



For Your Information

SCHOOL BONDS 2018

On Tuesday, May 8, the citizens of Gaston County will have the opportunity to vote on a **\$250 million** school bond referendum.

If approved by voters, the funds will be used to address critical needs in three categories:

- **New School Construction:** \$110 million
- **School Additions:** \$25 million
- **Renovations and Repairs:** \$115 million

New School Construction: \$110 million

- **\$30 million** to build a **new elementary school** in the southeast Gastonia area to accommodate future growth and alleviate the potential for overcrowding. The southeast quadrant of the county has been identified as an area for significant population growth.
- **\$40 million** to build a **new middle school** in Belmont (the new school will replace the old Belmont Middle School building).
- **\$40 million** to build a **new middle school** that would replace one of our old middle schools and be built to accommodate growth.

School Additions: \$25 million

- Classroom additions
- Expansion and renovation of media centers and cafeterias

For More Information

More information about the School Bond Referendum is available on the Gaston County Schools website, www.gaston.k12.nc.us – click the ‘School Bonds’ link.

Renovations and Repairs: \$115 million

Funds designated for schools in all six townships based on the critical facility needs in each township:

- **Cherryville Township** – \$5.8 million
- **Crowders Mountain Township** – \$12.1 million
- **Dallas Township** – \$14.5 million
- **Gastonia Township** – \$38.7 million
- **Riverbend Township** – \$21.6 million
- **South Point Township** – \$20.3 million

(\$2 million is allocated for department office buildings)

The funds would address the most critical renovations and repairs in the following areas:

- Life Safety (cameras, intercoms, and alarms)
- HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning)
- Electrical/Lighting
- Water/Sewer/Gas Lines
- Plumbing
- Roof Replacement
- Structural Repairs
- Athletic Facilities
- Doors/Windows
- Parking Lots/Driveways
- Environmental
- Elevators
- Restrooms
- ADA Compliance