

VOTE YES! PARK CITY SCHOOLS BONDS

Hi Park City! I'd like to tell you a Story...

Park City Schools was originally built in 1907!

Since that time, the school facility has seen a lot of changes:

Circa 1948 – Original Gym (where the Civic Center now stands) burns down; Construction of new Gym and 1st & Kinder classrooms begins; Acquisition of Football Field

1968 – Construction of Elementary Wing

1975 – Purchase of Maintenance Garage; Addition of Bus Barn

1976 – Acquisition of the now Ag-Ed Building; Re-model & Addition in 1982

*** This building was built in early 1900 and was the community Service Station!

1977 – **Original school is torn down**; Construction of High School Wing

1980 – Donated Storage Shed from the Park City Fire District; Moved to the Football Field by volunteers; Remodel into Weight Room in 2021

1986 – Construction of Concession Stand @ the Football Field

1990 – Addition of Elementary Wing & Gym Seating

2007 – Lease of Modular Buildings; Official purchase in 2013

2008 – Purchase of Land for new school location

Over 50 years ago, Park City planned for & built a school for the 20th century.

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Requirements Change In all Fields Over Time

Since that time,

just as farming, mining, ranching, construction, and
other industries have changed,

Education has changed, too.

Plain and simple - there are educational requirements that exist today
that did not exist in the past century.

Local, State, and Federal Codes, Regulations, and Laws have changed how schools operate!

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Dear Park City Community,

We Need More School!!!

It's time for Park City to look forward!

It's time to plan for and build more school to meet 21st century needs.

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So, Why More, you ask?

Well, let's Review some Information.

Limited Space **DIRECTLY** affects our students!

- **Modulars** – We currently have two, with another one on the way...
- **Ag-Ed Building** – This aged, outdated facility limits learning opportunities for our students...
- **Lunch Room** – Great for a meal, but tight scheduling provides No benefit to student learning & attention...

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Well, let's Review some Information - **DETAILS.**

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Modulars – We currently have two, with Another One on the way...

- Our two Modulars currently house **FOUR** elementary classrooms.
These classrooms will relocate inside the current Elementary School when the new Junior High / High School facility is built!
- The Modulars are expensive to Heat & Maintain!
In winter, students wear jackets in class at times! It gets cold out there!
- The Modulars take up much needed & valuable playground space.
Our elementary deserves an expansive area for recess and play.

“Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children, play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood.” - Mr. Rogers

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Limited Space **DIRECTLY** affects our students!

Ag-Ed Building – This aged, outdated facility Limits Learning Opportunities for our students...

- Inadequate classroom space & Outdated ventilation systems
 - Woodworking creates a lot of dust. Welders create a lot of smoke & fumes.
 - Due to this, the number of students working at a time is limited.
 - Also, the doors need to be opened to help ventilate, which causes an added heating expense.
- Continued maintenance & repair of this old building is expensive!

**We are an Ag-Ed Community –
We need a COMPETITIVE Ag-Ed Learning Space!**

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Limited Space **DIRECTLY** affects our students!

Lunch Room – Great for a meal, but tight scheduling provides **No benefit to student Learning & Attention...**

- Our youngest students have the earliest lunch @ 10:40am – and →
They're hungry by the end of the school day!
 - Students who are hungry become inattentive and cranky.
- The bond will allow for improvements to the cafeteria space in the Elementary School, which will allow for better scheduling.
 - Increased space will allow lunches to commence after 11:00am!
 - Studies show that as students get older, they learn better later in the day!
 - And especially when they are NOT hungry!!!

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Well, let's Review some Information.

**In the 2023-2024 School year, all schools with more than
101 high school students will be transitioned to Class B.**

(Per the MT High School Association)

Our Sports Program is moving to CLASS B!

Our current facility does not accommodate a Class B Sports Program.

We will HAVE TO PAY to use facilities which do.

With a facility that does accommodate Class B Sporting Events:

- We can HOST tournaments!**
- We can earn revenue from concessions sold at OUR events!**

**The increased revenue from hosting tournaments Benefits Our School,
Our School Programs, and Our Community!!!**

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Why More, you ask?

Well, let's Review some Information.

The school budget is **DIRECTLY IMPACTED** by the number of students within our school walls.

