

BETTER Classrooms, SAFER Schools, Building **EXCELLENCE**, *2019 School Construction Bonds*



Facts & Information

Bond Vote: February 12, 2019

What will this bond do?

- Improve student, staff and community safety at ALL schools
- Build a new, better Post Middle School on the current site
- Add classrooms to Arlington High School

NEW

POST MIDDLE SCHOOL

Build a new Post Middle School to replace the existing building. The New Post will:

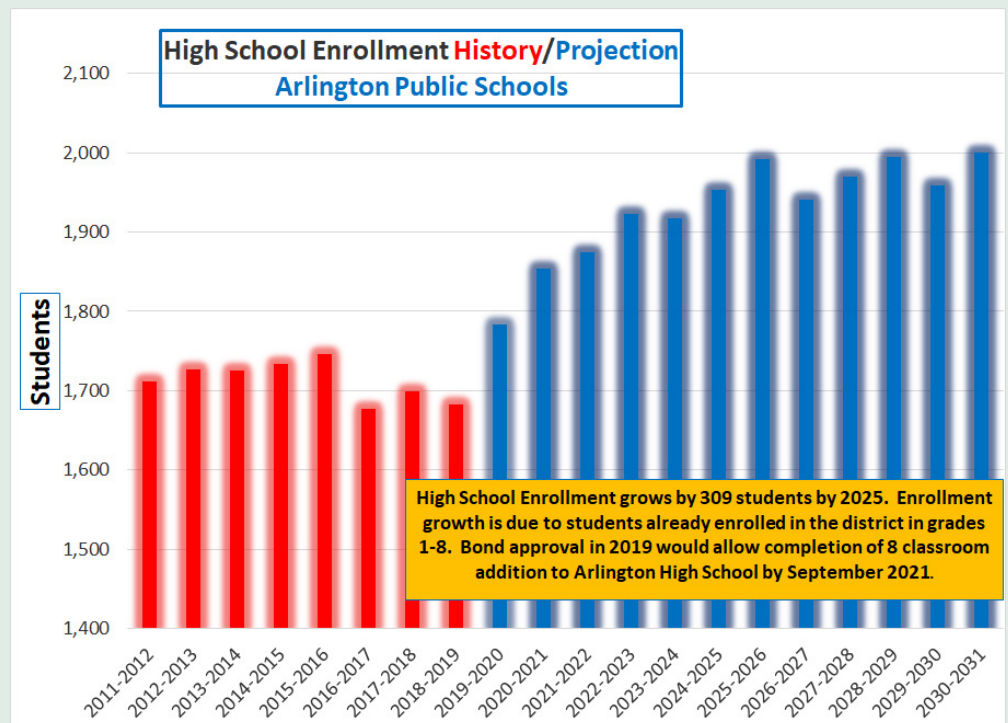
- Have bigger classrooms equipped to support technical and science education – current classrooms do not have adequate electrical supply or enough learning space needed for technical and science education.
- Be earthquake resistant – the current school has no steel framing to resist seismic activity. All other Arlington schools have steel frames.
- Have interior hallways for security – in the current school, there are no interior hallways and all classroom doors open to the outside.
- Be protected from fire with a fire sprinkler system – the current school does not have fire sprinklers throughout.
- More windows for natural light – natural daylight encourages higher student achievement.
- Safety & Security Upgrade Package – Secured entry ways and access control, improved classroom door locks, add security cameras.



New Post Middle School (Existing school outlined in red, new school in white and built on same site as existing)

ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

- Add eight classrooms to C wing. The high school's student population is expected to increase by 300 students by 2025 due to the number of students currently enrolled in our district elementary and middle schools.
- Add Technology and Arts Workshop to provide more Career and Technical Education opportunities.





Total local schools tax rate **DECREASE**

- Bond rate is \$1.42 per \$1,000 of assessed value
- Replaces current bond expiring in 2020
- Bond request is for \$96 million (down from \$107.5 million requested in 2018)
- Bond tax on \$350,000 property is \$1.33 per day (\$497 per year)
- Total local schools tax rate upon bond approval lower than 2018 rate
- See bond tax calculator at www.asd.wednet.edu/bond

OTHER PROJECTS INCLUDE

- **Eagle Creek Elementary**
 - Install fire suppression system (was not installed in original construction).
 - Update digital control system for heating and ventilation-improves performance and saves on utility costs.
 - Improve site traffic safety with improved student drop-off and pickup loop.
- **Kent Prairie**
 - Improve site traffic safety with improved student drop-off and pickup loop.
 - Replace original construction boiler system with more efficient, more capable two boiler system like other schools. Update digital control system for heating and ventilation – improves performance and saves on utility costs.
- **Weston High School**
 - Replace Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning system.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Improvements to every school.

Each school will be equipped with:

- Quick action door locks in every classroom. Nearly every classroom in the district has door locks that must be locked with a key from outside the classroom. With a quick action lock, no key is required and doors can be locked from inside the classroom, reducing lockdown from a minute or more to five seconds. The United States Department of Education recommends all classrooms be equipped with quick-action locks.
- Secure entry vestibule at every school – a series of bullet-resistant glass doors that help control entry to the school's instructional areas.
- Security cameras at every school inside and out – cameras in hallways and common areas help reduce bullying and harrassment inside the schools. Outside the schools, cameras protect the community's investment and decrease the occurrence of property and other crimes.



Example of a secured entry vestibule



Examples of interior video cameras

Postal Customer ECRWSS

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WHY REBUILD POST MIDDLE SCHOOL?

- Current building does not adequately support Career Technical Education Programs.
- Remodeling current building costs 75% of new construction just to meet code requirements and doesn't address security or ability to support instructional needs.
- All classroom doors open to exterior, making building difficult to secure.
- The building shares electrical service with Eagle Creek Elementary and Stilly Valley Learning Center – a power outage in one building affects all three buildings. Bond would provide separate service for each building.
- Post has encapsulated asbestos throughout facility, the only school in the district with asbestos. Presence of asbestos makes maintenance expensive.
- With no interior hallways, students and staff may be exposed to inclement weather throughout the day.
- Replacing Post Middle School makes district eligible for \$11.4 million in state matching funds.
- Construction costs are escalating +6% annually.



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