

Capital Bond

Why is a bond measure on the ballot?

- State and federal education funding does not cover costs associated with renovation or replacement of school facilities.
- Significant changes in K-12 programs, especially in career and technical education and the arts, require changes in facilities.
- Several district buildings are rated in “poor” condition based on criteria developed by the state.

What is a school bond?

- School bonds pay for facility construction and renovations. Districts cannot use bond dollars for teacher salaries or classroom operations.
- Bond dollars help preserve funds budgeted for instruction. For example: If a roof fails at a school, the cost of replacement can exceed \$1 million—the equivalent of 12 teaching positions. Without bond dollars, a district must use operating funds to pay for the roof.

How are costs determined for BISD bond measures?

- Independent professionals assess district facilities and identify necessary repairs and renovations.
- Professional estimators determine costs associated with recommended repairs and renovations.
- A district committee reviews BISD building conditions and cost estimates, considers comparison data from other districts, and makes recommendations to school directors who make final decisions.

Tax exemptions

Seniors and disabled citizens who meet certain income requirements may be exempt from part of or all local school taxes. For information or to find out if you qualify for a property tax exemption, please contact the Kitsap County Assessor’s Office at (360) 337-7160.

How do BISD school taxes compare with other school districts?

Tax Comparison—2015 *(amounts for all bonds and levies)*

School District	Median Assessed Value	Total Annual School Tax
Bainbridge Island	\$486,000	\$1,604
Bellevue	\$599,000	\$1,874
Issaquah	\$441,000	\$1,824
Lake Washington	\$570,000	\$1,881
Mercer Island	\$900,000	\$2,451
Northshore	\$557,000	\$2,471
Shoreline	\$343,000	\$1,631

Note: Districts above have similar demographics to BISD and are used in academic comparisons.



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Where can I get more information?

Go to the Bainbridge Island School District’s website, or call the Capital Projects Office, (206) 855-0547, to learn more about the Feb. 9 capital bond, “How your public schools are funded,” and the Facilities Master Plan.

www.bisd303.org/CapitalProjects
For more information.



Facts about the Capital Bond

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The Facilities Master Plan is a comprehensive study of Bainbridge Island School District facilities. Created in 2005 and updated in 2015, this strategic plan presents a phased approach that allows the district to gradually move forward on facility renovations and replacements. The plan identifies facility conditions, reflects extensive committee research and community input, and guides district decision making.

Phases I & II

In 2005, the Facilities Master Plan identified six school buildings in need of replacement. Bond measures approved by voters in 2006 and 2009 enabled the district to complete Phases I and II by replacing the BHS 200 Building and Wilkes Elementary School. The bonds also provided funds for essential renovations districtwide. Due to the economic recession, the district delayed projects related to the four remaining school buildings.

Phase III

In 2015, a new Facilities Master Plan committee reviewed and updated the strategic plan with current facility conditions, cost estimates and enrollment data. Because the cost of addressing building deficiencies through renovation was similar to replacement, the committee recommended replacing the four remaining facilities. After extensive review and community meetings, school board directors decided to place a measure on the Feb. 9 ballot to replace two of the four buildings and conduct essential renovations districtwide.

What will the proposed bond fund?

1 Replacement of Blakely Elementary School \$39 million

Blakely Elementary School is more than 50 years old and in “poor” condition based on state criteria. Conditions that contributed to “poor” ratings:

- The building is structurally overstressed and fails to meet current seismic codes.
- Mechanical, plumbing and electrical systems are failing despite frequent repairs and ongoing maintenance.
- There is no fire sprinkler system.
- The roof is in immediate need of replacement.
- Inadequate thermal insulation, single-pane windows, and failing HVAC systems result in energy inefficiencies and poor indoor air quality.
- Natural daylighting is limited.
- The lack of flexible space limits opportunities for individualized and small group instruction.
- Music and special education instruction takes place in spaces not designed to support these programs.
- There is inadequate ADA accessibility
- Overlapping bus, car and pedestrian traffic creates safety issues.

2 Replacement of the Bainbridge High School 100 Building (currently houses career, technology, special education and arts) \$30 million

BHS 100 Building is 45 years old and also in “poor” condition:

- The building is structurally overstressed and fails to meet current seismic codes.
- Mechanical, plumbing and electrical systems are failing despite frequent repairs and ongoing maintenance.
- There is no fire sprinkler system.
- The roof is in immediate need of replacement.
- Inadequate thermal insulation, single-pane windows, and failing HVAC systems result in energy inefficiencies and poor indoor air quality.
- Natural daylighting is limited.
- Classroom size and configuration do not support career, technology and art program needs.
- The Large Group Instruction (LGI) auditorium is in “poor” condition and inadequately sized to support school assemblies and music and drama programs.
- There is chronic water infiltration in below-grade areas.

3 Repairs & Renovations Districtwide \$12.2 million

The Facilities Master Plan prioritizes renovation projects across the district in the following categories:

- Heating and ventilation upgrades
- Energy conservation
- Electrical upgrades
- Roofing
- Plumbing/water quality

See your schools

Open Houses at the BHS 100 Building, Blakely and Wilkes:

- Wednesday, Jan. 13, 4-7 pm
- Saturday, Jan. 23, 11 am-2 pm

What is the amount of the bond?

- \$81.2 million

How will the 2016 bond affect taxes?

- If the measure is approved, local school taxes in 2017 will increase an estimated \$0.36 per \$1,000 of assessed property value, or \$15 per month (\$175/year), for the median home.
- The bonds are structured so that the total school tax rate will remain roughly constant at \$3.44 per \$1,000 of assessed value (or less) for the life of the bonds.
- At this rate, BISD total school taxes will be lower than current taxes for districts such as Issaquah, Bellevue, Lake Washington, Mercer Island and Northshore.

How do BISD cost estimates compare with current and proposed projects in other districts?

School Building Construction Comparison

(costs shown in Millions)

Elementary Schools	Year	Cost
Blakely Elementary School	2016	\$38.9M
Issaquah Elementary #17	2016	\$39.3M
Issaquah Elementary #16	2016	\$37.8M
Mercer Island Elementary #4	2015	\$42.7M
Seattle, Arbor Heights Elementary	2015	\$42.6M
Seattle, Thornton Creek Elementary	2015	\$42.8M
Seattle, Wing Luke Elementary	2015	\$43.2M

High Schools	Year	Total Cost	25% Total Cost
BHS 100 Building	2016	*	\$30.0M
Central Kitsap High	2016	\$117M	\$29.2M
South Kitsap High #2	2016	\$125M	\$31.2M
Issaquah High #4	2016	\$120M	\$30.0M
Northshore High #4	2015	\$130M	\$32.5M

* The BHS 100 Building is approximately 25 percent of the total BHS campus.

What is on the ballot?

Proposition No. 1

Bainbridge Island School District #303 General Obligation Bonds—\$81,200,000

The Board of Directors of Bainbridge Island School District No. 303 approved Resolution 04-15-16 concerning a proposition to finance school renovations and improvements. This proposition would authorize the District to renovate and upgrade school buildings including roofs, plumbing, heating and electrical systems, safety and security systems; purchase equipment; improve energy conservation; replace Blakely Elementary School and the Bainbridge High School 100 Building and complete other capital improvements to District facilities; to issue \$81,200,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 20 years; and to levy additional property taxes annually to repay the bonds, as described in Resolution 04-15-16.

Should this proposition be: APPROVED REJECTED

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State law requires 60% approval to pass school capital bond ballot measures.