



Marion County Voters' Pamphlet Explanatory Statement (MCVP-05)

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Filing Information:

Measure No. 27-143 Election Date: 11/5/2024

Explanatory Statement:

About Central School District 13J: The District serves about 3,100 students in three elementaries, one middle, and one high school in the Independence and Monmouth areas. The average age of District buildings is 54 years old. The District thoroughly assessed its facilities and identified several challenges facing its schools, including safety concerns, overcrowding issues, and aging buildings with systems needing significant improvements and repairs.

Community engagement and partnership: After completion of an independent facilities assessment in 2020, the District formed a Long-Range Facilities Planning Committee in 2021-2022, that engaged community groups to put forth a list of priority projects and needs in the District. The Board of Directors then assembled a Bond Development Committee in 2022, that narrowed the extensive lists of priorities, which were then presented to the Board.

What would the bonds fund? The proposed bonds would fund specific projects focused on increasing safety, constructing critical repair needs to facilities, and addressing overcrowding.

Why does the District need a bond to do these projects?

Most funding for schools in Oregon comes to each local district from the State School Fund, based on the district's Average Daily Membership (ADM) (i.e. attendance). These are operating funds to pay for things like teachers, materials, and basic maintenance. These funds do not pay for school construction and major renovation— those costs are capital expenses and primarily paid through local school bond measures approved by voters and available grant funds.

If approved, the bond measure would finance capital costs, expected to:

- Provide a modern elementary school, including land acquisition (Monmouth).
- Upgrade facilities, including roof replacement (Central High).
- Modernize heating and cooling systems for efficiency and air quality (Ash Creek and Independence Elementary Schools).
- Improve safety and security.
- Expand space for career and technical education (Talmadge Middle School).
- Improve athletic fields (Central High/Talmadge Middle School).
- Provide inclusive playgrounds (all elementary schools)
- Provide new classrooms to address overcrowding (Talmadge Middle, Monmouth Elementary).
- Pay bond issuance costs.

What would the bonds cost?

If passed, the total cost for all District bond measures would be an estimated annual rate of \$3.75 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. The total principal amount of bonds authorized by this measure cannot exceed \$90 million. If voters pass this bond, the District will receive an additional \$6 million grant from the State of Oregon.

The voters last approved a bond in 2008 for additional classrooms and modernization at Central High School.

Oversight and accountability:

The District would establish a citizen oversight committee made up of a diverse group of community members to ensure proceeds are used for purposes indicated.

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