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Notice of Measure Election District

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Notice

Date of Notice March 18, 2024	Name of District Three Rivers / Josephine County Unit Joint School District	Name of County or Counties Josephine / Jackson	Date of Election May 21, 2024
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Final Ballot Title The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the district's voters. The ballot title notice has been published and the ballot title challenge process has been completed.

Caption 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure.

Authorizes Bonds to Improve Safety, Security, and Reroof Aged Buildings

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Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.

Shall Three Rivers School District issue \$39 million in bonds for school capital costs and receive a \$6,000,000 matching grant? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.

School Districts in Oregon depend on local support to fund capital improvements. The District has been awarded a \$6,000,000 grant which will be available only if the bonds are approved. If approved, this measure would finance capital costs within the District, including:

- Safety and security measures with a focus on access control at all locations

- Additional fencing
- Manned Gates
- Buzz-in entry systems
- Cameras
- Key card entry
- Security lighting
- Security Doors and hardware

- Re-roof 18 buildings throughout the District to maintain structural integrity and protect the community's investment in school district facilities

Bonds would mature in 16 years or less from the date of issuance and may be issued in one or more series. If approved, the bond tax rate is estimated to be \$0.55 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value. Actual rates may vary based upon interest rates incurred and changes in assessed value.

Explanatory Statement 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect.

If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be drafted and attached to this form for:

- any measure referred by the district elections authority; or
- any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.

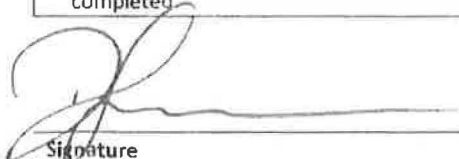
Explanatory Statement Attached? Yes No

Authorized District Official Not required to be notarized.

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By signing this document:

- I hereby state that I am authorized by the district elections authority to submit this Notice of Measure Election; and
- I certify that notice of receipt of ballot title has been published and the ballot title challenge process for this measure completed


Signature

3/19/2024
Date Signed

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This bond measure is a critical step in ensuring the safety, security, and integrity of our school buildings within Three Rivers School District. With a focus on re-roofing aging structures and enhancing security measures, this initiative will benefit over 4,000 students and 600 staff members across our 14 schools.

Enhancing School Security

In response to evolving safety concerns, our Safety Team and local law enforcement have assessed our school buildings and campuses. The proposed strategy aims to strengthen school perimeters by managing entry and exit points, deterring and delaying potential threats. \$11 million has been allocated for security enhancements, including fencing, gates, and advanced entry systems, we are prioritizing the safety of our school community.

Addressing Urgent Roofing Needs

Many of our district's buildings are over 60 years old and in critical condition, as identified in a recent long-range facility plan. Re-roofing these structures is essential to maintaining their structural integrity and preventing future costs. With \$35 million dedicated to re-roofing 18 buildings across the district, the safety and functionality of our aging facilities will be enhanced.

Overcoming Funding Challenges

Despite the vast area we serve and significant transportation costs, our district receives the same funding per student from the State as smaller districts. Over the years, we have diligently pursued various funding opportunities, but capital improvements heavily rely on local support. With your approval of the \$39,000,000 bond measure, we have secured a matching state grant of \$6,000,000, maximizing the impact of every dollar invested in our schools.

Your vote for this bond measure is not just a vote for our schools; it's an investment in the future of our community. The projected tax rate associated with this bond is \$0.55 per \$1,000 of assessed value. For example, a property assessed at \$300,000 would contribute \$165 per year for the 15-year bond term.

Together, we can provide safe, secure learning environments for our students to help them thrive and succeed.