

NO ARGUMENTS WERE FILED IN OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE

Bonds to increase safety, improve schools; replace Silverton Middle School

Question: Shall district increase safety, update and repair schools; improve accessibility, replace middle school; issue \$138 million in bonds; audits required?

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: Silver Falls School District proposes a bond not exceeding \$138 million; will receive \$4 million state grant if approved.

Bonds would finance capital costs, including:

- Replace Silverton Middle School with new school on current site; keep existing gym. Current facility is between 60 and 85 years old and portions of school are condemned.
- Planned improvements for all schools:
- Improve Safety and Security:
 - Secure exterior doors, alarms, cameras
 - Fire, intercom improvements
 - Improve parking, traffic flow
 - Better accessibility to meet ADA requirements
- Prioritize Healthy Schools:
 - Remove asbestos
 - Eradicate toxic mold, water intrusion
 - Ventilation systems to address fire smoke, improve indoor air quality
- Update & Repair Aging Buildings:
 - Electrical, roofing, flooring, lighting, insulation, windows, HVAC, sewer and stormwater systems
- Site improvements, demolition, furnishings, equipment, issuance costs

Citizen oversight committee, audits required

Bonds may be issued in multiple series maturing within 26 years from issuance. Estimated increase over current rate is \$1.60 per \$1,000 assessed property value. Actual levy rate may differ due to changes in interest rates, assessed value.

Measure No. 24-486 Silver Falls School District No. 4J

Silver Falls School District

County of Marion VOTERS' PAMPHLET



November 7, 2023 Special Election

Selected portions of this county voters' pamphlet are available in Simplified Chinese, Korean, Marshallese, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese. These translations can be found online at oregonvotes.gov/MarionVP

Voted ballots for this election must be received in an Elections Office or an Official Oregon Ballot Drop Site by 8:00 pm, November 7, 2023, or Postmarked by November 7, 2023, and received by November 14, 2023.

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Silverton Middle School

Built in 1938 - the third oldest school in the District - has falling building systems, portions of the building are condemned, lacks space for students and has security issues with 41 outside entrances.

Accessibility is also a real issue as many schools do not meet ADA requirements.

air to enter schools.

temps to 90+ degrees in classrooms or allowing unhealthy to choose between closing windows and doors forcing wildfire seasons and smoke, our schools are being forced not have ventilation or cooling (AC). With the extended Classroom temperatures vary widely; most schools do

Health & Accessibility

infiltration and stormwater back-ups.

have degraded. Some buildings have basement water plumbing, and sewer systems. Sidewalks and parking lots Buildings across the District have aging electrical, heating, non-existent or fail to meet current standards.

Aging Buildings

Many schools in the District have fire safety systems, intercoms and other safety measures that are either secured with access control systems.

Every school in the District has exterior doors that are not

Safety and Security:

Silver Falls Schools face challenges including:

- Central Howell Elementary (95 years old)
- Pratum Elementary (95 years old)
- Silverton Middle School (85 years old)
- Victor Point Elementary (76 years old)
- Silver Crest Elementary (76 years old)
- Butte Creek Elementary (75 years old)

The average age of District buildings is 71 years with six across 250 square miles.

The Silver Falls Schools District serves approximately 3,450 students in 9 elementaries, one middle, one high school

Explanatory Statement:

The school board seeks voter approval of up to \$138 million general obligation bonds. District will receive state matching funds of \$4 million if bonds are approved.

Bonds would finance capital costs, including:

- **Replace Silverton Middle School** with new school on current site; keep existing gym. Current facility is between 60 and 85 years old and portions of school are condemned.
- Planned improvements for **all schools:**
- **Improve Safety and Security:**
 - Secure exterior doors, alarms, cameras
 - Fire alarm, intercom improvements
 - Improve parking, traffic flow
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- **Prioritize Healthy Schools:**
 - Remove asbestos
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 - Ventilation systems to address fire smoke, improve indoor air quality
- **Update & Repair Aging Buildings:**
 - Electrical, roofing, flooring, lighting, insulation, windows, HVAC, sewer and stormwater systems
- Citizen oversight committee will be formed; audits will be performed as part of District's annual audit.

