

# NOTICE OF MEASURE ELECTION AND RECEIPT OF BALLOT TITLE

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a ballot title for a measure referred by St Helens School District 502, has been filed with the Columbia County Clerk on February 15, 2023. The measure election will be conducted by mail and will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

The ballot title caption is: Bonds to Secure State Matching Grant and Complete High School

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## Caption

Bonds to Secure State Matching Grant and Complete High School

## Question

Shall District update, repair High School, issue \$4,000,000 in bonds, receive \$4,000,000 state matching grant, no estimated tax rate increase? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11 b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

## Summary

In 2020, St. Helens School District received voter approved for projects to update, repair, improve security and modernize St. Helens High School. Demolition is complete and construction began on new classrooms, commons, CTE learning spaces and auditorium.

Project costs have escalated due to COVID-19 restrictions, supply chain issues and inflation, resulting in inability to complete some planned Improvements.

District Seeks Voter Approval to issue \$4,000,000 in Bonds to Complete Project

Not expected to increase existing tax rates due to assessed value growth.

1:1 State Match Funds

If measure passes, District will receive \$4,000,000 matching funds.

Projects to be Completed

Bonds would finance capital costs, including:

- Update, replace HVAC in gyms
- Improvements to Construction & Automotive Programs
- Covered lunch/ courtyard area
- Pave parking lot
- Update Auditorium
- Synthetic Turf at Softball and Baseball Fields

Bonds may be issued in multiple series; each maturing within 27 years from issuance. Current levy rate of \$2.28 per \$1,000 of assessed value is estimated to be maintained. Actual levy rate may differ due to changes in interest rates and assessed values.

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that any elector may file a petition for review of this ballot title in the Columbia County Circuit Court no later than 5:00 p.m. February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (which is the 7<sup>th</sup> business day after receipt.) ORS 255.155. This notice is published pursuant to ORS 255.145(5) by Debbie Klug, Columbia County Clerk.

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