

## Bond Referendum Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is a bond & why do we need one now?

A. Local and state governments borrow money for various reasons and sell bonds to investors as a means of borrowing. The bonds are promises of the government to repay the investors the amount of money borrowed and interest as well. Johnston County needs to build new schools, enlarge, and repair existing schools and we need to sell bonds to pay for this work.

Q: How much is this bond worth?

A. 57 million dollars for Johnston County Schools and 7 million dollars for Johnston Community College.

Q: Why should I vote for the bond?

A. Bonds allow governments to finance the cost of building over a long period of time, much like the financing for a home mortgage. Johnston County is very secure financially and can afford to pay off the bonds without a tax increase. If the people do not pass the bond, then the county commissioners will have to use other means of funding the buildings which will be short term and require a property tax increase.

Q: Will my taxes increase as a result of the bond commitment?

A. No. With the present and predicted property tax funds being collected by the Commissioners, there is no need for a tax increase to pay back this money.

Q: Will my property be re-evaluated as a result of the bond?

A. No. The state requires the counties to re-evaluate all property at least every 8 years whether there is a bond referendum or not.

Q: What will happen if the bond referendum does not pass?

A. Johnston County Schools is currently growing at a rate of one school per year. 144 mobile units are currently at school sites across the county. We will continue to grow out of capacity of our buildings and will not be able to maintain meeting the facility needs of our students.

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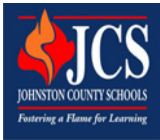
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# Johnston County Schools

## New North Johnston Middle School:

- New school to serve Pine Level, Micro, Kenly, and Glendale communities

## Convert Existing North Johnston Middle School to Elementary School:

- Micro-Pine Level and Glendale-Kenly Elementary Schools are operating over capacity with no room for growth

## Expand River Dell Elementary School:

- 12 new classrooms to serve more than 225 students

## New Middle School in the Cleveland and McGee's Crossroads Area:

- A new Cleveland/McGee's area middle school to alleviate over-crowding at Cleveland Middle, McGee's Crossroads Middle, and Clayton Middle

## Technology:

- New servers and network switches
- Computer lab upgrades
- Additional mobile computer labs

## Operations:

- Bus Garage improvements
- South Campus Community School HVAC upgrades & window replacement

## High School Area Renovations

### North Johnston High School Area:

- New HVAC controllers for:  
Glendale-Kenly Elementary  
North Johnston High  
North Johnston Middle

### South Johnston High School Area:

- New HVAC controllers for:  
Four Oaks Middle  
Meadow School  
South Johnston High

### Clayton High School Area:

- New HVAC controllers for:  
Clayton High  
Riverwood Elementary  
Riverwood Middle  
West Clayton Elementary

### Smithfield-Selma High School Area:

- New HVAC controllers for:  
Smithfield-Selma High  
Selma Elementary
- Wilson's Mills Elementary  
Replacement of boiler, electrical panels, and HVAC roof top units

### West Johnston High School Area:

- West Johnston High School field house

### Princeton High School Area:

- Princeton High School NCHSAA regulation competition gym



## Evaluate & Update Facilities Master Plan

- Johnston Community College serves more than 15,000 students each year in its curriculum and continuing education programs. Since 2009, JCC's enrollment has grown 26 percent.
- As a result of recent enrollment growth, building priorities have changed. Many of JCC's health sciences and technology programs are at enrollment capacity. Funds are needed to re-evaluate priorities to determine future infrastructure and facility needs.

## Renovate Classrooms

- The facilities needed for JCC to meet enrollment growth and to start new programs for the next five years is estimated to be more than \$80 million.
- Specific renovation/construction needs include a simulation hospital, Tart Building improvements, and student life facilities.

## Enhance Parking & Other Upgrades

- The amount of traffic as a result of enrollment growth is requiring additional and more efficient use of parking. Existing parking lots need refurbishing.
- Specific infrastructure needs include replacing aging roofs, installing information technology delivery systems, and realigning entryways in support of better traffic flow.