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Information Submitted By: Steve Nielsen, Director of Finance and Operations, Silver Falls School District No. 4J

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Official Marion County Ballot Drop Sites

The Marion County drop sites listed below will be open beginning October 18th.
On Election Day, November 7th, drop sites will remain open until 8:00 pm.

You DO NOT need to apply postage if you use an Official Marion County Drop Box or mail within the United States.

Donald City Hall 10710 Main St NE, Donald	Walk-up Drop Box 24 Hours
Jefferson City Hall/ Library 150 N 2 nd St, Jefferson	Curbside Drop Box 24 Hours
Keizer City Hall 930 Chemawa Rd NE, Keizer	Curbside Drop Box 24 Hours
Marion County Clerk 555 Court St NE, Ste 2130, Salem	Indoor Drop Box Mon - Fri 8:30 am - 5 pm Election Day 7 am - 8 pm
Marion County Health 3180 Center St NE, Salem	Curbside Drop Box 24 Hours
Marion County Public Works 5155 Silverton Rd NE, Salem	Curbside Drop Box Mon - Fri 8 am - 5 pm Election Day 8 am - 8 pm
Mill City - City Hall 444 S 1 st Ave, Mill City	Indoor Drop Box Mon - Fri 8 am - 4 pm Election Day 8 am - 8 pm
Roth's Fresh Market - Hayesville 4746 Portland Rd NE, Salem	Indoor Dropbox Daily 6 am - 9 pm Election Day 6 am - 8 pm
Roth's Fresh Market - Sunnyslope 4555 Liberty Rd S, Salem	Indoor Drop Box Daily 6 am - 9 pm Election Day 6 am - 8 pm
Roth's Fresh Market - Vista 3045 Commercial St SE, Salem	Indoor Drop Box Daily 6 am - 9 pm Election Day 6 am - 8 pm
Silverton - Lewis St. Parking Lot 208 Lewis St & S 1 st St, Silverton	Curbside Drop Box 24 Hours

How to cast your vote...

1 Complete your ballot

To vote, completely fill in the box next to your choice.



2 Check for errors

- You do not have to vote on all contests. Those you do vote on will still count.
- If you vote for more options than are allowed, your vote **will not count** for that contest.
- If you think you made a mistake, call the Marion County Elections Office.

3 Using the optional "Secrecy" sleeve

If you use the optional "Secrecy" sleeve, put only your voted ballot inside. Then, put only your "Secrecy" sleeve inside your return envelope.



You are not required to use the "Secrecy" sleeve.

4 Sign your return envelope

You must sign your return envelope or **your vote will not count.**

We verify every signature on every envelope against the voter files.



5 Return your ballot

- By mail
- At any official drop site (see list on this flyer)
- At the Clerk's/Elections Office

Measure No. 24-486
Silver Falls School District No. 4J

Argument in Support:

For SAFER, HEALTHIER Schools, Vote Yes for Measure 24-486

As public safety and health professionals, we know it's our responsibility to do everything we can to keep our community safe.

When it comes to school safety, the headlines across the nation are all too frequent and similar. It's an unfortunate fact that in today's world, our schools must be ready to respond to any manner of threat.

It is critical that we ensure our schools are safe and healthy. Currently our district school buildings leave our kids and staff vulnerable.

Safety and Security:

We need to know who is in our buildings or on school grounds. Every school in our district has entrances that are **NOT secured** with any sort of access control systems.

In emergencies, the ability to respond quickly literally saves lives. This bond measure helps us do that—fund **functional emergency communications** and **fire safety systems** that help keep students and staff safe in the case of imminent danger.