Currently, we have about 40 students in our district who go to school outside our district.

With an up-to-date facility, they would likely return.

Let's Spell that out a different way:

More students equals more budget.

More budget can have a positive impact on **TEACHER WAGES!!!**

So, combine more budget with desirable teaching & learning spaces & programs –
We have several Tools in **Recruiting and Retaining TEACHERS!**

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That's weird, what do you mean by "Several Tools"?

Our school board has been working extremely hard to find ways to
Recruit and Retain Teachers!

(School Bond Measure) leads to:

Tool #1 – Desirable Teaching & Learning Spaces (work environment)

Tool #2 – School Budget Increases possibly impacts Teacher Wages (pay)

(Other Actions Taken by School Board):

Tool #3 – 4-Day School Week (schedule)

School districts with limited budgets must find alternative means to ENTICE, RECRUIT, and RETAIN teachers. Controversial as it may be, research shows that districts offering a 4-day school week receive a higher number of teacher applicants; and applicants with a higher level of experience.

Overwhelmingly, teachers provide positive feedback regarding this schedule.

All these efforts combined will lead to a Great Park City Schools system!

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So...What exactly is a School BOND?

Great Question!

In simplest terms, a school bond is a SCHOOL mortgage →
that an entire community pays off together →
proportionate to their properties' Taxable Value.

A bond establishes the scope of the project and the amount of time to repay.

The proposed bond is a 25-year bond.

Monies secured through *this bond* will be used to:

Make Improvements on our Current School for Elementary

AND

Build a New Facility for Junior High & High School.

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And...What else about this bond?

A School Bond will *Impact Everyone!!!*

Everyone's sacrifice & commitment to the
Schools will have a Positive Impact on:

Generations of
PARK CITY CHILDREN!

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What does it really mean for me, the taxpayer?

First off, there are TWO Bonds!

1 – The **Elementary School Bond** – in the principal amount of **\$6,060,000.00**.

Impact on taxpayer: Approximately **\$92.30/year** on **\$100,000.00** of taxable property value.

2- The **High School Bond** – in the principal amount of **\$10,685,000.00**.

Impact on taxpayer: Approximately **\$172.28/year** on **\$100,000.00** of taxable property value.

TOTAL IMPACT on taxpayer voting for **BOTH BONDS** =

\$264.57/year increase in taxes on \$100,000.00

of taxable property value.

That equals one night stay at a Montana Hot Springs, including dinner for 4!

SACRIFICE ONE NIGHT!

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Hmmm, I don't understand...

Why are there 2 Bonds to Vote for on the Ballot?

Park City Schools is separated into TWO districts –

- 1- the Elementary School &
- 2- the High School...

Thus, the Bonds have to be run Separately on the ballot.

How did this happen?

Weird fact about our very own town →

Park City Schools district spans from Molt to Columbus. The border has some “jagged” areas along the river. Oddly, this resulted in a 3-mile difference between

The Elementary district and the High School district.

It's all in the Zoning.

What Really matters?

VOTING for BOTH Bonds!

The combined bonds will ensure adequate funding for the entire Facilities project!

Not voting for one results in insufficient funding for the entirety of this project.

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Come again...!!!

WHY are there 2 Bonds to Vote for on the Ballot?

Park City Schools is a **Dual-District:**

- 1- the Elementary School district &
- 2- the High School district

In order for the New Facility to get built, the community needs to tap into both bonding districts for values that can be directly tied back to each district individually.

In other words...

The Bonds have to be run Separately on the ballot, so that the Values can be used Collectively on the Schools.

So... VOTE for BOTH Bonds!

The combined bonds will ensure adequate funding for the ENTIRE Facilities project!

