

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. \$61 million for Johnston County Public Schools and \$15 million 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. Johnston County Commissioners have stated that with the present and predicted property tax funds being collected there is no need for a tax rate 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 Public Schools is currently growing at a rate of one school per year. 200 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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Johnston County School Bonds

Shall the order authorizing up to \$61,000,000 of General Obligation School Bonds of Johnston County, plus interest, to finance, in whole or in part, the acquisition, construction and equipping of modifications, renovations, additions, improvements and extensions to existing facilities and/or one or more new buildings or other school facilities for Johnston County public schools, including acquisition of necessary land and rights-of-way, and providing that additional taxes may be levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds, be approved?

- Yes
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Johnston County Community College Bonds

Shall the order authorizing up to \$15,000,000 of General Obligation Community College Bonds of Johnston County, plus interest, to finance, in whole or in part, the acquisition, construction, installation and equipping of modifications, renovations, additions, improvements and extensions to existing community college facilities and/or one or more new buildings, plants or other community college facilities for Johnston Community College including, without limitation, the acquisition of land, easements and rights-of-way, and providing that additional taxes may be levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds, be approved?

- Yes
 No

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Check it Twice
For the Future 
of Our Children 

VOTE YES
for both
School Bond Referenda
November 6, 2018



JOHNSTON
COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

and



JOHNSTON
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Clayton Area

Security vestibules for:

Clayton HS, Clayton MS, Cooper Academy, East Clayton ES, Powhatan ES, and West Clayton ES

Clayton High School

- Replace vocational and fieldhouse with multi-purpose facility
- Expand and renovate auditorium
- General interior renovations

West Clayton Elementary

- Replace chillers

Cleveland Area

Security vestibules for:

Cleveland ES, Cleveland HS, Cleveland MS, Polenta ES, and West View ES

Cleveland Elementary

- Replace boiler

West View Elementary

- Add bus drive

Corinth Holders Area

Security vestibules for:

Archer Lodge MS, Corinth-Holders ES, Corinth Holders HS, Riverwood ES, and Riverwood MS

Archer Lodge Area

- New elementary school

Archer Lodge Middle

- 12 classroom addition

Corinth Holders High

- 24 classroom addition

West Johnston Area

Security vestibules for:

Dixon Road ES, McGee's Crossroads ES, McGee's Crossroads MS, and West Johnston HS

West Johnston High

- Repair & resurface track

North Johnston Area

Security vestibules for:

Glendale-Kenly ES, Micro ES, North Johnston HS, and Pine Level ES

Glendale-Kenly Elementary

- Repave the bus drive

North Johnston High

- Front canopy entrance with additional parking
- Cafeteria expansion
- Replace chillers
- Enclose breezeways for added security

Princeton Area

Security vestibules for:

Princeton ES and Princeton Middle-High

Princeton Middle-High

- Tennis courts
- Replace bleachers on football field

Smithfield-Selma Area

Security vestibules for:

Smithfield-Selma HS, Smithfield MS, South Smithfield ES, Selma ES, Selma MS, West Smithfield ES, and Wilson's Mills ES

Innovation Academy

- Central HVAC system
- Full-service cafeteria
- General interior renovations

Smithfield Middle

- Canopy front entrance

Smithfield-Selma High School

- Multi-purpose gym
- Resurface student drive
- Repair and resurface track

South Smithfield Elementary

- Partial roof replacement and front entrance

West Campus

- Roof replacement

Wilson's Mills Elementary

- Partial roof replacement to primary building

South Johnston Area

Security vestibules for:

Benson ES, Benson MS, Four Oaks ES, Four Oaks MS, Meadow School, and South Johnston HS

Benson Elementary

- Replace HVAC chillers

Four Oaks Elementary

- Partial roof replacement

South Johnston High

- General interior renovations
- Upgrade HVAC system
- Replace bleachers on football field
- Repair & resurface track and tennis courts



Building for JCC Engineering Program

- Johnston Community College will use \$15 million in bond funds to design and construct a state-of-the-art 35,000-square-foot building to support the college's expanding Associate in Engineering (AE) program and STEM-related disciplines.
- The building will include 10 engineering labs including a virtual reality studio for engineering and the natural sciences, interactive classrooms, a large lecture hall, a student lounge and faculty offices, and flexible collaborative space.
- JCC launched its Associate in Engineering program in fall 2015. In three years, enrollment in the program has increased 163%.
- The engineering program serves as a transfer pathway for students seeking a bachelor's degree at neighboring four-year universities. Program graduates have an 85% acceptance rate at UNC system engineering schools receiving over \$120,000 in merit-based scholarships through the Goodnight Scholars Program.
- Residual bond funds will be used for college renovation and expansion needs.