:
   - Email to chtolland@aikencountysc.gov (no later than April 1, 2018);
   - Fax to (803) 642-2929 (no later than April 1, 2018);
   - Mail to PO Box 3127, Aiken, SC 29802 (postmarked no later than April 2, 2018), or
   - Deliver in person to the Board of Voter Registration & Elections at 1910 University Parkway, Aiken, SC 29801 (no later than March 30, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.).
INCENTIVIZE
STAFF TO VOTE - NOT HOW TO VOTE

COMMUNICATION

Sample Email Draft: Staff Reminder To Vote - Principal to Staff

Just a reminder that the bond referendum vote is on Tuesday, May 1. Please be sure to check your polling site as some have changed. You can do so at https://info.scvotes.sc.gov/eng/voterinquiry/VoterInformationRequest.aspx?PageMode=VoterInfo.

I encourage you all to get out and vote. If you bring your “I voted” sticker in to x on x, you will receive a jeans pass.

If your work schedule (or a number of other qualifying reasons) would prevent you from voting on Tuesday, you may be eligible to vote by absentee ballot. The direct link for Absentee Voting information is: https://www.scvotes.org/absentee-voting and those that qualify to vote absentee can do so in a number of ways, including in-person at the Aiken County Board of Voter Registration & Elections, 1930 University Parkway, Aiken, Open M-F, 9-5.

For information about the scope of projects and school facility funding, please direct interest to our website, acpsd.net > Bond Referendum.

Please be reminded that when it comes to a referendum, public employees while “on the clock” are prohibited from telling people how to vote – yes or no – or for soliciting support or opposition (Section 8-13-1346 of the SC Ethics Reform Act of 1991). The law does not prevent employees from using funds, property or time to provide information about the referendum and the importance of voting. When “off the clock” and not using school resources (paper, copier, laptop, facility, phone/tablet, school social media, school email account, etc.), public employees have the same rights to advocacy/opposition as other citizens.
SCHOOL THEM WITH YOUR SCHOOL MARQUEE

AREA 3 SCHOOLS’ MARQUEES

- Request sent via E-Communications Memo to all Principals asking Area 3 schools to place the below message on their electronic/static marquee:

  #GranitevilleIsGrowing
  713 Building Permits issued in 2017
  NEW info at acpsd.net, Town Hall
SEND THE MESSAGE HOME-
“BACKPACK” CARDS

POLLING LOCATIONS WILL BE OPEN ON
TUES., MAY 1, 7AM-7PM

WHERE TO VOTE?
Visit scvotes.org > Find My Polling Place (located at the far right on their homepage) or call (803) 642-2028.

ABSENTEE APPLICATIONS
If you are unable to vote during the designated date/time due to employment, vacation, disability, and a number of other qualifying reasons, please consider voting by absentee ballot. For absentee voting applications and information, visit scvotes.org or call Aiken County’s Election Commission at (803) 642-2028.

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WHAT YOU COULD* DO...

GIVE YOUR MESSAGE A “BOOST” WITH SOCIAL MEDIA
SOCIAL MEDIA: “IN THE KNOW”

THE RISING 9TH GRADE CLASS AT MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL IS 18% LARGER THAN THE CURRENT 12TH GRADE CLASS.
BOOST YOUR MESSAGE - BIG BOOST FOR A SMALL BUCK - 6K reached, $25
9,820 REACHED; $50
WHAT YOU COULD* DO...

SEND IT TO THEIR MAILBOX
The School District of Aiken County
1000 Brookhaven Drive
Aiken, South Carolina 29803

VOTE TUESDAY, MAY 1
or by absentee ballot* before the SCHOOL BOARD BOND SPECIAL ELECTION.
*if eligible (see reverse for details).

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TACKLE MISINFORMATION & MISCONCEPTIONS
SIMPLIFY/RELATE WHAT’S COMPLICATED - $34

Aiken County Public School District
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The ballot question states the request of a principal amount not exceeding $90 million. If the $90 million dollar school board bond is approved by voters on May 1, the District will not be borrowing the money interest-free, but will be paying interest just as someone does with their own mortgage. Projected interest is already included in the cost to taxpayers, if approved, of $20/year/ $100,000 home on a primary residence for 20 years (4% tax base).

Visit acpsd.net > Bond Referendum for additional information on interest rates. https://www.acpsd.net/Page/29227

INTERESTED in interest?

ACPSD.net > Bond Referendum for interest info & other factual info

Like Larry Millstead and 50 others 126 Comments 39 Shares

Home Purchase Mortgage Calculator $300,000 Term 20 year 5.25 ZIP 29803

Home Purchase Mortgage Summary

$2,022 $485,168 Monthly Payment Total of 240 Payments
$185,168 Mar, 2038 Total Interest Paid Payoff Date

Home Purchase Mortgage Rates

Advertising Disclosure
That Couldn't Be True - It's Not!

We've heard and seen misrepresentations of the facts surrounding school facility financing lately. Maybe you have too? In our efforts to provide factual information to voters to allow them to make informed decisions about their community, we'll address false information (such as the untrue claim that our District is sending money to support the Greenjackets' new baseball field) with fact and artifacts right here.

TIF Talk

In 2013, the Aiken County School District agreed to participate in a Tax Incremental Financing District, or TIF. A common misconception is that the school district is sending money to support the new baseball stadium in North Augusta—that's simply not true.

Five years ago, a parcel of land in North Augusta was generating very little property tax funding for our schools and community. Through a series of inter-governmental agreements, including one with the School District, the City of North Augusta was able to develop the property now known as Riverside Village. What was once a blighted, TIF-eligible property is now producing sales taxes for the community (and schools) and will, at the end of the District’s participation in the TIF, be fully-taxable, generating revenue worth many, many times its former value.

Our School District agreed to participate in the TIF for 15 years. The District receives all property tax revenue generated by debt service millage on the newly-developed property. The additional property tax, or increment, generated through school operating millage as a result of the property's improvements will help the City of North Augusta pay off the debt issued to develop the area.
WHAT WE’RE DOING
CLEAR, CONCISE, & CONTINUOUS COMMUNICATIONS
Aiken County Voters Approve $90 Million Bond Referendum

Forty-two years have passed since Aiken County voters last approved a property tax increase to benefit education. On Tuesday, county voters decided not to wait one moment longer, approving a $90 million dollar bond referendum that will fund safety and technology improvements at three elementary schools, a significant expansion at Midland Valley High School, as well as the construction of a new elementary and new middle school between Graniteville and North Augusta.