



Equipping our Teachers and Students with Tools for 21st Century Teaching and Learning

April 2, 2013, No-Tax-Increase School Bond Issue Election

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Improves School Facilities - \$80.3 million

- Brings elementary facilities up to current standards with adequate classroom, small group, special education and resource space. Addresses accessibility and eliminates 11 portable classrooms and five shared gymnasium/cafeteria spaces.
- Improves safety and security.
- Realizes utility cost savings for future re-investment through energy efficient upgrades to mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems.
- Enlarges the kitchen, cafeteria and Black Box Theater at Lawrence High and adds seven classrooms at Free State High.
- Accommodates early childhood education and elementary growth.

Enhances Technology Districtwide- \$6.5 million

- Implements the professional recommendations of an external technology audit.
- Supports 21st century teaching and learning by expanding and strengthening wireless networks for flexible and efficient use of instructional technology.
- Provides an optimal learning environment for today's digital natives by giving students more control of the pace and personalization of their learning.
- Enables teachers to better engage students, differentiate instruction and meet individual student needs with content and skills taught with relevance and practical application.

Expands Career and Technical Education Opportunities - \$5.7 million

- Constructs a 30,000 sq. ft. Career and Technical Education Center at Holcom, a central site.
- Promotes college and career readiness by expanding opportunities for students in Health Science, Machine Technology, Networking/Cisco and Commercial Construction.
- Provides a community center to meet local technical training needs in partnership with area community colleges.

No Tax Increase Required

Due to the district's strong financial position and the retirement of existing bonds, this bond issue does not require a tax increase. In comparison to the largest school districts in the state, and to neighboring districts, Lawrence Public Schools have among the lowest debt-per-student and debt-to-assessed valuation ratios and bond and interest fund levies.

Visit www.usd497.org to learn more.

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The April 2 Ballot Question

Shall the following be adopted?

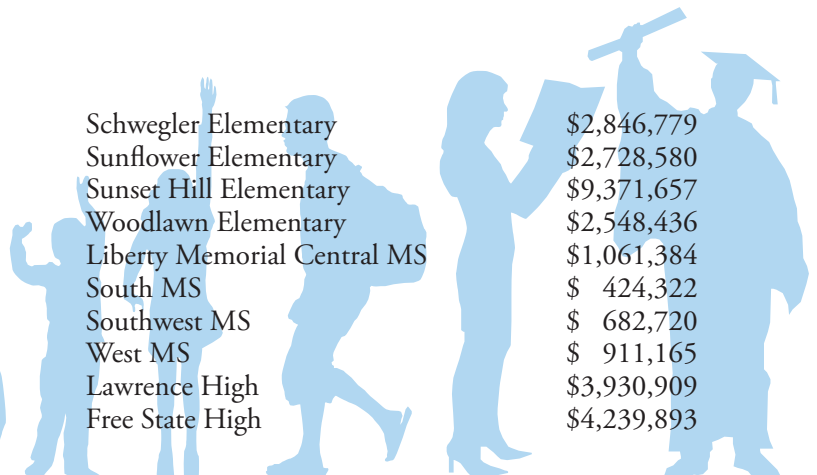
Shall Unified School District No. 497, Douglas County, Kansas (Lawrence), issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$92,500,000 to pay the costs to construct additions to and renovate, improve technology infrastructure, equip and furnish existing elementary and secondary schools; construct, equip and furnish a new career and technology education facility and make all other necessary and related improvements in the District; all pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A 10-101 et seq.; K.S.A. 25-2018 (f); and K.S.A. 72-6761?

Proposed Budget - \$92.5 million

- School Facility Improvements - \$80.3 million
- Districtwide Technology Enhancements - \$6.5 million
- Career and Technical Education Center - \$5.7 million

Proposed Budget Breakdown by School

Broken Arrow Elementary	\$1,683,100	Schwegler Elementary	\$2,846,779
Cordley Elementary	\$8,984,823	Sunflower Elementary	\$2,728,580
Deerfield Elementary	\$3,283,593	Sunset Hill Elementary	\$9,371,657
Hillcrest Elementary	\$8,449,700	Woodlawn Elementary	\$2,548,436
Kennedy Elementary	\$8,565,432	Liberty Memorial Central MS	\$1,061,384
Langston Hughes Elementary	\$2,442,856	South MS	\$ 424,322
New York Elementary	\$5,739,500	Southwest MS	\$ 682,720
Pinckney Elementary	\$6,850,251	West MS	\$ 911,165
Prairie Park Elementary	\$1,983,483	Lawrence High	\$3,930,909
Quail Run Elementary	\$2,645,496	Free State High	\$4,239,893



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