

# 2020 BOND

Waterford School District

*Focused on the Future!*

Expanding student safety and school security measures

Upgrades to classrooms, heating and cooling systems, music equipment, and athletic facilities

Renovation of classrooms and media centers

**Waterford School District  
August 4th Bond**

Technology and technology infrastructure updates

Construction of a new early childhood center

Replacement of items that have reached end of life



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# QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE ABOUT THE WATERFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO TAX RATE INCREASE BOND PROPOSAL



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**Q. Is it true that there will not be an increase in the current tax rate?**

A. Yes. If voters approve the August 4th bond proposal, the current tax rate will not increase. In fact, the tax rate is expected to remain at or below the current levy.

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**Q. How can the school district raise \$150 million without raising taxes?**

A. Some school district bonds will be paid off this year. The August 4th bond will replace those bonds. Hence, the current tax rate will be extended, not increased.

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**Q. Will there have to be cuts in other areas to pay for the bond projects?**

A. No. Voter approval of the bond proposal will pay for the proposed bond projects. Budget cuts in other areas will not be necessary to fund the bond projects.

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**Q. Why do people without school-age children have to pay school taxes?**

A. For the same reason that all homeowners pay taxes to support other community services such as police and fire. These are the things that make a community desirable.

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**Q. Why are we proposing building an early childhood center when we already have one?**

A. The current center needs significant repairs, both inside and out. A new center would provide adequate space to accommodate all preschool classes and programming. It is an investment in our future, giving our children greater opportunities to prepare for a successful start in kindergarten.

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**Q. Can bond revenue be used to pay teachers more or add more academic programming?**

A. No. Bond revenue cannot be used for employee salaries, repair and maintenance costs, or other operating expenses. Bond revenue must be used only for purposes specified in the ballot language, and, as required by State Law, must be audited annually.