

Mt. Angel School District No. 91

Referred to the People by the District Board

24-356 Bonds for Safety, Security, Renovations and Improved Learning Spaces.

Question: Shall Mt Angel School District renovate, maintain and improve safety and learning by issuing \$10,405,000 in general obligation bonds? 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: If approved, this measure would renovate school facilities to reduce operating costs and increase educational efficiencies. Specifically, this measure is expected to finance:

- Renovations and improvements to district facilities including roofs, heating/ventilation, electrical, plumbing, safety and security systems, furnishings, technology and curriculum materials and equipment
- Improvements to parking lot and student drop-off area at St. Mary's Public Elementary School
- Renovations to gym, bathrooms, locker rooms, parking lot, relocation of administration office, and classroom pod conversion at Mt. Angel Middle School
- Improvements and seismic upgrades, cafeteria and Agriculture building repurposing, weight room relocation, restrooms and locker rooms, parking lot and other capital upgrades at John F. Kennedy High School
- Site improvements, including athletic facilities improvements, demolition and bond issuance costs
- Refinancing of outstanding obligations which financed deferred maintenance projects

Bonds would mature in a period not to exceed 21 years. The overall tax rate for bonds including the District's outstanding bonds is estimated to be approximately \$3.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

You can register to vote if you can answer these three questions:

- Are you a resident of Oregon?
- Are you a US citizen?
- Are you at least 17 years of age?

If you are 17 years of age, you will not receive a ballot until an election occurs on or after your 18th birthday.

How to Register:

You can register to vote online at www.oregonvotes.gov or you can get a voter registration card at any of the following places:

- any County Elections Office
- the Secretary of State's Office
- some state agencies such as DMV
- a voter registration drive

Explanatory Statement

In February 2012, the Long Range Facilities Master Plan Committee was formed and included 24 business and community members. The Committee spent 14 months, between February 2012 and May 2013, reviewing school facility and educational needs in the Mt. Angel School District.

A facilities analysis completed by an outside agency in conjunction with comprehensive District discussion provided information on facility, fire, safety, and security priority needs in the District. The Committee reviewed this information along with recent enrollment and population statistics, District land inventory, building codes, mandated program requirements, community use of school facilities and a community survey.

In June 2013, the Committee recommended to the Board that a bond measure be presented for voter approval in November 2013.

Upon voter approval a new citizen oversight committee will be formed to ensure bond funds are used in accordance with the priorities approved by the School Board.

The Committees' recommendations focused on deferred maintenance, safety, security and educational space upgrades including:

St. Mary's ES

- Redesign parking lot and student drop-off area to separate bus and car traffic.

Mount Angel Middle School

- Remodel gym and locker rooms providing competitive sports venue.

- Renovate parking lot which will provide approximately double the current parking spaces, revised bus loading zone and a new parent/student drop-off area.

- Convert front classroom pod to Administration Building along with fencing entire property, providing higher level of security.

- Classroom upgrades

- Kitchen Equipment replacement

- Additional Safety, security, and utility upgrades.

Explanatory Statement (cont.)

JFK High School

- Reconfigure and expand cafeteria to create a cafeteria/ study hall/ multipurpose area and new fitness/ wellness instructional space.

- Expand and reconfigure school office to provide concentrated services and improve supervision and security of the main entry.

- Upgrade interiors including windows, teaching walls, remodeled locker rooms, restrooms and additional projects

- Exterior upgrades including track resurfacing, fields and irrigation improvements, and utility system upgrades.

- Install fire suppression and upgraded fire alarm systems.

- Relocate District Office and upgrade CTE (Ag/Shop) spaces.

District Wide

- Replacement or repair of selected heating, plumbing, and electrical systems;

- Improvements to air quality and energy efficiency with upgrades to ventilation systems, windows, and lighting;

- Additional improvements to security and upgrades/ replacement of fire/burglar alarm systems, fencing and surveillance systems

Based on a \$10,405,000 bond, the estimated property tax in support of schools in the Mt. Angel School District would be approximately \$3.50 per \$1,000 (or \$350 per year for each \$100,000 of assessed value).

