

Vail School District Proposition 468 Facts

WHY IS VUSD CALLING FOR A BOND?

Growth. Businesses are opening and expanding. Roads are being improved to prepare for growth, and over 8,000 new home lots are being planned/developed. Existing school facilities and district resources must expand to handle the growth. Current schools are out of space. Additionally, the 2008 state budget cuts caused a backlog of needs in the areas of health and safety, technology, and transportation.

WHAT IS A BOND?

A bond is a way for a community to invest in capital projects needed by their local school district. It must be approved by voters and is repaid over time.

WHAT WOULD BOND FUNDS BE USED FOR?

A new high school, K-8 school, preschool, and expansion of Andrada to prevent overcrowding, as well as technology, health and safety issues, and transportation needs. **Full list of proposed bond projects on reverse side.**

HOW WAS THE LIST OF NEEDS DEVELOPED?

A large group of community members spent months gathering information and looking at options to address enrollment growth and evaluate capital needs. The initial list of needs totaled over \$100,000,000. Over \$40,000,000 of identified needs were not included in final list.

WHAT IS THE COST TO HOMEOWNERS?

The cost of this bond package is estimated to be \$6.20 per month for each \$100,000 of home value in Vail.

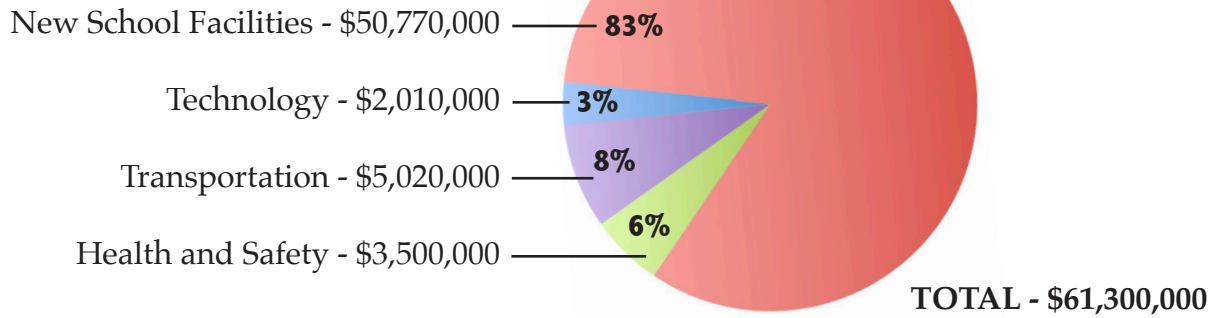
SHOULDN'T THESE THINGS BE FUNDED BY THE STATE?

The State is providing significant assistance. VUSD has been awarded \$22 million from the State toward the \$57 million cost of a new high school. Without assistance from the State, the cost to local taxpayers would be much higher.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THE BOND DOES NOT PASS?

Planned schools will not be built. Enrollment is growing at 400 new students per year. If no facilities are built, existing schools will become significantly overcrowded.

Bond Distribution



Proposed Bond Project Descriptions

New School Facilities to Prevent Overcrowding		
New High School (phase 1)	First phase of a 2,000 student comprehensive high school. Capacity of Phase 1 - 1,000 students	\$35,000,000
New K-8 School	New school for grades K-8. Existing capacity will be exceeded in the 19/20 school year.	\$10,300,000
Andrada Expansion	Facilities to add an additional pathway. Limited athletic facilities for student and community use.	\$2,930,000
Additional VIP Facilities	A new facility at a new location needs to be added to accommodate increased demand.	\$2,540,000
Technology		
District Wide Area Network	Fiber optic network to connect all schools in the district to handle future demands, save monthly costs, and improve internet performance - reducing testing time. Federal grants covering 75% of actual cost.	\$910,000
Student Computers	Needed to decrease amount of student time spent on state testing and to improve instructional delivery.	\$700,000
Classroom Projectors	Replacement projectors for classrooms throughout the District since most classroom projectors are outdated and have dim lighting issues.	\$400,000
Health and Safety		
OVMS Library	The 35 year old modular library at OVMS needs to be replaced for health and safety reasons.	\$1,000,000
OVMS Classroom Portables	Repair old / damaged classroom portables	\$200,000
Restrooms	Restroom repairs and upgrades at many schools across the District.	\$500,000
Replace Torn/Damaged Carpet/Flooring	Carpet, tile, and vinyl flooring to replace worn out flooring at various sites throughout the district.	\$500,000
Repair Middle/High School Fields	The rocky subsurface and a very high rate of use have made playing fields dangerously barren, rocky, and hard.	\$400,000
Mechanic Shop Expansion	Additional service bays are needed to ensure all busses in the expanding fleet are functional, safe, and available to be in service.	\$700,000
Maintenance Equipment	New schools are being added. As existing schools get older, proper maintenance is required to ensure they are safe and healthy places for students.	\$200,000
Transportation		
New Air Conditioned School Buses and Student Activity Vehicles	New air conditioned regular, special education, and activity buses. 19 buses have over 250,000 miles, five buses currently have over 350,000 miles. Over the next five years a projection of just over 2,000 students will be added to the district and additional buses will be needed.	\$5,020,000