The middle school's main brick structure on Schlador Street has been **condemned** for decades. Students and staff have worked around this dangerous core for years, but it is seismically unstable and un-repairable.

Healthy Schools:

Classroom temperatures vary widely, HVAC and air handling systems are **aging, inefficient and in some cases nonexistent**. Updated systems will make sure our schools are safe and a **place of refuge** for our community in future heat and smoke events.

Students and parents count on schools as places for learning, connection and nourishment for the mind and body. It is critical that we ensure our schools are **safe and healthy**.

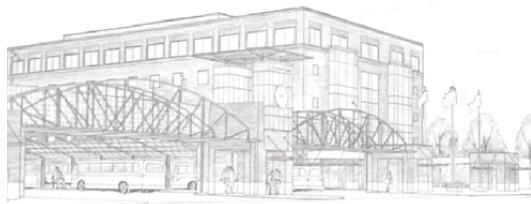
The Silver Falls School Bond will help keep our kids, and the adults who care for them, safe and healthy. Please join us in voting yes.

Eric D. Rappe, SMS Campus Security
Dr. Jess Miller, MD
Dr. Nathan Bay, MD
Dr. Michael Grady, MD
Dr. Elizabeth Smith, MD
Dr. Julie Broyhill, MD
Daniel Briseno, SHS Campus Security

(This information furnished by Eliza Torlyn on behalf of Silver Falls Neighbors for Schools)

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Marion County Clerk - Elections



Courthouse Square

Physical Address:
555 Court St NE
Suite 2130
Salem, Oregon 97301

Need help or information?

Made a mistake on your ballot?

Lost or misplaced your ballot?

We can help!
Marion County Clerk's Office
503.588.5041

Measure No. 24-486
Silver Falls School District No. 4J

Argument in Support:

Please Join the Silver Falls School Board in Supporting a Bright Future for our Kids!

As volunteer School Board Members, we know schools build stronger communities, which is why this November's Bond is so important for the future of our Silver Falls communities. Our community has always come together to invest in education. Better schools help build a stronger community, give our kids more opportunities to succeed, and increase the value of our homes. **This bond will raise \$138 million to repair & replace facilities** — ensuring safer and healthier learning environments for our kids. Our district will also receive a **\$4 million grant** from the state if this bond passes, which adds even more funding for this effort.

Safer and Healthier Schools

The bond proposal will replace the **partially condemned** middle school and provide critical repairs throughout the district such as replacing necessary plumbing, sewer, heating, cooling, and electrical systems, so that our schools can be **maintained at a highly functioning level**.

Stronger Security

Students and teachers need to be safe while at school, which is why the bond will allow for improvements like **exterior entrance access security systems**, **functional** intercoms and emergency alert systems, and **functional** fire safety systems.

New Middle School

This bond will provide funding for a new middle school at the old Schlador Street campus, which has been partially condemned for decades. Aside from the high school, this campus is the largest in our district, housing nearly 500 students and staff.

Oversight

A Bond Oversight Committee made up of community members will oversee the project and approve fund allocation. Regular audits by the state are required as well.

Help us build a better future for our students. Join us in voting YES on Measure 24-486!

Jennifer Traeger, SFSD Board Chair
Aaron Koch
Joshua Ort
Derrick Foxworth Jr
Owen Von Flue
Tom Buckholtz

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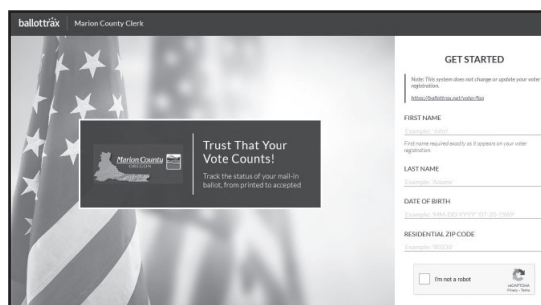
Track Your Ballot

Sign up for updates about your Ballot from the Marion County Clerk

The Marion County Clerk is offering a program to voters in Marion County that allows them to track the status of their ballot through automated notifications.



