

UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2024
BOND

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UCPS BOND HISTORY

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2024 BOND VOTE

Bonds resulted in more than 30 new school construction and renovation projects.

2000

2004

2006

2016

- WEDDINGTON **HIGH**
- ANTIOCH **ELEMENTARY**
- FAIRVIEW **ELEMENTARY**
- KENSINGTON **ELEMENTARY**

- MARVIN **ELEMENTARY**
- SANDY **RIDGE ELEMENTARY**
- WALTER **BICKETT ELEMENTARY**
- PORTER **RIDGE ELEMENTARY**

- PORTER RIDGE **MIDDLE**
- PORTER RIDGE **HIGH**
- ROCK REST **ELEMENTARY**
- REA VIEW **ELEMENTARY**

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- **CATA**
- **NEW TOWN ELEMENTARY**
- **ROCKY RIVER ELEMENTARY**
- **WOLFE SCHOOL**

- **MARVIN RIDGE MIDDLE**
- **MARVIN RIDGE HIGH**
- **STALLINGS ELEMENTARY**
- **SUN VALLEY ELEMENTARY**

- **POPLIN ELEMENTARY**
- **CUTHBERTSON MIDDLE**
- **CUTHBERTSON HIGH**

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- **MONROE HIGH**
- **PIEDMONT HIGH**
- **WESTERN UNION ELEMENTARY**
- **SUN VALLEY HIGH**

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2022



- EAST **ELEMENTARY**
- FOREST HILLS **HIGH**

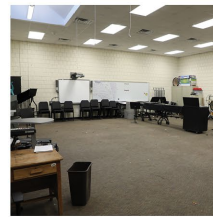
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BOND PROJECTS \$39,421,448

EAST UNION MIDDLE REPLACEMENT SCHOOL PROJECT

Approximately \$27,567,447



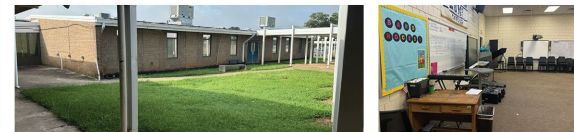
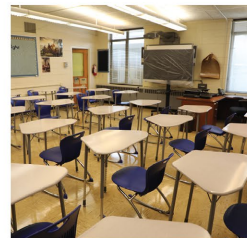
PARKWOOD HIGH PRE-CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Approximately \$10,705,804

PROGRAM CONTINGENCY/MANAGEMENT

(*This applies to both projects)

Approximately \$1,148,197



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WHY DO WE NEED THIS BOND?

- To address aging facilities in UCPS.
- East Union Middle and Forest Hills High were built in the 1950s and 1960s, and are inadequate for modern-day teaching and learning.
- UCPS has more than \$1.1 billion in facility needs.
- The 2024 bond will build on previous investments and provide adequate facilities for students.

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EAST UNION MIDDLE REPLACEMENT SCHOOL PROJECT

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- Original East Union Middle was built in the 1950s
- Repurpose the current Forest Hills High building for East Union Middle
- Demolition, additions and renovations to accommodate middle school academic and athletic programming
- Develop shared spaces for both schools (athletic fields, football stadium and track, bus parking, etc.)
- Classroom and outdoor spacing to align with the AgTech program and other academic initiatives

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AFTER RENDERING - MEDIA CENTER

BEFORE - MEDIA CENTER



AG TECH - CLASSROOM RENDERING

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PARKWOOD HIGH PRE-CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Approximately \$10,705,804

- Original Parkwood High was built in the 1960s
- Pre-construction services will include:
 - Design services for a replacement school
 - Environmental studies, land surveys and traffic impact analysis
 - Geotechnical testing to identify soil and subsurface materials
 - Site development and construction permits

PROGRAM CONTINGENCY/MANAGEMENT

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- Cost of over runs, unforeseen conditions, changes in scope on construction



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LONG-TERM CAPITAL PLANNING

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UCPS has a **10-year plan** to address capacity, new construction, facility upgrades and renovations. With a successful bond, more projects will move up on the priority list for capital needs and future bonds.