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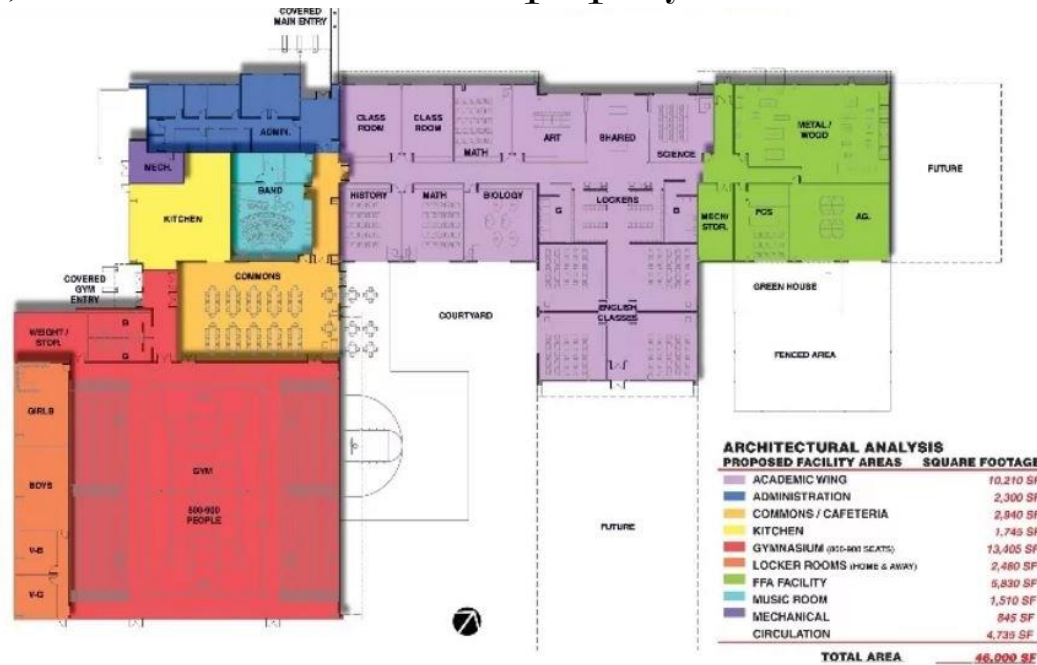
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What is the Actual Proposal?

A 46,000 square foot Junior / High School Facility with gymnasium & dedicated Ag-Ed space, constructed on the school property at 2nd St. SE and 4th Ave. SE .



Go to parkcitymt.com for detailed information & larger imagery on the New Facility.

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What is the Actual Proposal?

AND – Various Improvements at our Current Schools Facility!



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Why was THIS OPTION chosen?

Because it is the BEST OPTION!

The current proposal is the result of collaboration among a “Facility Design Committee,” made up of teachers, school staff, school board members, and community members; as well as the general public through community wide meetings; and the school board as a whole.

Most accurately stated, this plan represents a well-thought out **COMPROMISE** built on the foundations of various past school bond proposals and the most current ideas!

Just so you know,

The Proposed Plans actually fell below the **FULL BONDING CAPACITY** of the schools.

This Plan IS the BEST CHOICE for Park City Schools!

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But, what does it REALLY MEAN for me, the taxpayer?

Please, right now, grab a calculator & visit this website:

<http://svc.mt.gov/dor/property/prc>

1 – Type in your full name or last name in “Looking for information on your property?” Maybe one Property Card comes up, maybe lots of Property Cards come up. The easiest way to find Your Property Card is to “Limit your search to the following” – change ‘All Counties’ to ‘Stillwater.’

2 – Open YOUR property card. Under ‘Value History’, find the ‘Taxable Value’ for ‘2022’.

PUT THIS NUMBER INTO YOUR CALCULATOR - and

Multiply the number by 0.19598!!!

The resulting number is how much you will pay YEARLY for the bonds.

(If you want to know the Millage Rate Calculation for the 0.19598, go to parkeitymt.com).

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Montana Property Tax Assistance Program (PTAP)

ALL fixed income residents are encouraged to apply for PTAP!

The savings can be anywhere from **30% to 80%**.

If you are seeking tax assistance, you must have your application for tax assistance in by April 15th.

Go to parkcitymt.com, MORE / FAQs, for the application link.

CONTACT:

Mt. Department of Revenue (local field office)

406-322-8558

Monday through Friday; 9:00am to 4:00pm

MAILING ADDRESS:

P.O. Box 359, Columbus, MT, 59019-0359

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And this has to happen NOW?

YES!

We **VOTE YES! NOW** -

- So that the Elementary upgrades can be initiated
and so that
- The New Junior High / High School Facility can undergo
construction and be ready for the Fall of 2024!

