

Board of Education Budget and Bond Referendum Information

Budget Messages

Vote – June 9, 2009 (7:00 am - 8:00 pm)

- South Portland Community Center (only voting location)
- Absentee ballots available through South Portland City Hall

Maintains high quality education for South Portland students focused on improving student achievement by reallocating existing resources to the following target areas:

- Educating the “whole student” by offering a continuum of services
- Maintenance of facilities
- Kindergarten – Grade 12 Literacy
- Technology Integration
- Professional development
- Curriculum support and supplies (Math Implementation K-12)

Board Budget adopted April 2, 2009

- 16 positions eliminated or reduced
- No programs eliminated
- Class size guidelines upheld
- 0% Increase need from taxes (Significantly lower than 3.5% allowed by City Council)

** State subsidy numbers are still being finalized*

District Administration salary freeze and Administrator Association re-negotiated collective bargaining agreement salary freeze for 2009-2010

Bond Messages

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\$5.8 million Bond Package initiates Step 1 of Five-Year \$41,000,000 Maintenance Plan addressing health and safety issues, ADA compliance, and updating mechanical and electrical systems to bring our two middle schools and high school up to code.

South Portland High School (\$2,378,500)

- Electrical Entrance – Increase electrical capacity to meet current needs and correct code violations. Install generator to maintain back-up power.
- Fire Alarm/Emergency Lighting – Install fire alarm notification in all classrooms, correct installation of existing devices and provide ADA compliant fire alarm systems. Replace fire alarm control panel and emergency lighting to meet codes.
- Stairwells/Emergency Egress/Handrails – Remove and replace existing stairwell entrance systems and replace with fire rated doors, frames and construction for student safety in the event of a fire. Replace handrails to meet code.
- Auditorium Dehumidification System study to begin to address humidity control in the Auditorium.
- Building Security System – Install new entrances with second entrances. Install cross corridor doors. Install surveillance and intrusion detection system.

Mahoney Middle School (\$1,574,000)

- Electrical Entrance –Modify the electrical service entrance which currently runs unprotected through an old transformer vault in a storage area. Increase electrical capacity to meet current needs.
- Fire Alarm/Emergency Lighting – Upgrade notification system to meet ADA requirements. Replace emergency lighting to meet codes.
- Stairwells/Emergency Egress/Handrails – Enclose stairs in fire-rated separation. Correct egress issue and entrance door system in cafeteria. Replace handrails to meet code.
- Building Security System – Renovate Guidance/Classroom area into a new main office. Rebuild stairs as main entry for all students. Install surveillance and intrusion detection system
- Site Bus Loop/Parent Drop-off – Create new bus loop and parent drop-off, off street creating a safe zone to load and unload students

Memorial Middle School (\$1,878,800)

- Electrical Entrance – Upgrade electrical entrance to increase capacity to service school and make the electrical entrance safe.
- Sprinkler System/Fire Alarm/Emergency Lighting – Install wet sprinkler system throughout the building. Install fire alarm notification and correct installation of existing devices. Replace fire alarm control panel and emergency lighting to meet codes.
- End Exterior Walls and Stairwells – Tie masonry walls to floor diaphragm to prevent further separation of the walls from the building. Remove and replace existing stairwell entrance systems and replace with fire rated doors, frames and construction. Replace handrails to meet code.
- Building Security System – Install new entrances with second entrances, and cross corridor doors. Install surveillance and intrusion detection system.

Work completed through the bond will not be undone through a future High School renovation project.

“Strong Schools” attract residents to build a “Strong Community.”