PROPOSED PROJECTS INCLUDE:

- Fieldhouse construction at **Marvin Ridge High**
- Fieldhouse construction at **Porter Ridge High**
- Replacement project at **Piedmont High**
- Construction at **Benton Heights Elementary**
- Construction at **Sun Valley High**
- Construction for **Facilities/Warehouse**
- Construction for Career and Technical Education (**CTE**) **School**
- Replacement project for **South Providence School**
- Construction for **Parkwood Middle**
- Renovations for **Piedmont Middle**
- Building addition at **Wolfe School**

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HOW CAN BOND FUNDS BE SPENT?

Proceeds from a bond issue can only be used for the costs associated with:

- Construction and renovation of facilities
- Acquisition of land
- Purchase of capital items

*Bond proceeds cannot be used for teacher/staff salaries.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. WHAT IS A **BOND**?

A. A bond is a loan that is issued by a local government agency to finance long-term construction projects. Union County would sell bonds over a period of time to finance the renovations and additions that our schools need. Bonds are the most cost-effective method to finance school facilities.



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Q. WHY DO WE NEED BONDS TO RENOVATE SCHOOLS?

A. School renovation and construction projects are very expensive to fund at one time. Bonds spread the cost of major capital improvements over a number of years. This is similar to securing a mortgage on a home and spreading the cost of home buying over a period of years.

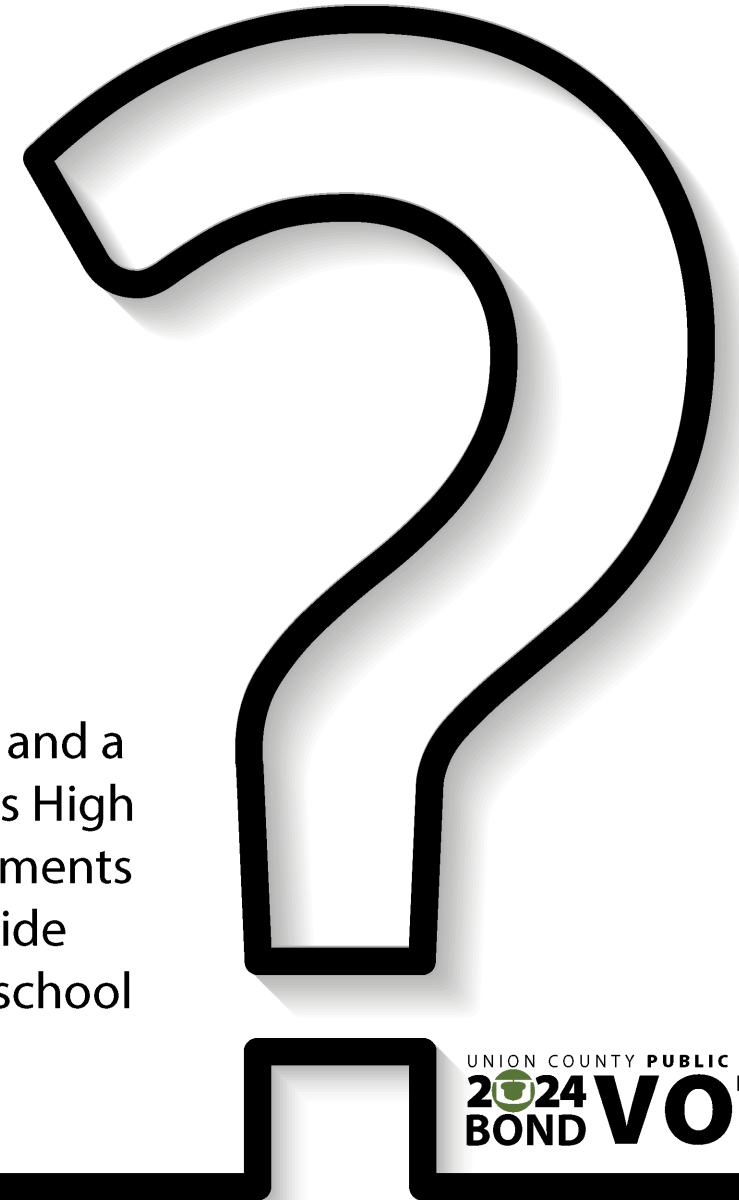


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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE 2024 BOND PROJECT LIST?

