

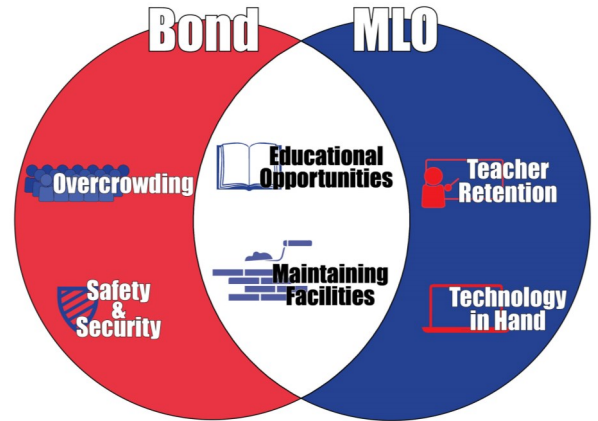


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Bond & Mill Levy Override Election Proposals — Factual Summary

How the Proposals were Developed

In the spring of 2016, the district engaged in a multi stakeholder process to review the district’s greatest needs and develop proposals to address those needs. The Citizen Task Force was comprised of over 50 parents, community members, and school staff members. Among other data points, stakeholders considered State funding cuts to education, the fact that Re-3J hasn’t passed a tax increase since 2004, and the district’s more than 20% increase in enrollment since the last tax increase. The Board of Education reviewed the unanimously approved proposals through multiple open session meetings. On August 24, the proposals, without alteration, were approved as ballot questions for the November 8, 2016 election.



Ballot Questions 3F & 3G

Anticipated Benefits: How Funds Will Be Used For All Schools

HUDSON ACADEMY

Bond

- Replacement of all classrooms
- Maintenance of existing cafeteria and gym
- Safety & Security Enhancements
- STEM Lab & Art Room

MLO

- Attract & Retain Quality Teachers
- Replace outdated textbooks, materials & technology
- Full Day Kindergarten / Reduce class sizes
- Restore counseling & Gifted Services
- Eliminate curriculum registration fee

LOCHBUIE

Bond

- Build 2nd Elementary to alleviate overcrowding
- Deferred Maintenance at Lochbuie Elementary
- Safety & Security Enhancements
- STEM Lab & Art Room

MLO

- Attract & Retain Quality Teachers
- Replace outdated textbooks, materials & technology
- Full Day Kindergarten / Reduce class sizes
- Restore counseling & Gifted Services
- Eliminate curriculum registration fee

HOFF ELEMENTARY

Bond

- Deferred Maintenance Projects
- Cooling and shading of cafeteria
- Safety & Security Enhancements
- STEM Lab & Art Room

MLO

- Attract & Retain Quality Teachers
- Replace outdated textbooks, materials & technology
- Full Day Kindergarten / Reduce class sizes
- Restore counseling & Gifted Services
- Eliminate curriculum registration fee

WELD CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Bond

- Deferred Maintenance Projects
- Redesigned Science Labs
- Safety & Security Enhancements
- STEM Lab & Art Room

MLO

- Attract & Retain Quality Teachers
- Replace outdated textbooks, materials & technology
- Reduce class sizes
- Replace Track and upgrade field
- Eliminate curriculum registration fee

WELD CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Bond

- Safety & Security Enhancements
- Technology/Classroom enhancements
- Distance learning classroom
- Deferred Maintenance Projects / Replace Track
- Central Campus sewer connection to Keenesburg

MLO

- Attract & Retain Quality Teachers
- Replace outdated textbooks, materials & technology
- Restore electives such as AP
- Eliminate curriculum registration fee

OTHER FUNDED PROJECTS

Bond

- Water Treatment Systems
- Energy efficiency upgrades (lighting, HVAC)
- Parking Lot replacements / repairs
- Replace Transportation Center, fueling station
- CCA Deferred Maintenance Projects

MLO

- Properly maintaining existing facilities
- Replace outdated buses and equipment
- Technology in students' hands
- CCA program enhancements

What are the anticipated costs of the proposals?

The **\$3.3 million** mill levy override addresses the district's highest priorities and operating costs. It contains a 7-year sunset provision, which ensures accountability on how funds are used. Voters would likely be asked to re-approve the override near the end of the 7-year period. The estimated tax impact of the mill levy override is **\$2.29 per month** per \$100,000 of a home's actual value.

The **\$61 million** bond, with a 20-year payback term, addresses short and long term facility needs of the district. The estimated tax impact of the bond measure is **\$1.97 per month** per \$100,000 of a home's actual value.

What are those opposed saying?

- Given the uncertainty of assessed valuation, some voters are concerned about any tax measure being placed on the ballot.
- Some suggest that the district should further cut back on expenditures by reducing programs to free up money for building repairs, rather than increase revenues through more taxes
- Some believe the district should pursue grants or question why the state doesn't provide additional funding
- Taxpayers will pay more in property taxes next year if the two measures are approved

What plans have been discussed by the Board if the measures are not approved?

- Hudson school closure
- Redraw boundaries for Hudson students to attend Hoff Elementary
- All 5th Grade Students transfer to Weld Central Middle School
- Program reductions at elementary and secondary levels
- Athletic reductions
- Electives reductions & increased class sizes
- Increased Fees

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