



Taxpayers Association Endorses Washing County School District 2018 Bond

Washington County School District (WCSD) is asking voters to approve a \$125 million bond on the November ballot. The Utah Taxpayers Association has reviewed this bond proposal in detail and is urging voters to support Washington County School District in this endeavor.

The \$125 million will be used to construct two new elementary schools and a career and technical high school. The bond revenue will also be used to enhance security features at all district schools to ensure student safety at WCSD campuses. WCSD has experienced incredible growth in enrollment in recent years. The bond will assist the district in providing education to the estimated 1,000 students it is seeing in enrollment growth each year.

The current district bonds expire over the next fifteen years. The board will issue the new bonds in such a way that it corresponds with the expiring of the current debt. The intent is to keep the tax rate at or below the current tax rate as the new bonds are issued.

The school district has a history of being transparent and frugal with taxpayer funds. Recently, they have proven they are willing to work with taxpayers to minimize the tax impact, while accommodating the tremendous growth they are facing. Their low-cost tilt-up construction method has proven that school buildings can be aesthetically pleasing, built to last and still be cost effective and efficient.

In September of 2017, the Utah Taxpayers Association presented WCSD with the "Leader in Cost-Effective School Building Construction" award for the state of Utah. They are the *only* school district in the state to have received this recognition.

We encourage voters to support the Washington County School District Special Election Bond. Through this process, WCSD is being fiscally responsible and meeting the needs of the children of Washington County.