

The Ballot Issue

The Smithville R-II School District will be asking voters to consider a \$0.79 levy increase on Tuesday, November 4, 2014, for the purpose of constructing, improving, expanding, equipping, operating and maintaining school facilities, including a third elementary; security and entrance improvements at all district buildings; roofing replacements; and telecommunication upgrades. If approved, the levy increase will end, or sunset, in 25 years.

The improvements are needed to accommodate district growth and to ensure that high academic standards are maintained. Currently, all buildings are exceeding capacity or near exceeding recommended occupancies.

For more information, visit www.smithvilleschooldistrict.net, or contact Dr. Todd Schuetz by phone at 816-532-0406 or by email at schuetzt@smithville.k12.mo.us.

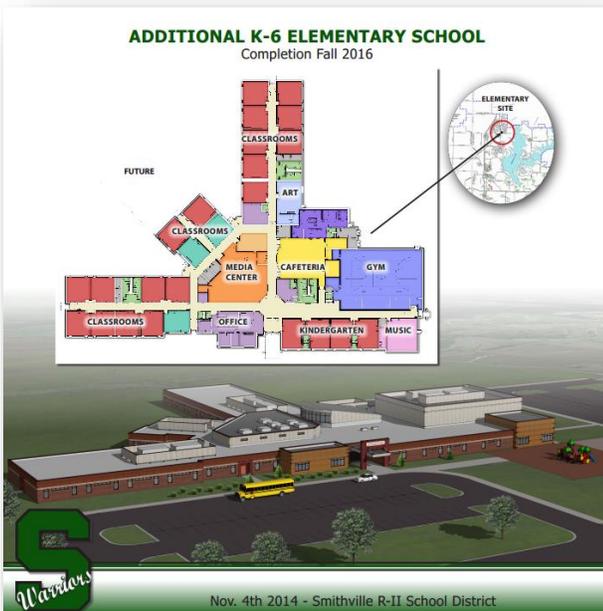
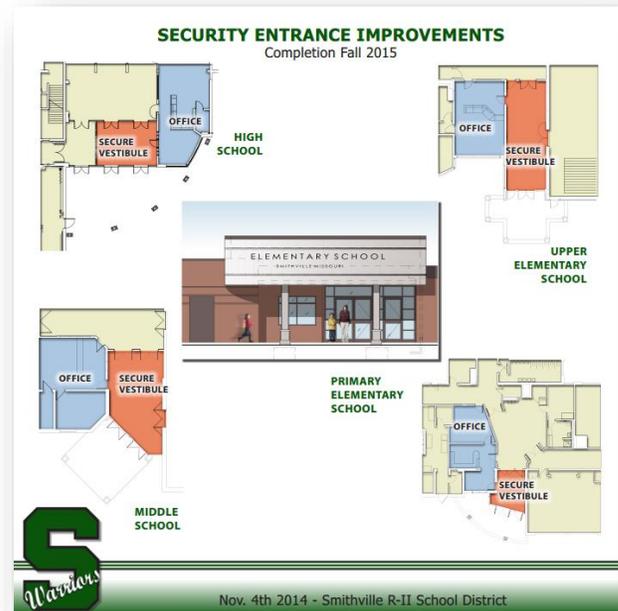
Essentials for Our District

Security and Entrance Improvements

Each building's main entrance will be enhanced to require visitors to not only "buzz in" to gain access to the building, but all visitors will also be required to enter through the building's office prior to accessing instructional areas. Security and entrance improvements will be completed at the Primary Elementary, Upper Elementary, Middle School, and High School during the summer of 2015.

Additional Elementary School

This 63,246 square foot building will be located on the northeast corner of 188th Street and F Highway. The opening of this school will allow all elementary schools to serve kindergarten through 6th grade. The additional elementary will be open in the fall of 2016.



Other District-wide Enhancements

An upgraded phone system will be installed throughout the district. The current system is outdated technology and parts to support the system are obsolete. The current phone system is unreliable creating a "life safety" concern.

New roofing sections will be replaced at the Primary Elementary, Middle School, and High School. These improvements provide opportunities to increase the functional life and efficiency of facilities.

Dates to Remember

- October 29, 2014 Last day to vote absentee by mail or fax
November 4, 2014 General Election Day
Summer 2015 Entrance, security, and roofing improvements will be completed
Fall 2016 Additional elementary school will open

The Facts

- District enrollment has increased nearly 22% in the past ten years from 2,070 in 2005-2006 to 2,515 in 2014-2015 (445 students).
- Projections indicate an increase of an additional 27% (676 students) in the next nine years placing the enrollment in 2023-2024 to nearly 3,200 students.
- Enrollment has exceeded capacity at the Primary Elementary and Early Childhood Center and will soon exceed capacity at the Middle School and at the High School.
- If the levy increase is approved, the new total levy would be approximately \$5.1888 requiring a \$100,000 homeowner to pay an additional \$150.10 per year or \$12.50 per month in school taxes.
- Even with the additional \$0.79 investment, the Smithville R-II School District will continue to have one of the lowest school tax rates in the Kansas City area.

Your One Vote Counts

- Approval of this levy issue will require 50% approval plus one positive vote.
- Clay, Clinton and Platte County patrons may visit www.sos.mo.gov to review details about the election and voting including, but not limited to, viewing your voter registration, determining your polling location, viewing the sample ballot, and how to cast an absentee ballot.



PLEASE VOTE ON NOVEMBER 4, 2014