

November 3, 2026

Riverside Elementary School District Bond Election
BOND FACTSHEET AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Bond Election Information

What is a Bond? – Bond funds provide a dedicated source of funding for long-term improvements that benefit students, schools, and the community. These funds can be used to build new schools, renovate and modernize existing facilities, enhance campus safety and security, purchase school buses, and invest in technology such as student computers and classroom equipment. By law, bond funds can only be used for capital projects and improvements. They cannot be used for employee salaries, programs, or day-to-day operating expenses.

Why did the Riverside Elementary School District Governing Board call for a bond election? – Bond funds will help complete the long-awaited multi-purpose medical building at the Maricopa Institute of Technology, expanding opportunities for students interested in healthcare careers and hands-on learning. The bond will also fund important improvements throughout the district, including upgrades to classrooms and school facilities, air conditioning systems, roofs, safety and security systems, parking lots, cafeterias, student computers, furniture, and school buses. These investments will provide safe, modern learning environments, support student success, and protect the community's investment in its schools for years to come.

What amount is the Riverside Elementary School District asking for in the upcoming election? – Riverside Elementary School District is asking voters to approve an \$85 million bond to fund school facility improvements, campus upgrades, and other long-term capital projects that support students and the community.

How much will the bond cost the average homeowner? – Based on current figures, the average home in the Riverside Elementary School District is assessed at \$85,426. The estimated cost to fund the bond is **\$.088 cents per \$100** of assessed value, supporting improvements to local schools that will benefit students, families, and the community.

Who pays for the bond? – In the Riverside Elementary School District, more than 98% of the tax responsibility is paid by large corporations, manufacturing, businesses and industry within the school district boundaries. Homeowners pay less than 2%.

How do I know the money will be spent as indicated? The District is committed to responsible stewardship of the bond funds. Arizona law requires the District to clearly list in the voter information pamphlet the capital improvements that will be made with the bond proceeds. As a result, the District is required to comply or be in violation of Arizona state law. Additionally, the district is committed ensure bond funds are spent on budget and as promised.

Have voters in the District passed bonds in the past? – Yes, district voters approved a bond in November 2020. Those funds were used to improve schools and support student learning across the district. Projects included continued construction of the Maricopa Institute of Technology (MIT) Junior High School, upgrades to science labs at Riverside Traditional School and Kings Ridge Preparatory Academy Middle School, renovations to the cafeteria at Riverside Traditional School, replacement of classroom air conditioning units, providing 1:1 student computers for students in grades K–8, and enhancing safety and security at all campuses. The bond also helped address other important facility needs throughout the district. This new bond will allow the District to continue and complete important construction and renovation projects approved by voters in the November 2020 election, helping ensure schools are safe, modern, and well-maintained for students, staff, and the community.

What will happen if the bond is not approved? – Without additional local funding, the District would need to rely on limited state funding to meet essential capital needs. This would place significant pressure on

classroom budgets and school operations, potentially requiring reductions in instructional resources and other student supports. Over time, deferred maintenance could lead to overcrowding, increased facility deterioration, and more costly repairs across Riverside Elementary campuses which can negatively affect the learning environment.

What is the benefit to property owners without students in the school district? – Independent research shows that strong K–12 schools, supported by quality facilities and modern equipment, help create safe, welcoming learning environments for students. These positive school environments are also associated with stronger, more stable, and safer neighborhoods and can help support and enhance local property values over time, benefiting students, families, and the community.

When is the election? Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2026. The voter registration deadline is Monday, October 5, 2026.

Voters on the Active Early Voting List (AEVL) will receive mail-in ballots beginning around Wednesday, October 7, 2026. Voters may also choose to vote in person at an assigned polling location.

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