The Board of Education of Perry County School District 32 has set its sights on the future by approving a Long Range Facilities Plan, as well as a tax levy proposal to appear on the April 2017 ballot.

Both measures passed by unanimous vote at the Board’s regular meeting on Jan. 11, 2017.

Approval of The Long Range Facilities Plan is the culmination of more than a year’s work by the District 32 Facilities Committee, which was formed in November 2015 at the urging of concerned parents.

Successful completion of the Plan requires the passage of the tax levy proposal approved by the Board, plus the commitment of an additional 20 cents of the current tax levy monies.

The levy proposal, Prop. KIDS, (Keep Improving District Schools) seeks to increase the District 32 operating levy by 35 cents for new construction and extensive renovations to several buildings on campus. This levy proposal has a sunset clause, with the tax increase valid through tax year 2036.

Passage of Prop. KIDS would bring the current District 32 operating levy from $3.2104 per $100 assessed valuation to $3.5604. A simple majority of 50 percent + 1 voter is required to pass Prop. KIDS.

If passed, the new revenue generated by Prop. KIDS, plus the additional 20 cents of existing district levy revenue, will be dedicated to the construction of a new primary (lower elementary Grades K-2) school, renovation of the current elementary school, construction of new facilities at the middle school, renovation of our high school football stadium and varsity locker rooms, and the outfitting of those buildings.

The combined 55 cents of levy revenue is expected to generate $1.4 million per year to finance the projects outlined in the Long Range Facility Plan.

The new building plan will dovetail with a Capital Improvements Plan, both of which are outlined here.

Additional information about the evaluation process, the financing, facility plans and cost to taxpayer charts are available at http://www.perryville.k12.mo.us/Page/5057.

The Financing

1. The District’s Share
   Existing Revenues: The District will set aside 20 cents of the current tax levy revenues with 10 cents going to new construction and 10 cents toward capital improvements.

2. Prop. KIDS
   New Revenues: Voters will be asked on April 4 to approve a 35 cents tax levy increase (per $100 assessed valuation) with a 20-year sunset clause. This new revenue, combined with the 20 cents from the current tax levy will generate an estimated $1.4 million per year to finance the projects outlined on Page 3.

The Cost

The current District 32 tax levy is $3.2104 per $100 assessed valuation. Passage of Prop. KIDS would increase the levy by 35¢ per $100 assessed valuation to $3.5604.

1. A Typical Household
   Residence appraised at $100,000: Passage of Prop. KIDS would raise taxes by $5.54 per month.
   Personal Property appraised at $10,000: Passage of Prop. KIDS would raise taxes by 97¢ per month.

2. A Typical Business
   Commercial property appraised at $100,000: Passage of Prop. KIDS would raise taxes by $9.33 per month.

3. A Typical Farm:
   Agricultural acreage — 320 acres (Soil Grade 2) with assessed valuation of $32,640: Passage of Prop. KIDS would raise taxes by $9.52 per month.
   Agricultural property (livestock, poultry and machinery) appraised at $100,000: Passage of Prop. KIDS would raise taxes by $3.50 per month.
New Building Projects

1. Primary Center
   - Project dates: 2017-18 School Year, Open Jan. 2019
   - Proposed Scope: Provide a new 65,000-square-foot facility to house Grades K-2, located on current campus.
   - Population: Designed for 520-560 students (650 max.)
   - Safety: Recommended to include storm shelter

2. Middle School
   - Project dates: 2020-21 School Year, Open Aug. 2021
   - Proposed Scope: Replace original building of approximately 35,000 square feet with a new 50,500-square-foot facility. The Fifth Grade Center will be vacated for middle school use. Facility will be arranged to connect current middle school gym and cafeteria with new construction and the existing Grade 8 annex, to provide one enclosed building. Total footprint of middle school will be 81,500.
   - Population: Designed for 550-575 students in Grades 6-8 (670 max.)
   - Safety: Recommended to include storm shelter

3. Early Childhood Center
   - Project dates: Option 1: 2025-26 School Year, Open Aug. 2026; or Option 2: 2022-2023 School Year, Open Aug. 2023
   - Proposed Scope: Provide a new 9,200-square-foot facility to house a new early childhood center, located on current campus, to be associated with the Primary Center. The final location is to be determined.
   - Population: Designed for 130-140 students with both morning and afternoon groups, based on expected future enrollment (160 max.)
   - Safety: It is expected that the Early Childhood Center will have access to the storm shelter at the Primary Center

Capital Improvements

Phase 1
- 2016-17 School Year: Replace failing HVAC (Heating-Air Conditioning - Ventilation) units at elementary school, replace original elementary roof, provide new district-wide HVAC control system based in maintenance building.

Phase 2
- 2017-18 School Year: Provide miscellaneous HVAC upgrades at career center, implement general site safety and traffic improvements, and renovate and upgrade high school athletic locker rooms.

Phase 3
- 2018-19 School Year through 2019-20 School Year: Provide extensive renovations and upgrades to the current elementary building, which will be designed to house Grades 3-5.

Phase 4
- 2020-21 School Year through 2021-22 School Year: Provide extensive renovations and upgrades to the portions of the middle school to remain, upgrade football bleachers and either add new varsity locker rooms below bleachers or replace grass football field with synthetic turf.

Phase 5
- 2022-23 School Year through 2023-24 School Year: Option 1 would include renovations and upgrades to the high school with scope to be reviewed and determined during project planning phase. Option 2 would include possible renovations to the Old Senior High building.

Learn More:
- Feb. 23 at 6:30 pm Community Forum on Facilities & Finance PHS Library
- March 6 at 6:30 pm Community Forum on Facilities & Finance PHS Library
- Explore the entire Long Range Facilities Plan online at www.perryville.k12.mo.us/Page/5057.