A. This bond will invest in pre-construction for a new Parkwood High School and a construction project that will relocate East Union Middle to the Forest Hills High campus. For Parkwood High, the funding will address design work, assessments and land surveys. For the East Union Middle project, the funding will provide demolition, additions and building renovations to accommodate middle school academic and athletic programming.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. HOW WERE THE PROJECTS SELECTED FOR **THE 2024 SCHOOL BOND**?

A. The Board of Education recommended several projects from the long-range capital planning list to the Union County Board of Commissioners (BOCC) to be considered for the 2024 bond referendum. These two projects were approved for this bond by the BOCC.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. WHAT HAPPENS IF THE **BOND DOESN'T PASS?**

A. The Board of Education will work with the county to develop an alternative plan to address aging facilities, renovations, upgrades and capacity. This will delay capital improvement projects on the long-range planning list.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. IF THE BOND PASSES ON NOV. 5, WHEN WILL THE **PROJECTS BEGIN**?

A. Renovation and construction for the relocation of East Union Middle to the Forest Hills High campus will begin when Forest Hills High has relocated to the new building and any items in the existing Forest Hills High are salvaged. We expect this process to begin in September 2025.

The design work for Parkwood High is contingent on when funds are provided by Union County Government. Typically, this occurs five to seven months after election day.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. WHAT ARE THE PLANS FOR THE CURRENT **EAST UNION MIDDLE BUILDING?**

A. The Board of Education has not made a decision on future plans for this facility.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. MY CHILD'S SCHOOL IS NOT ON THIS BOND, WHY **SHOULD I BE CONCERNED** **ABOUT THESE PROJECTS?**

A. Union County Public Schools is committed to ensuring that all students receive a quality education in safe and efficient learning environments. All schools benefit when we value public schools. District improvements increase safety, support evolving educational practices, modernize aging facilities and directly improve the quality of life in Union County. With a successful bond, more projects will move up on the priority list for capital needs and future bonds.



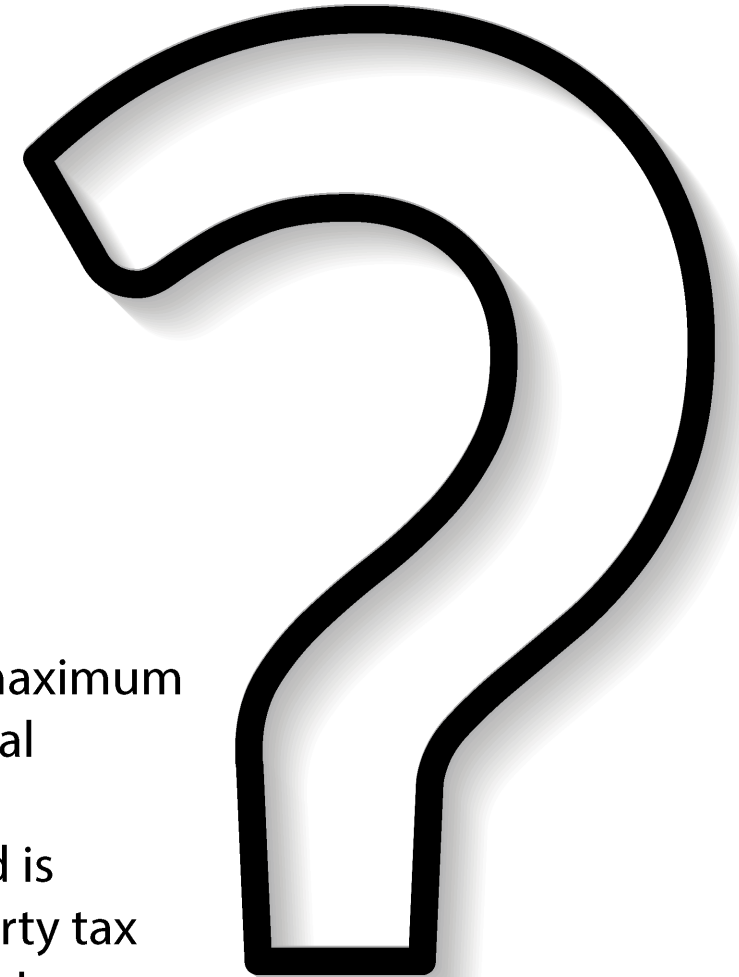
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Q. WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED TAX INCREASE?

