

2016 Bond Proposal

After a year of community engagement and feedback on our districtwide Five Star Needs, Superintendent Chris Gdowski recommends the Five Star Schools Board of Education place a \$350 million bond on the November ballot at **no tax rate increase** to residents of our district. Seeking the first bond since 2004, this plan touches every school in our district and reflects the community's priorities for learning:



Aging Buildings

Fixing leaking roofs, poor-functioning HVAC systems, outdated plumbing and other critical facility needs to create safe, comfortable and dry learning environments for all students.

- Fix and replace aging building components that have reached the end of their service life.
- Perform significant renovations at 19 schools.
- Renovate and upgrade athletic fields, art, music and theater facilities and 20 playgrounds across the district.
- Share a percentage of funding with district charter schools for their facility needs.



Overcrowding

Addressing community growth including 4,200 additional students since 2004.

- Build a new Preschool-8th Grade school in the Anthem neighborhood.
- Construct additions at Arapahoe Ridge and Cotton Creek elementary schools.
- Purchase new land for future schools.



Safety & Security

Ensuring safe and secure learning environments to support student learning.

- Upgrade security cameras and recording devices.
- Implement consistent access control and lockdown capabilities at all schools.
- Replace handheld emergency communications system.



Classroom Needs

Investing in every student, every school, every community.

- Provide every school with funding for specific instructional upgrades that meet learning needs. School leaders will engage communities in how to best utilize funds based on each school's unique needs.



Educational Opportunities

Providing multiple pathways for student success.

- Construct a new Career and Technical Education Center to expand offerings and meet the demand for students turned away from classes.
- Add or renovate 20 classrooms throughout the district to create Early Childhood Education spaces.



Technology

Updating technology learning environments for 21st century learning.

- Update critical communication systems, maintain reliable internet access and enhance online learning opportunities for students at all schools.