In 2001 the property tax rate for repayment of the 1996 St. Mary's ES reconstruction Bond was \$4.50 per \$1,000 which has incrementally declined to current tax rate of \$2.60 per \$1000. Bonds will mature in 20 years or less from the date of issue and may be issued in one or more series.

These rates are estimates only and could vary depending on interest rates or changes in the Districts total assessed value from new homes, businesses and other factors.

Submitted by:

Troy Stoops

Superintendent, Mt. Angel School District #91

No arguments in Opposition to Measure 24-356 were filed.

Updating your Voter Registration:

You are responsible for keeping your registration up to date. Complete and return a new card or re-register online if you:

- change your signature
- change your home address
- change your name
- change your mailing address
- change your political party

Argument In Support Measure 24-356

Vote **YES** for Mt Angel Schools

Since Mt Angel School District's last bond measure in 1995 to build St Mary's Public Elementary after the earthquake, major maintenance and improvements at high and middle schools have been deferred. Measure 24-356 will **fund necessary renovations** of aging school facilities (high school built in 1959, middle school in 1967) – **freeing up general funds that need to be spent directly on student learning.**

After 18 months of thoughtful, detailed work, a 24 community-member Long Range Facility Planning Committee recommended projects consistent with their belief statements **that are reasonable, responsible and practical.**

The Measure authorizes Mt Angel School District to issue \$10.4 million of general obligation bonds. Tax rate will increase by an estimated 90¢ per \$1,000 of assessed value.

Passage of this measure will allow the school district to improve facilities, grounds and learning environments. Some of the **projects expected to be completed by fall 2015:**

- **Create a "student learning commons" at high school** – an attractive, light-filled space for meals, studying, concerts, meetings, assemblies, community functions – keeping our high school competitive with a structure inspiring pride for students and our community

- **Move middle school office to the front and expand high school office** – significantly strengthening control of campus access

- **Remodel middle school gym and locker rooms and resurface high school track** – making sports venues better for athletes and spectators

- **Reconfigure parking lot flow at middle and elementary schools** – improving pedestrian safety, reducing traffic confusion, adding much-needed parking spaces at middle school

- **Replace / upgrade utilities at all 3 schools** – reducing cost of continued repairs

We are parents, grandparents, coaches, clergy, firefighters, neighbors, business owners – each working to make our small town thrive. **We ask you to join us in voting YES.**

√ **YES** for our children

√ **YES** for our schools

√ **YES** for our communities

√ **YES** for our future

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*Information furnished by Shari Bochsler Riedman
Building Our Children's Future Committee*

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You can complete and return the card in person or return the card by US mail.

To vote in the November 5th election, your completed registration card must be:

- postmarked by Tuesday, October 15, 2013 or
- delivered to a county elections office by Tuesday, October 15, 2013 or
- delivered to any voter registration agency (e.g. DMV) by Tuesday, October 15, 2013.

If you register to vote online, your registration must be submitted by 11:59PM, Tuesday, October 15.

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Support Our Schools – Vote Yes on Measure 24-356

The members of the Mt. Angel Volunteer Firefighters Association urge you to join us in our support of the Mt. Angel School District Bond Measure.

The members of the Volunteer Firefighters Association are parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers, and sisters. We have diverse backgrounds and experiences, but share a common goal: **SAFETY** for all in our community.

A **YES** vote is a vote for **SAFETY**.

The School District's Long Range Facility Plan and this Bond Measure are focused on improving **SAFETY**. The planned improvements will:

- Improve vehicle and pedestrian traffic flow around our schools.
- Improve parking and visibility of children at our schools.
- Improve pedestrian pathways near and at our schools that separate pedestrian and vehicle traffic.
- Improve life safety with a seismic upgrade and introduction of a fire sprinkler system at JFK.
- Improve access and egress for emergency vehicles and first responders.
- Improve security and fire alarm systems where needed.

