Why do we need the bond?

**Improve Safety, Security, Health, and Efficiency**

- Provides the same building security at the elementary and high schools that the middle school already has.
- Modernizes the base kitchen that serves all 2,800 students in the district.
- Integrates high school band and choir rooms as part of the main campus, keeping high school students on campus for their instructional day.

**Provide Adequate Space for Students**

- Provides adequate and permanent classroom space for all students.
- Removes portable classrooms. The district has 29 portable classrooms, and over half are more than 20 years old.

**Enhance Learning Environments and Upgrade Technology**

- Provides 21st century learning spaces at all grade levels that engage students and prepare them for the future.
- Constructs modern science classrooms at the high school. Current science classrooms were built in 1967 or are housed in portable buildings that are deteriorating.

The need is now!

At the August 3rd School Board meeting, the Board of Directors voted unanimously to approve a resolution to run a school construction bond on the **November 3, 2015 ballot**.

With aging facilities that have served our community for many decades, it is now, more than ever, time to provide our children school buildings that have safe learning environments and prepare them for the 21st century. Thank you for taking time to read this information. Please join us at upcoming public forums to hear more about the bond and let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Gary Neal, Superintendent
What will the proposed bond address?

We spent the last year listening and gathering feedback from the community through conversations with citizens, public forums, and surveys. Based on this feedback, research and discussion, we have prioritized the projects and focus on how our facilities will best serve students and the community for years to come.

New Elementary School
- Build a new Elementary School: $26,280,000

Greywolf Elementary
- Add 4 Classrooms and Gym: $5,990,000

Helen Haller Elementary
- Repurpose “A” and “D” Buildings to house Olympic Peninsula Academy, the district’s alternative learning experience program: $2,100,000

Modernize District Base Kitchen
- Used by all schools in the district: $2,330,000

Sequim High School
- Add 6 Science Classrooms and Band and Choir Rooms: $9,025,000
- Reconfigure “B” Building to provide 4 General Ed Classrooms: $1,900,000

Sequim Community School
- Renovate 1979 Addition to provide Central Warehouse & Maintenance Facility: $945,000
- Demolish 1948 Portion: $730,000

Bond Amount: $49,300,000

What will the bond cost?

The tax rate to repay the 20 year bonds is $0.61 per $1,000 of assessed property value. Combined with the Educational Programs and Operations Levy of $1.58 per $1,000, the total local schools tax rate in 2016 would be $2.19 per $1,000 of assessed value. See the table below for recent historical tax rates. This rate is lower than what taxpayers paid in 2013. For example, on a $250,000 property, the cost would be $12.71 per month.

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Important Message for Senior Citizens

You may be eligible for an exemption from these taxes. In 2016, persons at least 61 years of age who earn less than $40,000 annually may qualify. Please contact the Clallam County Assessor’s Office at 360.417.2400 for further information.

Questions about the bond?
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Or read more online at http://www.sequim.k12.wa.us.