



Anderson Public School

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Greetings All:

On December 19, the Board approved a resolution authorizing a vote of the people for a Bond Issue to be held on March 4th, 2025.

After many sleepless nights and hearing the thoughts of the community, they have opted to go with a more moderate version than the “full-tilt-boogie” version that I had originally proposed. I feel their decision is a solid move, both in measure of burden to the patrons of the community, and in strategy. This bond proposal will be only six years in length. Their goal is to show the patrons that we have taken care of the essentials first (roofs, science lab, etc), and to show them that we can be trusted to do exactly what we promise. Then in another six years we can come back with requests for other projects. My thanks go out to these three ladies who have sweat bullets trying to make sure their decisions are the right ones.

Here are the results of their deliberations:

- A \$4,000,000 bond over six years
- An increase in school tax of only 12.88% (much more palatable than the 25% I rallied for)
- The following projects to be included:

Transportation Bonds	
Two School Buses	\$300,000.00
General Obligation/Series Bonds	
Roofs, Drainage	\$1,500,000.00
Science Lab	\$ 550,000.00
Tornado Shelter	\$ 250,000.00
Bus Barn	\$ 150,000.00
Technology Lease-Purchase	\$ 225,000.00
Solar Panel System	\$ 380,000.00
Pave Circle Drive, Add Parking Lot	\$ 300,000.00
Repairs, Remodel, Equipment	\$ 345,000.00
Grand Total:	\$4,000,000.00

(The project amounts above are only rough estimates. The actual numbers will come later when plans and specifications are drawn up.)

For reference, the last bond vote in 2016, was for \$3,075,000 and the millage rate over that time-period has averaged 13 mills. The Anderson tax rate for **this** year is 13.28, and next year's rate will be 22.52 after the new bond. This is a gain of 9.24 mills. Remember that Sand Springs is 29.74 mills.

Most people aren't school finance nerds like me, so they want to know about dollars and cents rather than millage rates. Here is a handy chart that will help folks see what their tax increase would be:

Impact to the Taxpayer			
2024-2025	2025-2026	Increase	
Amount	Amount	Annual	Monthly
\$25.00	\$28.22	\$3.22	\$0.27
\$50.00	\$56.44	\$6.44	\$0.54
\$75.00	\$84.66	\$9.66	\$0.80
\$100.00	\$112.88	\$12.88	\$1.07
\$200.00	\$225.75	\$25.75	\$2.15
\$300.00	\$338.63	\$38.63	\$3.22
\$400.00	\$451.50	\$51.50	\$4.29
\$500.00	\$564.38	\$64.38	\$5.36
\$600.00	\$677.25	\$77.25	\$6.44
\$700.00	\$790.13	\$90.13	\$7.51
\$800.00	\$903.00	\$103.00	\$8.58
\$900.00	\$1,015.88	\$115.88	\$9.66
\$1,000.00	\$1,128.76	\$128.76	\$10.73

Overall, I am very pleased with this design. It is a solid step in our continued progress of making our school meet the standard of expectation of the community. The leadership and service shown by our Board is a wonderful blessing to this community. And your continued hard work in the classrooms doing the most important job of all is an equal blessing as well. I see nothing but blue skies and sunshine in our forecast ahead.

Call me if you have any questions.

Respectfully,



Tod Williams,
Superintendent