

[PROPOSITIONS B & E INFORMATION ON THE MRH WEBSITE](#)

Q. When is the election?

A. Tuesday, April 8, 2025. Polls are open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. More information is available at the [St. Louis County Board of Elections website](#).

Q. Who may vote?

A. Any resident of the Maplewood Richmond Heights School District who is a registered voter may vote in this election.

Q. How can I register to vote?

A. If you are not currently registered, the deadline to do so is Wednesday, March 12. [Forms](#) and additional information may be obtained from the [St. Louis County Board of Elections](#).

Q. How will the Propositions appear on the ballot?

A. The ballot language will appear as follows:

PROPOSITION B: *Shall the Board of Education of the School District of Maplewood Richmond Heights, St. Louis County, Missouri borrow money in the amount of \$15,000,000 for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, renovating, improving, furnishing and equipping school sites, buildings and related facilities, including facilities upkeep, safety improvements and track and field renovations, and issue general obligation bonds for the payment thereof? If this proposition is approved, the current debt service levy of the school district is expected to decrease from \$1.35 to \$0.85 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation of real and personal property.*

PROPOSITION E: *Shall the Board of Education of the School District of Maplewood Richmond Heights, St. Louis County, Missouri, be authorized to increase the operating tax levy of the District by \$0.50 per \$100 of assessed valuation for paying general operating expenses, including salaries and benefits to develop and retain teachers? If this proposition is approved, the total levy of the school district is expected to remain unchanged due to an expected decrease in the debt service levy of the school district that will offset the \$0.50 increase to the operating levy of the school district, resulting in the adjusted operating levy of the school district per \$100 of assessed valuation to be estimated at \$4.0173 for residential real property, \$4.4767 for commercial real property, and \$5.9658 for personal property.*

Q. How many 'yes' votes are required for Proposition B to pass?

A. Proposition B requires a four-sevenths (57.14%) majority to pass.

Q. How many 'yes' votes are required for Proposition E to pass?

A. Proposition E requires 50% plus one vote to pass.

Q. How much will my taxes increase under these measures?

A. Taxes will not increase due to the offsetting fund transfers.

Q. What happens if...

- Proposition B passes and Proposition E fails? The debt service levy will remain \$1.35.
- Proposition B fails and Proposition E passes? The debt service levy will be reduced from \$1.35 to 0.85.
- Propositions B & E both fail? The debt service levy remains at \$1.35.
 - Failing equipment will become obsolete or non-functional unless replaced.
 - Track & field renovations will not happen.
 - Roof leaks will continue to disrupt learning.
 - Insurance claims will result in higher premiums.
 - Funds from the operating budget will be used to repair parking lots and may be delayed, creating risks to employees and visitors.
 - Kitchens will remain inadequate for our needs, creating potential health risks.
 - Ongoing challenges with staff retention will have an impact on teaching and learning.
- Regardless of passage or failure of either measure, *there will be no tax rate increase to homeowners.*

Q. Didn't the District just recently pass a bond issue for construction? Why another one?

A. The previous bond issue was passed nearly five years ago, and was designed primarily to create additional learning spaces to address significant increases in enrollment. School districts typically face capital projects needs (construction, renovation, infrastructure) every three to five years. Our current operating levy (80% toward salaries and benefits) is unable to support large capital projects.

Q. What projects would be funded by Proposition B, the bond issue? (Items listed are accurate to date, but could evolve as our facilities assessment team from [Cordogan Clark](#) continues its work)

- A complete overhaul of the track & field at the High School/Middle School including lighting and scoreboard
- Installation or replacement of safety doors, security cameras, ceiling tiles, updated HVAC systems, furniture, signage, refrigerator condensers, more
- Roof repairs (when roofs leak, learning is disrupted and insurance rates rise)
- Stairwell and concrete improvements
- Tuckpointing
- Parking lot repairs
- Kitchen renovations
- Seed to Table classroom at ELE
- ECC library upgrades

- HS theatre floor, lighting, curtains

Q. When can we expect to see construction work begin?

A. Items such as parking lots and roofs can be addressed this summer. Furniture and design projects require more lead time, perhaps a year. Renovation of the track & field could begin late this spring.

Q. Why is Proposition E necessary?

A. MRH teacher salaries are among the lowest compensated teachers in the St. Louis region. In order to attract and keep high-quality instructors, MRH must offer competitive compensation.

Q. Who is in line to receive pay increases?

A. While the foundation of Proposition E is focused on certified teachers, all employees will receive pay increases.