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Bond Facts

Nov. 5 Election

Build a New Meridian Middle School

- Originally constructed in 1938 (86 years old)
- Safety & Accessibility Challenges
 - Unconnected buildings with many exterior entrances
 - Non-ADA compliant restrooms and ramps
 - ICOS Building Earthquake Summary
 - Non-reinforced concrete walls lacking rebar
 - Main building: Very high risk
 - Cafeteria, library, band building: High risk
- Overcrowding Concerns
 - MMS: Currently room for 380 students
 - 2028 projection, 430 students
 - IRE: 750+ students currently enrolled
 - 2028 projection, 1,069 students
 - Move fifth grade to MMS to alleviate overcrowding at IRE and build new school large enough for 5-8 grade students

Cost: \$86.92 million

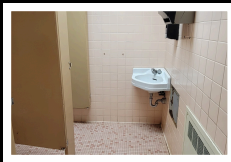
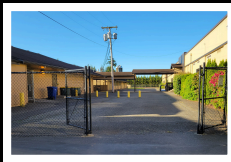
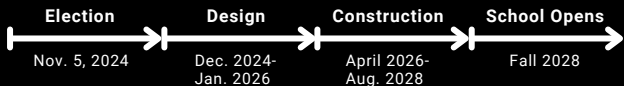
State match: -\$16 million

Bond Cost: \$70.92 million

Numbers for cost and state match are estimates.

Timeline

Estimated timeline, if bond is approved by voters.



MHS Auditorium Repairs and New Music Room

- Student safety will be improved by converting old cafeteria to music room, creating a closed, more secure campus
- Auditorium built in 1991 (33 years old)
- Needs a new roof
- Masonry in need of repointing and resealing

Bond Cost: \$2.18 million



MHS Stadium Repairs and New Light Poles

- Stadium Repairs
 - Existing stadium structure has rotting beams
 - New stadium roof needed
- Light Pole Replacement
 - Installed in 1987 (37 years old), beyond useful life expectancy
 - Some light fixtures do not work
 - Poles are leaning and rotting

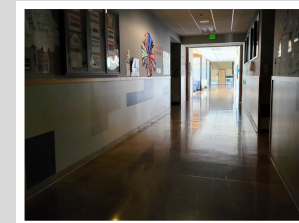
Bond Cost: \$1.50 million



MHS New Generator

- Provide emergency power to keep phones working, and classes in session during outages
- Provide emergency power to prevent freezing pipes

Bond Cost: \$400,000



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You are invited!

Bond Projects and Finance Presentation

When: 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24 (in-person & virtual)
Student-led tour begins at 7 p.m. (in-person only)



Where: Meridian Middle School Old Gym, 861 Ten Mile Rd. Lynden, WA 98264

What to expect: A presentation about the proposed bond projects, the financial impact, and how it impacts property tax. Following will be a Q&A opportunity and a tour of Meridian Middle School led by students. If you would like to join us virtually, scan the QR code to watch live on YouTube.

More tour opportunities may be available, please visit our website.

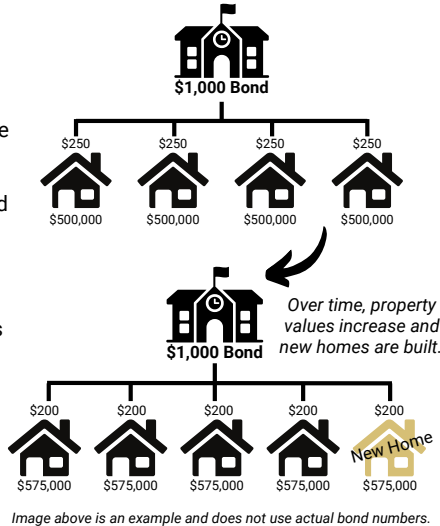
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Financial Impact

Total Bond Cost: \$75 million

If approved by voters, the tax rate would increase by \$1.38 per \$1,000 of assessed value. With the existing levies and the previous 2010 bond the estimated total school district combined bond and levy rate is \$4.38 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

Voters approve the bond amount. The amount each taxpayer pays is based on their home's assessed value. If your home's value increases or decreases, the amount you owe could change, but the bond amount for the community as a whole remains fixed.



Learn More

Visit our website at www.meridian.wednet.edu/bond/, call 360-398-7111 or scan the QR code.



How to Vote

Voters will receive a ballot in the mail in October to vote on the bond. Ballots must be mailed and postmarked, or returned to a drop box by 8 p.m. Nov. 5, 2024. Drop box locations can be found on the Whatcom County Auditor's website.

Tax Exemptions

Some senior citizens and people with disabilities may be eligible for property tax exemptions, visit: whatcomcounty.us/177/Assessor or call 360-778-5050 to learn more.



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