We urge you to familiarize yourself with the Long Range Facility Plan <http://www.mtangel.k12.or.us/> so you may better understand how the planned improvements will enhance the **SAFETY** of our schools.

A sound and **SAFE** learning environment will enhance our children's lives and learning experience. The schools are the center of our community, helping to teach and prepare our children for a better future.

We encourage you to **VOTE** and join us in voting **YES**.

The argument and statements contained herein have been submitted by the members of the Mt. Angel Volunteer Firefighters Association.

*This information furnished by: Shayne Kleinschmit
Mt Angel Volunteer Fireman's Assoc.*

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We urge you to Vote Yes on 24-356

Have you ever found yourself asking the question

“What were they thinking?”

In February, 2012 the Mt Angel School District put that question in front of a panel of 24 business leaders, students, trade experts, parents, teachers and other community members. We were asked to get to know the school buildings, real property and the overall infrastructure; then develop recommendations to provide facilities that meet the needs of the community and minimize the likelihood this question would come up in the years ahead.

In the 18 months that followed, panel members toured Mt Angel schools and grounds in addition to those of other school districts. We attended seminars, meetings, interviews and brain-storming sessions. We discovered a great deal of resourcefulness among the students, school staff, parents and coaches and also found many common complaints among these same groups.

Please take a moment to review the Long Range Facility Planning Committee report (an executive summary is included) and educate yourself about the current state of our school district facilities. Included are some smart recommendations, trimmed of fat and fluff, to improve Mt Angel's school facilities. These necessary repairs and improvements tie directly to the bond amount requested.

Our complete report can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/LRFPC-mt-angel> or by link of the Mt Angel School District home page.

Endorsed as individuals by currently active Long Range Facility Planning Committee members who could be reached for comment by the submission deadline:

Committee Chair –Tommy Riedman
Vice Chair – Craig Emch
Doug Bochsler
Chris Bischoff
Don Fleck
Bill Schaecher
Fr. Philip Waibel
John Smith
Julie Smith

*This information furnished by: Craig M. Emch
Long Range Facility Planning Committee.*

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Please Vote Yes on Measure 24-356 to Support Our Future

The Board of Directors of the Mt. Angel Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to improving the quality of life in our community and our local economy. One of the most important elements a community can accomplish to make that happen is a strong educational system. Measure 24-356 is a vital element in that mission to improve the safety, learning, and social environments for our children who will be the future leaders of our community. The improvements to our schools which will be accomplished by the passage of this measure were developed by a dedicated group of community volunteers from all walks of life and will make our schools safer, more functional and will enhance the learning opportunities for our youth.

Once these improvements are completed, we can all celebrate a community effort that will result in safer buildings for our students. We will have a better learning environment that will help our children prepare for their future academic and vocational pursuits. We, as a community, will have invested in the future success of Mt. Angel because our youth are our future.

The Mt. Angel Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to the long term success of our City. The best way to accomplish this is to support our future leaders and make their education as good as it can be. Measure 24-356 will help our students and our community achieve this goal.

Please vote yes on Measure 24-356

Mt. Angel Chamber of Commerce
Board of Directors

*This information furnished by: Pete Wall
Mt Angel Chamber of Commerce*



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November 5, 2013
Special Election

Bill Burgess
Marion County Clerk

Mt. Angel School District

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COUNTY DROP SITES

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Mt. Angel Public Library
290 E. Charles St., Mt. Angel

Tue: Noon - 6:30 PM
Wed: 11 AM - 5 PM
Thur & Fri: Noon - 5 PM
Sat: 1 PM - 5 PM
Closed Sun & Mon

Marion County Elections*
Inside Service Only
4263 Commercial St. SE, # 300, Salem

Mon - Fri
8:30 AM - 5 PM

***Election Day Nov 5th 7 AM - 8 PM**

Marion County Elections
4263 Commercial St. SE, #300, Salem
Phone: 503.588.5041 or 1.800.655.5388
TTY/TDD: 503.588.5610 FAX: 503.588.5383

E-Mail: elections@co.marion.or.us
<http://www.co.marion.or.us/CO/elections/>

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