Participating voters will have the option of receiving text, email, or voice alerts at several points on their ballot's journey.



If you have any questions about this service, please call the Marion County Clerk's Office at 503.588.5041.

Sign up today to begin receiving messages:
marioncountyclerk.ballottrax.net/voter

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Silver Falls School District No. 4J

Argument in Support:

Teachers, School Staff, and Principals are Voting YES on 24-486!

As teachers, staff, and principals in your neighborhood schools in Silver Falls, we go to work every day in these buildings and witness firsthand the condition of our schools and their impact on our students.

We are strongly urging you to vote for Measure 24-486.

By voting YES on Measure 24-486 this November, you will help our schools provide the safe and healthy environments kids need for a high-quality education. Your support will ensure our schools continue to thrive.

Measure 24-486 is Critical to Teaching and Learning

As educators, it is our mission every day to provide an excellent experience for the children in our care. It has become almost impossible to do with **constant interruptions** caused by the **failing environments and systems** in all of our schools. From flooded basements to failing heat and cooling systems, windows that won't open, and, in the case of Silverton Middle School, a **condemned campus core**, every school in our district needs care, maintenance, or replacement.

Security and Safety

Every day, you put your precious children in our care, and every day, we are concerned for their safety. The middle school, for example, has **41 separate external entrances**. This bond will provide necessary funding to make all of our school buildings secure and add safety features such as coded access, fire alarms and suppression, and functioning intercoms and security cameras.

EDUCATORS AND PRINCIPALS URGE YOU TO VOTE YES ON MEASURE 24-486 FOR BETTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS!

Leslie Roache, SFSD Director of Teaching and Learning
Sione Thompson, Principal, Silverton High School
Kevin Palmer, Principal, Butte Creek
Brett Davison, Principal, Silverton Middle School
Melissa Linder-Cho, Principal, Pratum, Silvercrest
Kirsten Jorgensen, Principal, Scotts Mills
Jennifer Hannan, Principal, Sequoia Academy
Alison Stolfus, Teacher, Silverton High School
Taryn Wold, Principal, Central Howell
Jamie McCarty, Principal, Robert Frost
Jackie Renaud, Teacher, Silverton Middle School
Katie Beckett, Principal, Mark Twain
Silver Falls Education Association

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VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

To be eligible to vote in the November 7, 2023, Special Election, a completed voter registration card must be on file with the Marion County Clerk by no later than 5:00 pm, October 17, 2023.

YOU MAY REGISTER TO VOTE IF:

- You are a citizen of the United States
- You are at least 16 years of age (you may vote if you will be 18 years of age or older on election day)
- You are a resident of Oregon

YOU MUST RE-REGISTER TO VOTE IF:

- Your residence or mailing address changes
- Your name changes
- You wish to change party affiliation

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

When you receive your ballot packet in the mail, immediately examine it to make certain it is complete. It should contain the following items:

- A printed ballot on which you may vote
- A secrecy sleeve with instructions printed on it
- A pre-addressed ballot return envelope in which to return your ballot

If any items are missing, contact the Marion County Clerk's Office at 503.588.5041, and a replacement ballot packet will be sent to you.

VOTING & CORRECTING YOUR BALLOT

If you make an error on your ballot, spoil it in any way, or lose it, you may obtain a replacement ballot by contacting the Marion County Clerk's Office at 503.588.5041.

RETURNING YOUR VOTED BALLOT

- Follow the instructions on the secrecy sleeve
- Fold your ballot along the pre-scored folds and insert it into the optional secrecy sleeve (if desired)
- Insert ballot (or ballot and secrecy sleeve) into the ballot return envelope
- SEAL the ballot return envelope and SIGN the statement on the back of the envelope
- Mail or place the return envelope in an Official Ballot Drop Box

Your ballot will not be counted if your ballot return envelope is not signed.