



2016 Bond Referendum



Expanding Our Capacity



Improving Our Facilities



Modernizing Our Technology

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 8



The deadline to register to vote is Oct. 14!

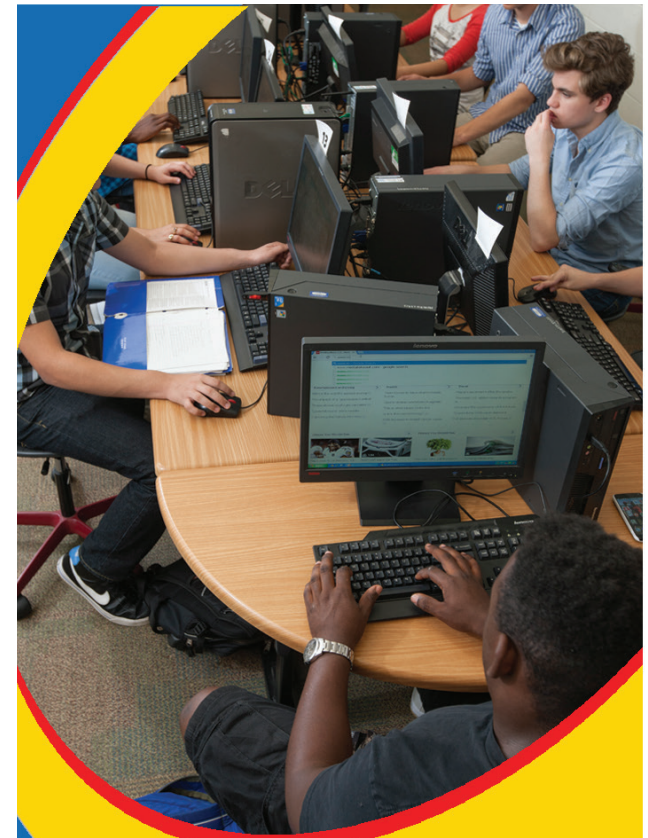
Early voting begins Oct. 20!

Register by visiting

<http://www.forsyth.cc/Elections>

For more information, visit

<http://www.wsfcs.k12.nc.us/2016bond>



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Why do we need a bond referendum?

The Forsyth County Commissioners have approved a \$350 million bond referendum to support the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools for the Nov. 8, 2016 ballot.

WS/FCS has not had a large-scale bond referendum since 2006. Since then, our enrollment has increased, our buildings have aged, and technology has greatly improved.

We need to increase the capacity of our school buildings. Our student enrollment has increased from 49,311 students in 2005-06 to 53,919 students in 2015-16. In addition, we are utilizing 128 more mobile classrooms than we were 10 years ago. Our goal is to move students from mobile classrooms into brick-and-mortar buildings.

We need to maintain our existing facilities. The district has 17 buildings that are more than 50 years old. In some of our buildings, systems, such as heating, air conditioning, lighting, and roofing, are outdated. Our goal is to provide a safe and comfortable learning environment for all students.

We need to ensure that our students are ready for the college and career opportunities of tomorrow. We still have 1,840 classrooms that need adequate technology resources and 1,860 classrooms that need updated technology resources. Our media centers need updated to include 3-D printers and moveable furniture. Our goal is to ensure our students are ready for the future.

What types of projects are included?

The project list includes such initiatives as the following:

- **Expanding Our Capacity**
 - o Build 2 new middle schools to alleviate overcrowding in current schools
 - o Build additions at 4 existing schools to address current population needs
 - o Add 6 classrooms for pre-kindergarten students to enhance early education



- **Improving Our Facilities**

- o Build 4 replacement schools
- o Extensively renovate 4 schools
- o Perform maintenance and capital projects at 35 schools

- **Improving Our Safety**

- o Install cameras to bring all facilities to one district standard
- o Install secure entrances to all middle schools
- o Improve traffic patterns and support structures at 6 schools

- **Modernizing Our Technology**

- o Outfit every classroom with adequate and equitable technology
- o Outfit every media center with a 3-D printer and moveable furniture

How will the bonds impact my taxes?

Based on county estimates, the bonds will add an additional 3.8 cents on the county tax rate.

For example, if your home is worth \$150,000, then your contribution would be \$51.75 per year.

What about the lottery?

Lottery proceeds are not enough to keep up with our needs. Since the lottery began in 2006, we have used all proceeds from the lottery to help pay Forsyth County for the bonds from the 2006 referendum. Those proceeds total \$44 million.

When would construction start?

If voters approve the bonds on November 8, 2016, we would receive the first installment in February 2017. The projects would be spread out over a period of up to 8 years.

