

## **KND Schools: Expected Zero-Mill Net Increase Bond Proposal- Q&A**

**The ballot says estimated 0 mill net increase over the prior year's levy, what does that mean?**

*The District expects that if the bond proposal is approved, the District's total debt millage levy in 2026 will be at the same rate (3.40 mills) that it was in 2025 (December 1, 2025) and 2024 – both are also 3.40 mills.*

**When is the election?**

*It is Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2025*

**How much money from the issuance of bonds is being sought?**

*If approved, the bond proposal would provide approximately \$9.5 million dollars for the bond project that the District would use toward the capital projects and improvements described in the ballot language.*

**The ballot says the estimated millage for the proposed bonds in 2026 is 1.40 mills, how much would that cost me?**

*The exact answer can vary, but generally, the cost for 1.4 mills equals \$1.40 for every \$1,000 of taxable evaluation. Generally, taxable evaluation is usually about half of the market value. This means a home with a market value of ~\$200,000 would pay ~\$140 annually in taxes over the course of a year, but the actual amount varies based on individual circumstances. Keep in mind that in 2024 and 2025 (upcoming) the district's total debt millage rate was/is 3.40 mills, and if the bonds are approved, the district expects that total debt millage rate to remain at 3.40 mills in 2026 even with the expected 1.4 mills first year levy for the proposed bonds.*

**Can the bond money be used to pay staff salaries?**

*No. Money generated from the bonds cannot be used to pay wages, bonuses, or benefits for school employees. Bond funds must be used for the purposes outlined in the ballot language. In this case, the District would use bond proceeds for capital expenditures including building and site improvements.*

**When was the last bond proposal passed and what was the money used for?** *The last bond proposal was passed in November of 2019, and it also had an expected 0 mill net increase over the prior year's levy. The bond proposal on November 4, 2025, is not expected to increase the current total debt millage rate. The 2019 bond proposal paid for a new roof, boilers, a bus barn, storage barn, carpeting, the electric sign out front of the building, as well as other improvements.*

**Didn't we just pass a non-homestead operating millage proposal within the last two years?**

*The non-homestead operating millage renewal proposal that was approved in 2023 allows the District to levy a maximum of 18 mills on non-homestead property, and the operating millage hedge passed in 2024 are only levied on non-homestead properties. This does not include your primary residence so if your home has the principal residence exemption within the KND school district, the 18 mills of operating millage are not levied against your primary residence. By law, under Proposal A of 1994, the 18 mill non-homestead operating millage is required for school districts to receive their full State foundation allowance payment. The funds from the operating millage are primarily used to pay day-to-day expenses. In contrast to the non-homestead operating millage the debt millage, which would include the proposed bonds, is levied on all property within the District.*

**Doesn't 75% of our property taxes already go to schools?**

*In the latest audited budget, KND Schools receives its State and Federal aid from four sources. Property Taxes- 39.3%, State Revenue- 42.1%, Federal- 14.3%, and Other- 4.3%.*

**How will the District use the bond funds if the bond proposal is approved?**

*The District's top priority is to build a new Early Childhood building on campus to house our current GSRP (4 yr olds), add space for an additional preschool program, as well as move the kindergarteners into this building. The current early childhood building is ~30 years old and was originally designed as a temporary construction trailer. The District will also be looking to improve the safety and security of the District's buildings, replace student lockers, update locker rooms, improve the athletic facilities, including building a baseball field on campus and resurfacing the track, improve/replace fencing and parking, replace septic and drain fields, purchase buses, replace playground equipment, as well as complete other capital improvements. All funds will be used on the Brethren facilities only.*

**If you have any questions, or would like further clarification, please contact Jake Veith at 231-477-5353, ext. 3.**

**Below are examples/renderings of potential projects that will be completed if the expected 0 mill net increase over the prior year's debt millage levy bond proposal is approved by voters successful on November 4, 2025.**

## Kaleva Norman Dickson School District 2025 School Bond Objectives

- New Early Childhood Center: New early childhood and kindergarten building. This will include a new drop-off zone and parking and new fenced playground.
- Classroom and student learning technology updates.
- Security Improvements including secured entry enhancements, intrusion resistant window treatment and security camera system expansion.
- Athletic Field Expansion and Improvements:
  - New baseball field facility including dugouts, fencing, bleachers and scoreboard.
  - New baseball and softball area bathroom facilities.
  - Newly rubberized running track improvements and resurfacing.
- Playground Renovations including replacement of all existing playground equipment and improvements to playground security and safety.
- Student Locker Replacement including a building-wide locker replacement.
- Locker Room Renovations.
- Facilities and Grounds Security and Storage Improvements including expansion and replacement of existing security fencing and of athletics and grounds storage.
- Bus facility security improvements including new secured fencing and entry gates improvements.
- Parking lot expansion including additional asphalt parking areas.
- Septic tank and pump station upgrades.
- Transportation improvements including the procurement of (2) new buses and (2) new travel vans.





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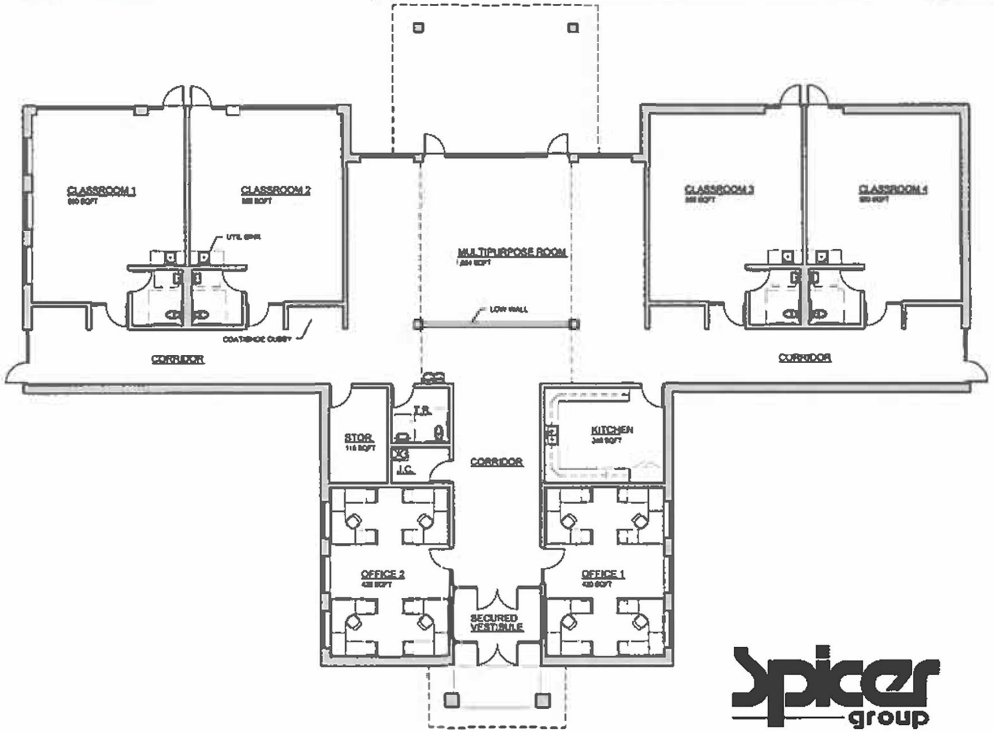


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