



Frequently Asked Questions about the Kent City Schools

“No New Tax” Bond Issue #6

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primary ballot

Q: What is Issue #6, the “No New Tax” Bond Issue?

A: Because bonds issued over 20 years ago to construct Stanton Middle School and make renovations to Roosevelt High School and Davey Elementary are maturing, Kent Schools is taking advantage of this timing. New bonds, which would **NOT** raise taxes, will finance the cost of renovations to maintain the community’s investment in the Kent schools.

Q: Why is it time for Kent citizens to invest in facilities?

A: Over the past 20 years, Kent has kept its schools in good working order, but because of budget constraints, the district has not been able to make critical improvements to its facilities. Citizens responding to recent surveys made it clear that they saw the immediate necessity to keep students safe and maintain the community’s investment in Kent schools.

Q: How much will the “No New Tax” Bond Issue raise?

A: This 2.36-mill bond issue will **NOT** increase taxes but will yield approximately \$25 million to make needed safety and facility improvements in the schools.

Q: What are some of the improvements and upgrades planned?

- A:**
- Adding secure **VESTIBULE ENTRIES**, electronic **ACCESS CONTROLS** and outside **LED LIGHTING** at all schools.
 - Redesigning **TRAFFIC PATTERNS** and **PARKING** at Roosevelt.
 - Installing **AIR CONDITIONING** in all elementary and high school classrooms. (Stanton Middle School is already air conditioned.)
 - Replacing **CAFETERIA/GYM FLOORS** and making other improvements at elementary schools.
 - Installing an all-sports **TURF FIELD** and **FIELDHOUSE** and upgrading the **STADIUM** with new lighting and a sound system.
 - Expanding **GYMNASIUM** facilities at Roosevelt and upgrading the **NATATORIUM**.
 - Replacing Roosevelt’s **AUDITORIUM SEATS** and adding aisles for accessibility.

For a more comprehensive list, visit kentschools.net/bondissue

Q: What is the difference between a bond issue and an operating levy?

A: A bond issue generates funds for building construction and renovations to maintain the community’s investment in its schools. An operating levy allows the district to continue to provide excellent classroom instruction and technology, as well as extracurricular opportunities for students and bus transportation. By law, funds from a Bond Issue cannot be used for operating expenses.

Q: How much will a homeowner pay on the “No New Tax” Bond Issue?

A: On a \$100,000 home, homeowners will pay \$82.59 per year, which is what they currently pay.



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