

Lincoln Park Public Schools

May 2019 Bond Proposal Q&A

1. What is the Lincoln Park Public Schools Safe, Dry, Warm Bond Proposal?

- The Lincoln Park Public Schools Safe, Dry, Warm Bond Proposal is proposal that will appear on the ballot on Tuesday, May 7, 2019.
- This proposal will support safety and security enhancements like locking doors and locking windows at many LPPS buildings to ensure the safety of our students, staff and families.
- The proposal will also fund necessary repairs to aging roofs and boilers to keep students safe, dry and warm, and make energy efficiency upgrades in buildings across the district to reduce energy costs.
- Our top priority at LPPS is creating a safe learning environment where LPPS students, staff and families are safe before, during and after school.

2. Why do we need another bond for boiler replacements? Isn't that what the sinking fund is for?

- In order to ensure our students can learn, achieve and be prepared for good-paying jobs, we must invest in aging facilities and infrastructure to ensure students are safe, dry and warm.
- The sinking fund has been used to fund other necessary repairs and make an addition on Hoover Elementary.

3. Where will the money go?

- The Safe, Dry, Warm Bond Proposal will support safety and security enhancements like locking doors and locking windows at many LPPS buildings to ensure the safety of our students, staff and families.
- The proposal will also replace aging infrastructure like roofs and boilers to keep students safe, dry and warm, and make energy efficiency upgrades in buildings across the district to reduce energy costs.

- If the Safe, Dry, Warm Bond Proposal passes, every dollar spent will be tracked and available on a public website to promote transparency and ensure taxpayer dollars are spent wisely.

4. When will the proposal appear on the ballot?

- The Safe, Dry, Warm Bond Proposal will appear on the May 7, 2019 ballot.

5. Where can I find more information about the proposal?

- For more information about the Safe, Dry, Warm Bond Proposal, please visit our website: safedrywarm.lincolnparkpublicschools.com.

6. Will this proposal raise taxes?

- The bond was structured to minimize impact to taxpayers.
- The Safe, Dry, Warm Bond Proposal is estimated to cost the median homeowner \$77.49 per year or 21 cents per day for a home valued at \$82,000.
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7. Why are we discussing school safety and security now?

- Our top priority at LPPS is creating a safe learning environment where LPPS students, staff and families are safe before, during and after school.
- The nature of school safety concerns is constantly evolving, and it is vital we keep pace with best practices for school safety.
- Independent research shows strong schools contribute to higher property and home values and stronger neighborhoods.

8. I don't have children in the district. Why should I care about school safety and security?

- The safety and security of LPPS students, staff and families is more than a school issue; it's a community issue.
- Staying ahead of continually evolving school threats is in our entire community's best interest.
- Independent research shows strong schools contribute to higher property and home values and stronger neighborhoods.

9. Shouldn't we be focused on spending more in the classroom?

- Lincoln Park Public Schools provides a high-quality learning environment for the district's nearly 5,000 students, giving them the skills to succeed in college and their future careers.
- In order to ensure our students can learn, achieve and be prepared for good-paying jobs, we must invest in aging facilities and infrastructure to ensure students are safe, dry and warm.