

**AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
BOND FACT SHEET & FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
PROPOSITION 447**

Background:

The amount of capital funding that Amphitheater Public Schools receives from the state each year has been drastically reduced by approximately 87%, from \$7.72 million in 2007 to a little over \$800,000 in 2015. Capital funding is used to maintain, repair, or improve buildings, provide transportation, purchase equipment for students, instructional technology, and other items for use in the classroom. To put that into context:

- The roofing at Canyon Del Oro High School costs **\$926,199** to replace
- Structural repairs and roofing for the Ironwood Ridge High School gym costs **\$354,368**
- One heating and air conditioning (HVAC) boiler at Amphi High School costs **\$187,936**
- One new bus runs **\$130,000**
- As a district, we maintain **2,579,725** square feet of building space, **1,178** heating and air conditioning units, **138** buses, and more than **5,800** computers and **1,500** laptops.

What is a Bond?

A bond is special funding that fills in the gaps where state funding is insufficient for capital needs. Bonds are loans made to the school district used to purchase capital items and make capital improvements to existing facilities, such as renovating a school, replacing roofs or aging HVAC units, or purchasing school buses.

Why is Amphitheater Public Schools calling upon local voters for a bond election?

The State's School Facilities Board has not provided funding for building maintenance and repair to keep facilities up-to-standard for over eight years. As a result, bond funding is the only mechanism to begin to restore, repair and refurbish existing facilities.

What will the Bond do for Nash Elementary School students? The Governing Board of Amphitheater Public Schools has called this special bond election to provide funding for school facility maintenance and renovations, student transportation, and instructional technology. If the bond is approved, current planning would provide a steady funding stream of **approximately \$684,910 over the life of the bond** in facility renovations and capital equipment replacement.

Critical projects identified for immediate attention are listed below. This list is not all inclusive and represents **a sample** of the work identified at **Nash Elementary School** that is considered urgent and a high priority to ensure a safe and healthy learning environment is maintained, in turn taxpayers' investment is also protected.

- Restoration of the domestic water system
- Restoration of the gas distribution system
- Replacement of aged water heaters
- Replacement of the safety backflow preventers
- Replacement of inefficient and failing HVAC boilers