



## School Construction Bond Election

**Vote April 9, 2016**

*Early Voting March 26-April 2*

The Ascension Parish School Board is asking voters to extend an existing 15.08 mills to fund much-needed construction projects and improvements across the district.

The dedicated millage has been **in effect for more than 30 years**. By extending the 15.08 millage rate through Year 2036, voters will enable Ascension Public Schools to borrow \$120 million for school improvements **at NO increased cost**.

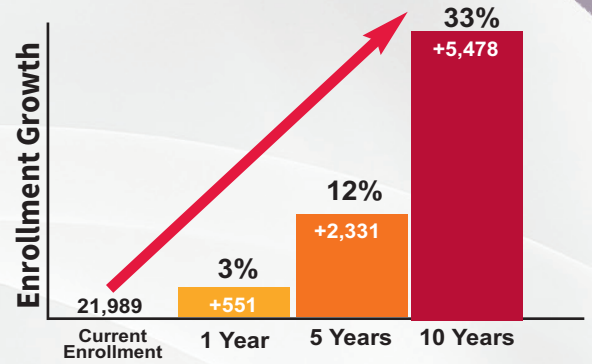
Approval of the school bond proposition will NOT increase the amount of taxes paid each year. **IT IS NOT A NEW TAX!**

The following projects are included in the April 9 funding proposal:

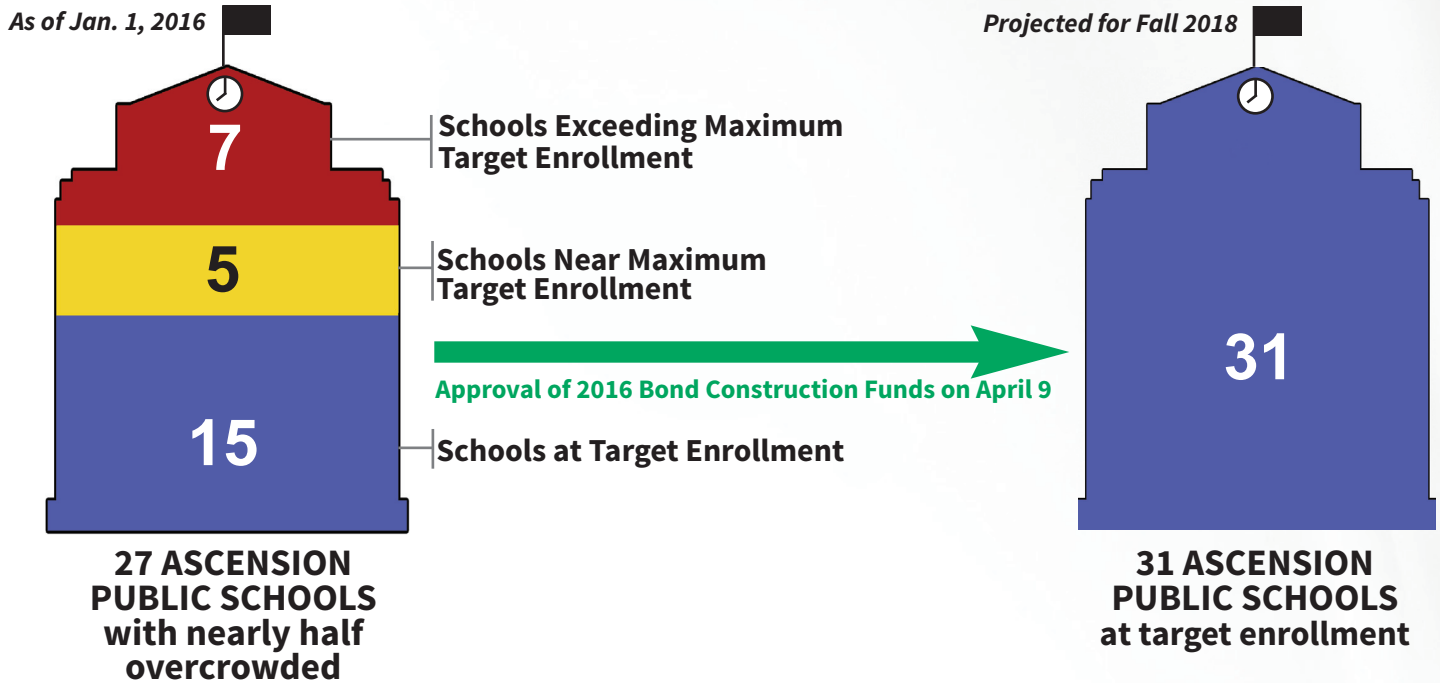
**2016 Bond Construction Projects:**

New Primary School – Bullion Crossing	\$16,100,000
New Primary School – Hwy 73	\$16,600,000
New Primary School – Germany Road	\$17,800,000
New Middle School – Bluff Road	\$29,300,000
Complete Freshman Academy Concept at High Schools	\$12,900,000
Future High School-Site Planning and Permitting	\$2,000,000
Addition/Renovations to Ascension Head Start in Donaldsonville	\$3,000,000
Addition/Renovations to Dutchtown Primary	\$7,400,000
Continue Security Plan Implementation at ALL campuses	\$3,000,000
Addition/Renovations to Lowery Middle School	\$3,900,000
Addition of Gym to Prairieville Middle School	\$3,000,000
Renovation of old Donaldsonville High Library into classroom/office space	\$500,000
APPlE Digital Academy	\$2,900,000
Exterior Covered Play Areas at ALL Primary Schools	\$1,600,000

**Total Investment \$120 million**  
*at NO Increased Cost to Taxpayers*



Ascension Public Schools are continuously growing. Based on historical growth, enrollment is **expected to increase by 33%** over the next 10 years. That unrelenting growth is a constant challenge. Currently, nearly half the district's schools are quickly approaching their maximum enrollment capacity or already exceeding it! That's why the Ascension Parish School Board is asking voters to approve a bond proposition to fund the construction of 4 new schools and the planning phase for a future new high school.



At the same time, more than \$2 million of the new bond monies will be dedicated to the planning and preparation of a future high school.

The growth at the district's high school campuses is currently being addressed with the completion of Freshman Academies at Dutchtown, East Ascension and St. Amant high school campuses.

The Freshman Academies will increase student capacity on each campus by an additional 600 students, which combined (1,800 students), is nearly equivalent to the capacity of a new high school campus.

The Freshman Academies have been proven to enhance student academic performance, improve classroom behavior and increase graduation rates.

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