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To: Board of Education  
From: Mark maus  
Re: Capital and Bond Consideration Items  
Date: February 19, 2025

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Members of the Board of Education,

Last month, the Board approved the following capital projects to be carried out if the community votes to approve our April Bond Initiative Question. We have preliminarily worked with partners to consider potential costs for the scope of this work.

- Create an addition and new front to the high school while renovating or being a part of the addition for redesigned Agricultural Science, Industrial Arts, Culinary, Design and Fashion, Computer Science, Media Center/Library, other identified classroom spaces, front entry, and reallocate space for counselors and administrators.
- Renovate the locker rooms, Media Center/Library, restrooms, and identified classrooms at the middle school.
- Develop softball and baseball complexes with restrooms, concessions, turf fields, new fencing, new or remodeled dugouts, bullpens, and batting cages.
- Expand all-weather areas to elementary school playgrounds.

In January, the district design and architectural firm, Incite Design Studio, hosted three focus group meetings to gather further insight from our community members, students, staff, and families. Incite also met with a group of students our high school leadership team identified to gain insight into their priorities for our high school.

These focus group meetings allow Incite to understand our priorities further. There is still a significant amount of work to vet each project thoroughly, but this does move us forward.

The ideas shared with Incite Design Studio and JE Dunn require additional clarification to ensure alignment with district priorities, budget considerations, and community input. This collaborative approach will help us make informed decisions as we move forward.

The allocation percentages below are based on the \$18,000,000 “par” bond amount. Some districts, including Smithville, have earned more than the initial bond amount when sold. The total amount received depends on the Bond Initiative being approved by our voters and the financial market when the bonds are sold.

We continue to work with Raymond James to examine our Fund 4 Capital expenditures/revenues, future revenue, and Board goals to identify additional funds for capital improvements.

- High School Projects:
  - Potential Cost from Incite and JE Dunn: \$12,000,000-\$16,000,000
- Middle School Projects:
  - Potential Cost from Incite and JE Dunn: \$1,000,000-\$1,800,000
- Softball and Baseball Facilities (two options):
  - Option (1) Facilities moved to new locations:
    - Potential Cost from Incite and JE Dunn: \$9,000,000-\$10,400,000
  - Option (3) Built within current Baseball Facility and Softball on southside:
    - Potential Cost from Incite: \$5,500,000-\$7,100,000
- Elementary Playground all-weather surface and potential expansion:
  - Potential Cost from Incite and JE Dunn: \$900,000-\$1,800,000



| <b>Community Forum Feedback:</b> |    |
|----------------------------------|----|
| HS Classrooms                    | 18 |
| HS Hallways & Foyer              | 14 |
| Softball/Baseball                | 14 |
| MS Updated Bathrooms             | 10 |

**Survey Result Feedback:**

| ANSWER CHOICES  | RESPONSES  |
|---|------------|
| ▼ Smithville High School - Classroom Remodel/Updates          | 49.19% 304 |
| ▼ Smithville Middle School - Building & Classroom Remodel     | 32.20% 199 |
| ▼ Athletics - Separate Baseball & Softball Complexes          | 29.29% 181 |
| ▼ Smithville High School - Hallway and Corridor Updates       | 26.86% 166 |
| ▼ Smithville Middle School - Restroom Updates                 | 25.08% 155 |
| ▼ Smithville High School - Foyer/Front Hallway/Office Remodel | 24.60% 152 |
| ▼ Elementary Schools - Playground Enhancements                | 19.09% 118 |
| ▼ Smithville Middle School & High School - Furniture Upgrades | 18.93% 117 |
| ▼ Athletics - Tennis Courts                                   | 18.12% 112 |
| ▼ Campus - Exterior Lighting Improvements                     | 17.31% 107 |
| ▼ Athletics - Baseball/Softball One Complex                   | 17.15% 106 |
| ▼ Horizon Elementary - Restroom Updates                       | 15.86% 98  |
| ▼ Athletics - HS Football Stadium Enhancements                | 15.53% 96  |
| ▼ Campus - Stadium Gate                                       | 14.08% 87  |
| ▼ Athletics - Middle School Sports Complex Improvements       | 13.92% 86  |
| ▼ Smithville High School - Outdoor Seating Area               | 11.97% 74  |
| ▼ Athletics - Middle School Track                             | 11.65% 72  |
| ▼ Eagle Heights Elementary - Playground Expansion             | 10.84% 67  |
| ▼ Athletics - Track & Field Enhancements                      | 9.39% 58   |
| ▼ Campus - Campus Signage                                     | 6.80% 42   |
| <b>Total Respondents: 618</b>                                 |            |



## History of Smithville Bond Projects

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|-------------------|-------------|---|
| <b>Phase I</b>    | <b>1997</b> | <b>6.25 Million</b><br>UES and SHS Addition   |
| <b>Phase II</b>   | <b>1999</b> | <b>6.8 Million</b><br>Classrooms UES, SMS, SHS, and renovations at PES  |
| <b>Phase III</b>  | <b>2004</b> | <b>6.8 Million</b><br>Classrooms SMS/SHS and Activity Upgrades  |
| <b>Phase IV</b>   | <b>2007</b> | <b>9.8 Million</b><br>Classrooms PES/UES, ECSE/Administration Building, and Activity Upgrades   |
| <b>Phase V</b>    | <b>2010</b> | <b>8.5 Million</b><br>District Performing Arts Center, Practice Gym, Additional Parking, Renovations  |
| <b>Phase VI</b>   | <b>2018</b> | <b>21.5 Million Lease Purchase</b><br>Third Elementary<br><br><b>12.5 Million GO Bond</b><br>Improvements at SHS, SMS, HES, and MES                           |
| <b>Phase VII</b>  | <b>2020</b> | <b>14.1 Million GO Bond</b><br>District Activity Center, Playground Improvements, 6 Classrooms at Eagle Heights, HVAC Renovations                             |
| <b>Phase VIII</b> | <b>2022</b> | <b>17.9 Million GO Bond</b><br>Transportation Facility, Safety and Security Improvements, Main Campus Sidewalk, HVAC Renovations at Horizon and Middle School |