A. According to the Union County Board of Commissioners, the estimated maximum annual debt service impact is \$4,077,755 beginning in FY 2026. The annual estimated amount of property tax liability increases for each \$100,000 of property tax value to service the cumulative cost over the life of the bond is estimated at \$8.00 (based on 0.80 cents increase in the ad valorem property tax rate). This estimate is based on the legislative requirements of NC Session Law 2022-53 for bond referendums.

Example: For each \$100,000 in value, there would be an impact of approximately \$8.00.



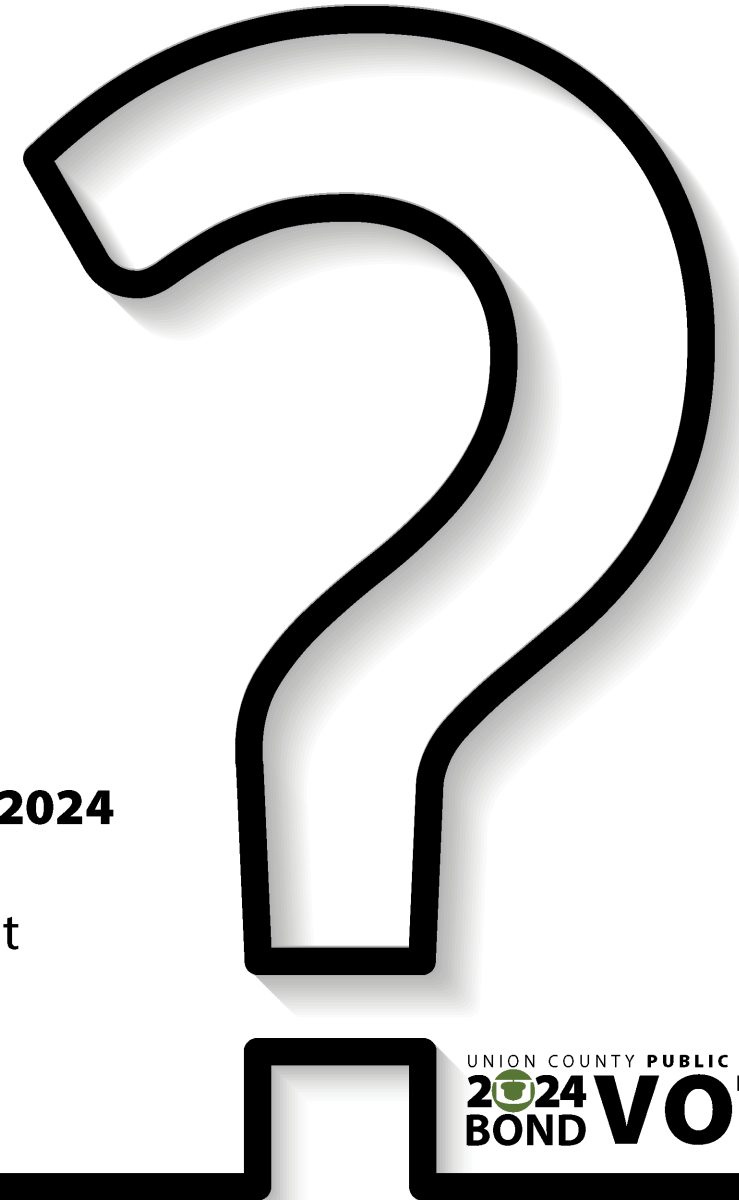
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. WHEN IS THE VOTE FOR THE SCHOOL BOND?

A. Nov. 5, 2024. Additional information is available at **ucps.k12.nc.us/bond2024**

Visit: **<https://www.unioncountyncelections.gov/>** for information about voting and registering to vote.



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COMMUNITY MEETINGS

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DATES AND LOCATIONS

SEPTEMBER 12
FOREST HILLS **HIGH - 6 P.M.**



SEPTEMBER 19
PARKWOOD **HIGH - 6 P.M.**



OCTOBER 3
PARKWOOD **HIGH - 6 P.M.**



OCTOBER 17
EAST UNION **MIDDLE - 6 P.M.**



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EARLY VOTING **BEGINS OCT. 17**

Voter registration information: <https://www.unioncountynclections.gov/>

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