

## **NOTICE OF BALLOT TITLE RECEIVED NOTICE OF ELECTION**

Notice is hereby given that on July 27, 2023, a request for ballot title was filed by the Silver Falls School District No. 4J with the Marion County Clerk for an election to be held on November 7, 2023.

The ballot title submitted by the District is as follows:

**Caption:** 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, siding, windows, HVAC, sewer/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.

Any elector dissatisfied with this ballot title may petition the Circuit Court of Marion County seeking a different ballot title pursuant to ORS 255.155. Petitions must be filed

with the court not later than 5:00 p.m., August 7, 2023 (7<sup>th</sup> business day after receipt of the ballot title), with appropriate notification as required by law to the Marion County Clerk.

Dated this 27th day of July, 2023. William J. Burgess, Marion County Clerk.