

Union County Public Schools (UCPS) is committed to ensuring that all students receive a quality education in safe and efficient learning environments.

On Nov. 8, Union County residents will vote on \$134,405,000 in school bonds. This bond package will address aging facilities and replace current buildings for East Elementary and Forest Hills High, schools that were built in the 1950s and 1960s.

UCPS has more than **\$800 million** in facility needs to address renovations, upgrades and future planning. The 2022 bond will build on previous investments and provide adequate facilities for students, additional space for academic and athletic programs, expand dining and multi-purpose areas and remove mobile units.

With a successful bond, more projects will move up on the priority list for capital needs and future bonds.

All schools and communities benefit when we value public schools. District improvements increase safety, support evolving educational practices, modernize aging facilities and directly impact the quality of life in Union County.

BOND PROJECTS \$134,405,000 TO REPLACE 2 SCHOOLS

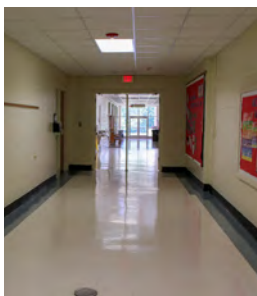


EAST ELEMENTARY

Approximately \$38,592,589*

*INCLUDES DESIGN COST

- Original building is **70 YEARS** old
- Existing building will be demolished
- New school will be built on same property
- New school will be a two-story facility
 - Architectural features include: Additional Pre-K classrooms, flexible multi-purpose gym, expanded dining space, collaboration areas, more energy efficient building, improved safety with more on-site parking, innovative classroom space that aligns with academic programs.

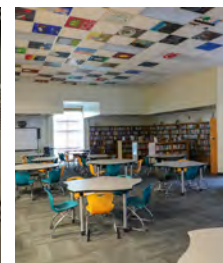


FOREST HILLS HIGH

Approximately \$95,812,411*

*INCLUDES DESIGN COST

- The school is **60 YEARS** old
- Current building is inadequate for a modern-day high school
- New school will be a two-story facility
 - Architectural features include: New auditorium, expanded dining room area, updated teacher workrooms, modern media center with collaboration space, multi-purpose auxiliary gym, new weight room, new arts and band spaces, innovative classroom space that aligns with academic programs.
- All instruction and school-day activities will be in one building



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.

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.

Q. WHY DO WE NEED **THIS BOND**?

A. To address aging facilities. UCPS has more than \$800 million in facility needs to address renovations, upgrades, and future planning. The 2022 bond will build on previous investments and provide adequate facilities for students and staff.

Q. WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE 2022 **BOND PROJECT LIST**?

A. This bond package will address aging facilities by replacing current buildings for East Elementary and Forest Hills High, schools that were built in the 1950s and 1960s.

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.

Q. IF THE BOND PASSES ON NOV. 8, WHEN WILL **CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS BEGIN**?

A. Construction projects will begin in spring of 2023. A production calendar will be available to follow the progress of each project.

Q. HOW WERE THE PROJECTS SELECTED FOR THE **2022 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 2022 bond referendum. These two projects were approved for this bond by the BOCC.

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

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Q. WHEN IS THE VOTE FOR THE **SCHOOL BOND**?

A. Nov. 8, 2022. Additional information is available at ucps.k12.nc.us/bond2022

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

SEE AT THE POLL

SCHOOL BOND 2022

NOVEMBER 8

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

FOREST HILLS HIGH

DATE: TIME:
September 8 6 p.m.
October 20 6 p.m.
100 Forest Hills School Rd S, Marshville, NC 28103



EAST ELEMENTARY

DATE: TIME:
September 27 6 p.m.
October 11 6 p.m.
515 Elizabeth Ave, Monroe, NC 28112



PORTER RIDGE HIGH

DATE: TIME:
September 21 6 p.m.
2839 Ridge Rd, Indian Trail, NC 28079



WEDDINGTON HIGH

DATE: TIME:
October 13 6 p.m.
4901 Weddington Rd #6281, Matthews, NC 28104



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