



ATHENA-WESTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 2026 PROPOSED BOND

FOR NEW CAREER, TRADES, SCIENCES AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION CENTER

Athena-Weston School District's Board of Directors has referred to voters a proposed General Obligation Bond measure for the May 19, 2026, ballot.

Q. Why is the district proposing a bond?

A. To construct a new, energy efficient Career, Trades, Sciences and Technical Education Center.



Q. How were the proposed bond projects determined?

A. The district formed a Community Bond Advisory Committee (CBAC) of 20 volunteers who worked since September 2024 to review facility needs and develop bond options. One of the projects identified was the proposed new building.



Q. What are the proposed bond projects?

A. The projects would increase physical space and allow for the expansion of current programming for students.

BUILDING

Approximately 12,000 square feet

Energy-efficient HVAC, windows & insulation

Built to modern ADA accessibility standards

LEARNING SPACES

Art Studio

Metal Shop

Wood Shop

General Science Labs with storage

Multipurpose Classroom, including space for agricultural science

Additional parking

Q. What are the proposed bond projects?

A. Spacious, modern labs and classrooms would increase learning experiences for students including:

General Science Labs featuring:

- » Integrated instructional space
- » Adequate lab stations with modern safety features
- » Additional fume hoods
- » Potential space for program expansion

Modern Art Studio with:

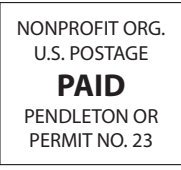
- » Dedicated ceramics workspace
- » Supplies/materials storage
- » Display space for student work

Multipurpose Classroom:

- » Lab stations for agriculture science
- » Potential space for program expansion

Metal and Wood Shop with:

- » Upgraded electrical capacity
- » Modern dust collection system
- » Materials storage
- » Air conditioning & updated mechanical ventilation



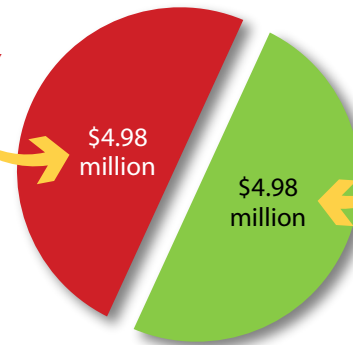
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Q. How much would the proposed bond raise?

A. If passed by voters, it would raise \$4.98 million in property tax revenue. If the proposed bond passes, AWSD would be awarded a matching grant from the State of Oregon (Oregon School Capital Improvement Matching program) of \$4.98 million. A total of \$9.96 million would be available for projects.

If **OUR COMMUNITY** passes this bond for \$4.98 million...

The grant will cover **50%** of the proposed bond projects with **no repayment required.**



...the **STATE OF OREGON** will provide a matching grant of an additional \$4.98 million.

\$4.98 million proposed bond + \$4.98 million OSCIM grant = \$9.96 million

Q. What would be the cost to taxpayers?

A. There would be No Increase in the current tax rate. AWSD's existing school bond, approved in 2016, had a bond tax rate of \$1.24 per \$1,000 of assessed value from the most recent 2025-2026 fiscal year. The existing school bond will end this year. The proposed bond would not overlap with the prior bond and is estimated to maintain the current bond tax rate of \$1.24 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The proposed bond would be repaid within 10 years.

Q. What if the bond is not approved by voters?

A. If the proposed bond measure does not pass, the grant money would not be received from the state, the proposed projects would not be completed, and tax rates would decrease when the current bond ends.

Q. Where can I get more information?

A. Three Community Events

**Friday, April 24 • Sugar Shack in Athena
Coffee and Bond Q&A with AWSD Board Chair Tim Seymour
7:00-8:00 AM**

**Thursday, April 30 • Weston-McEwen High School
CTE Showcase, Agriculture Fair & Bond Information
5:00-7:00 PM (Drop-In Format)**

**Saturday, May 2 • Sugar Shack in Athena
Coffee and Bond Q&A with AWSD Board Chair Tim Seymour
8:00-9:00 AM**

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