

# Vote Yes for Stronger Schools and a Stronger Wichita

*A Message for Sedgwick County Grassroots Democrats!*

## A Historic Opportunity for Wichita's Schools

Wichita's schools are at a pivotal moment. The **Zero-Rate-Change Bond Proposal** is a \$450 million investment in modernizing facilities, improving classrooms, and addressing critical maintenance needs—all while maintaining the current tax rate.

This bond isn't just about repairing buildings; it's about building equity, strengthening neighborhoods, and creating a brighter future for Wichita's students, families, and educators.

## What Makes This Bond Different?

This bond reflects a **new era of leadership** for Wichita Public Schools. Every aspect of this plan has been shaped by community feedback and developed with transparency and accountability at its core. Here's how:

- **Equity Across Schools:** Every school will benefit from this bond through better facilities, updated technology, and modernized learning spaces—addressing long-standing disparities to ensure every student has the same opportunities.
- **A Smart Financial Plan:** By maintaining the current tax rate, this bond allows Wichita to make critical investments now without increasing the financial burden on taxpayers.
- **Forward-Thinking Oversight:** A robust oversight committee—including educators, parents, and community members—will ensure funds are spent wisely and transparently.
- **A Comprehensive Vision:** This is the first phase of a long-term plan to address infrastructure needs districtwide, ensuring every building is equipped to support students and educators for generations to come.

## How This Bond Benefits Everyone

- **Modern Learning Environments:** Our students deserve safe, accessible, and innovative spaces that meet today's educational standards and prepare them for tomorrow's workforce.
- **Investing in Classrooms:** By eliminating \$450 million in deferred maintenance, we free up resources for teaching tools, smaller class sizes, and additional student support in every building.
- **Strengthening Wichita's Economy:** Strong schools improve property values, attract families, and inject millions of dollars into the local economy. This investment benefits the entire community, not just those with students in school.
- **Protecting Taxpayer Dollars:** Maintaining existing tax levels ensures that this investment is both fiscally responsible and sustainable.

## Why Now?

Waiting to address these urgent needs only increases costs and puts our schools and students at greater risk.

- **Aging Infrastructure:** Many of our buildings are over 60 years old. Delaying action will lead to more costly emergency repairs and growing disparities between schools.
- **Economic Opportunity:** This bond allows us to lock in long-term improvements while keeping tax rates stable—a rare chance to create lasting change without additional financial burden.
- **Momentum for the Future:** Wichita's schools have shown resilience and improvement over the past year. Now is the time to build on that progress with facilities that support continued growth and success.

## How You Can Help

Your voice and leadership are critical to ensuring Wichita invests in the future of public education. Here's how you can make a difference:

1. **Vote YES on February 25, 2025:** Your vote is vital to creating stronger schools and a stronger community.
2. **Spread the Word:** Share why this bond matters with your networks.
3. **Join the Campaign:** Volunteer your time, donate resources, or host a conversation in your neighborhood to help secure a brighter future for Wichita's schools.

## Shared Values, Shared Vision

Public education is the foundation of our democracy and our community. By investing in our schools today, we ensure that Wichita remains a place where families thrive, businesses grow, and students succeed.

Together, we can make this vision a reality. Let's vote YES for stronger schools and a stronger Wichita.

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