COSTS: If you've ever built a house, you know:

The cheapest time to build is Right Now!

TAXES: As our community grows, the individual tax impact lessens. After 25 years, the bond is paid off, and the tax is removed.

Park City Community is Worth the Investment!

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And this Proposal Involves TWO Bonds?

I understand it can be confusing, but, **YES!**

The two bonds support the Costs of Designing, Constructing, Equipping, and Furnishing Improvements of Park City Schools Districts!

Both Districts are simultaneously seeking authority for the issuance of Bonds. A portion of the proceeds of the Elementary School District Bonds will be applied with proceeds of the High School District Bonds – for the new Junior High / High School Facility.

Without both bonds, the whole project fails.

BOTH BONDS NEED TO PASS!

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Why didn't the school save money over time for this project?

State Law prohibits “saving” money in the school district budgets. Our school district does have a **Building Reserve Fund** but it can only be used for general upkeep and maintenance of existing facilities.

(Examples of how our Building Reserve Fund has been used:
school roof, district office, weight room, walk-in cooler & walk-in freezer, water problem)

**The Building Reserve Fund is NOT sufficient for
construction of a new School.**

Voter Approved Bonds

are the expected resource for this type of
Major Construction.

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So...Again...

What if I only vote for one Bond?

Despite each bond being run separately,
EACH BOND SUPPORTS

the Necessary Funding Requirements

For a New Jr. High / High School Facility! and...

For Improvements / Upgrades to the Current Facility!

ELEMENTARY



VOTE YES!



No

HIGH SCHOOL



VOTE YES!



No

**VOTE YES! on Both for Full Support of
the Park City Elementary Facility and the Park City Junior & High School Facility!**

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I don't have kids in the school system & I'm on a fixed income.

So, why should I vote for this?

PRIMARILY, because Park City Schools is a MAJOR PART of

YOUR community –

Focused on educating the future contributors of **YOUR community!**

- **As our community grows, our individual contribution decreases.**
Our community is growing; even without the new facility. Due to Growth, and without the new facility, kids could be bussed outside of our community for education.
- **It is our Civic Duty to contribute to the town in which we live!**
After 25 years, the school bonds will be paid, and our district taxes decrease.
- **The cost is small; the payout is great!**

It costs \$22.05/month on \$100,000.00 of taxable property value – That's one less pizza dinner per month.

So, what Really matters?

Investing in Park City students' Education & Future!

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Okay. I can see that.

Tell me why else I should vote for this?

**Like it or not, YOUR community –
is GROWING!**

- **We can complain about growth, or we can invest in the growth and positively INFLUENCE how it happens in our community.**
- **We can preserve the historic past of our community by providing for its future – through EDUCATION.**
- **We can model to our youngest citizens what it means to INVEST in their town!**

Again, the cost is small; the payout is great!

It costs \$5.08/week on \$100,000.00 of taxable property value – That's one less coffee per week.

Park City MATTERS!

Invest in our Park City Community!

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Anything else???

Yeah!

- Schools are the heartbeat of a community.
- Schools bring vitality to a community.
- Schools add value to all aspects of a community.

Schools are what make a community vibrant!

An Investment in Park City Schools is an
Investment in Park City Community.

PARK CITY SCHOOLS NEEDS YOUR VOTE!

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I would like to review all the Information.

Absolutely! → We've got you covered!

Online, visit **parkcitymt.com**

At this site, you'll find all the slides and information about:

The Montana Property Tax Assistance Program

The Project Coordinators and the Architectural Company

Facilities Project Updates

Quick Facts

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

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When can I VOTE YES!?

Ballot mail-outs will be sent in Mid-April!

All Ballots must be received by the district office by 8:00pm MST on May 3, 2022.

Support Park City Schools.

Support the Students of Park City Schools!

Support YOUR Community which grows through Park City Schools!

One Ballot. Two Bonds. Two Votes.

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Don't Forget!

All ballots must be received by the district office by 8pm MST on May 3, 2022. Mail them in or drop them off at the Park City School District Office (during regular business hours).



Elementary Bonds - YES

Elementary Bonds - NO

AND



High School Bonds - YES

High Schools Bonds - NO

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