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

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Use this form when filing a Marion County Voters' Pamphlet Explanatory Statement with the Marion County Clerk's office. Please note that some counties choose not to produce a Voters' Pamphlet. If the jurisdiction or district is located in more than one county, a separate form (prescribed by that county) must be filed and the filing fee paid in each county where the Candidate Statement is to be printed. Explantory Statement text may be attached seperatly to a signed copy of this form.

**Filing Information:**

Measure No. ____________ Election Date: November 3, 2026

**Explanatory Statement:**

See Attached

Total Words: 400 (Important: Statement may NOT exceed 500 words)

Authorized Signature: [redacted] Title: Superintendent

Printed Name: Kim Ke[redacted]

Government Unit: SILVER FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4J

Silver Falls School District No. 4J has referred a general obligation bond measure to voters for the November 3, 2026 election. If approved, the measure would authorize the District to issue up to $87,040,000 in principal of general obligation bonds for school facility projects. If the measure is approved, the District would receive a $10,210,000 Oregon School Capital Improvement Match Program grant, providing approximately $97,250,000 for capital improvements.

Bonds would finance capital costs, including:

**Replace Silverton Middle School**
Bond funds would replace Silverton Middle School. The original 1938 building is closed, and students currently use separate classroom wings and portable classrooms. The project would include demolition of aging buildings, removal of portable classrooms, construction of a new middle school, and renovation of existing facilities, including the gymnasium and locker rooms.

**New Rural K-8 School**
Bond funds would construct a new K-8 school serving students currently attending Pratum, Evergreen and Central Howell schools. The new school would consolidate these three existing schools into one facility and continue the District's rural K-8 educational model.

**Improvements to Other District Facilities**
Bond funds would finance repairs and improvements at other District facilities. Projects may include repair, replacement, addition or updating of roofs, plumbing, building exteriors, flooring, windows, electrical systems, generators, and heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems. Projects would also include upgrades to science instructional classrooms and improvements for accessibility.

**Safety and Security**
Bond funds would finance safety and security improvements, including upgrades to alarm systems, security cameras, communication systems and electronic building-access systems.

Bond proceeds may also be used for related site improvements, furnishings and equipment, and bond issuance costs.

**Cost, Tax Rate and Oversight**
The District's existing bond is scheduled to be paid off in 2027. The District estimates the proposed bond would maintain the fiscal year 2026 bond tax rate of approximately $1.88 per $1,000 of assessed property value. Actual levy rates may differ based on interest rates and changes in assessed value.

The bonds may be issued in multiple series and would mature within 26 years from issuance.

If approved, the District would establish a citizen oversight committee to review the use of bond proceeds. Independent audits would be required.

If the measure is not approved, the District would not issue the proposed bonds, the projects described above would not proceed with these bond funds, and the District would not receive the $10,210,000 state matching grant associated with voter approval.