

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 proposal is a bond proposal that will appear on the ballot on Tuesday, May 7, 2019.
- This proposal will fund necessary safety improvements that keep students, staff and families safe.
- The proposal will also fund necessary repairs to aging roofs and boilers to keep students safe, dry and warm.
- 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 Lincoln Park Public Schools Safe, Dry, Warm proposal will fund essential safety enhancements.
- It will also repair aging infrastructure like roofs, boilers, HVAC/electrical systems, as well as make energy efficiency improvements in buildings across the district.
- 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 Lincoln Park Public Schools safety and security 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 proposal, visit our website: www.lincolnparkpublicschools.com/safedrywarm.

6. Will this proposal raise taxes?

- The vast majority of existing bonds will be restructured and are debt consolidated to minimize the impact to taxpayers.
- By doing that, the Safe, Dry, Warm proposal will constitute a 1.89 millage increase, which would mean \$77.49 per year 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.
- While we have a school safety plan and work closely with Mayor Karnes and local police, safety and security enhancements are necessary at many LPPS buildings to ensure the safety of our students, staff, families and community.

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.
- Research shows strong schools mean 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.