

Vote

NO

Public Measure G

GAZETTE FORUM

October 24, 2023

Cedar Rapids School District Public measure G

To be voted on
Tuesday, November 7, 2023

In this presentation you will
learn why it's critical to

Vote No.

Understanding Public Measure G

Public Measure G =
\$220,000,000 Bond

(that means you will also pay interest)

Reason #1 to VOTE NO:

This \$220 million bond
will increase your property taxes by:

*\$2.70 per \$1,000 of the
taxable assessed value.*

Example:

A property assessed at \$200,000
will cost the homeowner

an additional \$290 per year.

Reason #2 to VOTE NO:

You will be paying
MILLIONS just in interest alone.

Reason #3 to VOTE NO:

You have not been told
how many YEARS you will be paying for it.

FACT:
your tax increase will likely be permanent!

Reason #4 to VOTE NO:

This is your
LAST CHANCE
to have *any* say on
The Master Facility Plan

Reason #5 to VOTE NO:

The Master Facility Plan =
eliminates neighborhood schools.

Understanding Public Measure G:

Approving this bond means you approve
of second bond and PPEL EXTENSION.

This is the FIRST Phase for this bond:

Phase 1 Projects

Land Acquisition - New Site
New 6th-8th Grade MS (1200 Student) @ New Site
HS CTE Additions (3 Locations)
HS New Turf Field (3 Locations)
Kennedy Cafeteria/Kitchen Renovation
Metro Gym Updates
Franklin 7th-8th Grade MS Renovation (800 Student)

FUNDING SOURCES

2023 GO Bond = \$220 Million
(proposed vote Nov. 2023)

\$2.70 Levy Rate Increase

New Elementary Building at Erskine (600 Student)
Grant Elementary Renovation (600 Student)
Hiawatha Elementary Renovation (600 Student)

SAVE = \$20 Million
PPEL = \$45 Million

Reason #6 to VOTE NO:

If this passes =
IN 6 YEARS

the District will be coming back for
an ADDITIONAL \$250,000,000 bond from you
for the Master Facilities Plan – phase 2.

Reason #7 to VOTE NO:

Approving this bond means you approve
of second bond and PPEL extension.

This is the SECOND Phase for the future bond that they will
be asking for in 6 years –

Phase 2 Projects

FUNDING SOURCES


New 6th-8th Grade MS (1200 Student) @ Taft Site
McKinley 6th Grade Renovation (400 Student)

2029 GO Bond = \$225 Million
(proposed vote Nov. 2029)

Continuation of \$2.70 Levy

New Elementary Building at Wright (600 Student)
New Elementary Building at Johnson (450 Student)
New Elementary Building at Cleveland (600 Student)
New Elementary Building at Hoover (600 Student)
New Elementary Building at Pierce (600 Student)
Viola Gibson Elementary Renovation (600 Student)
Aquatic Center/HS Activity Area

SAVE = \$189 Million
PPEL = \$129 Million

 Cedar Rapids
Community School District
Every learner. Future ready.

Reason #8 to VOTE NO:

Approving this bond means you approve
of second bond and PPEL extension.



Renovate Viola Gibson?

It's only 23 years old!

*Can we count on the District to
build correctly?*

Reason #9 to VOTE NO:



Your children will still be paying for the bond and interest.

Children will be bused away from home to much larger schools.



Reason #10 to VOTE NO:



Transportation realities.

- District mileage is doubling - 5 to 10 miles to bus students to school.
- Students are on bus longer – increasing exposure to bullying.
- How will the current bus driver shortage be solved?



What does it include?

What is community?



Answer: Neighborhood Schools!

Reason #11 to VOTE NO:

**Our students don't need
huge fancy warehouse schools!**

Warehouse Schools

Are the opposite of what our kids need!

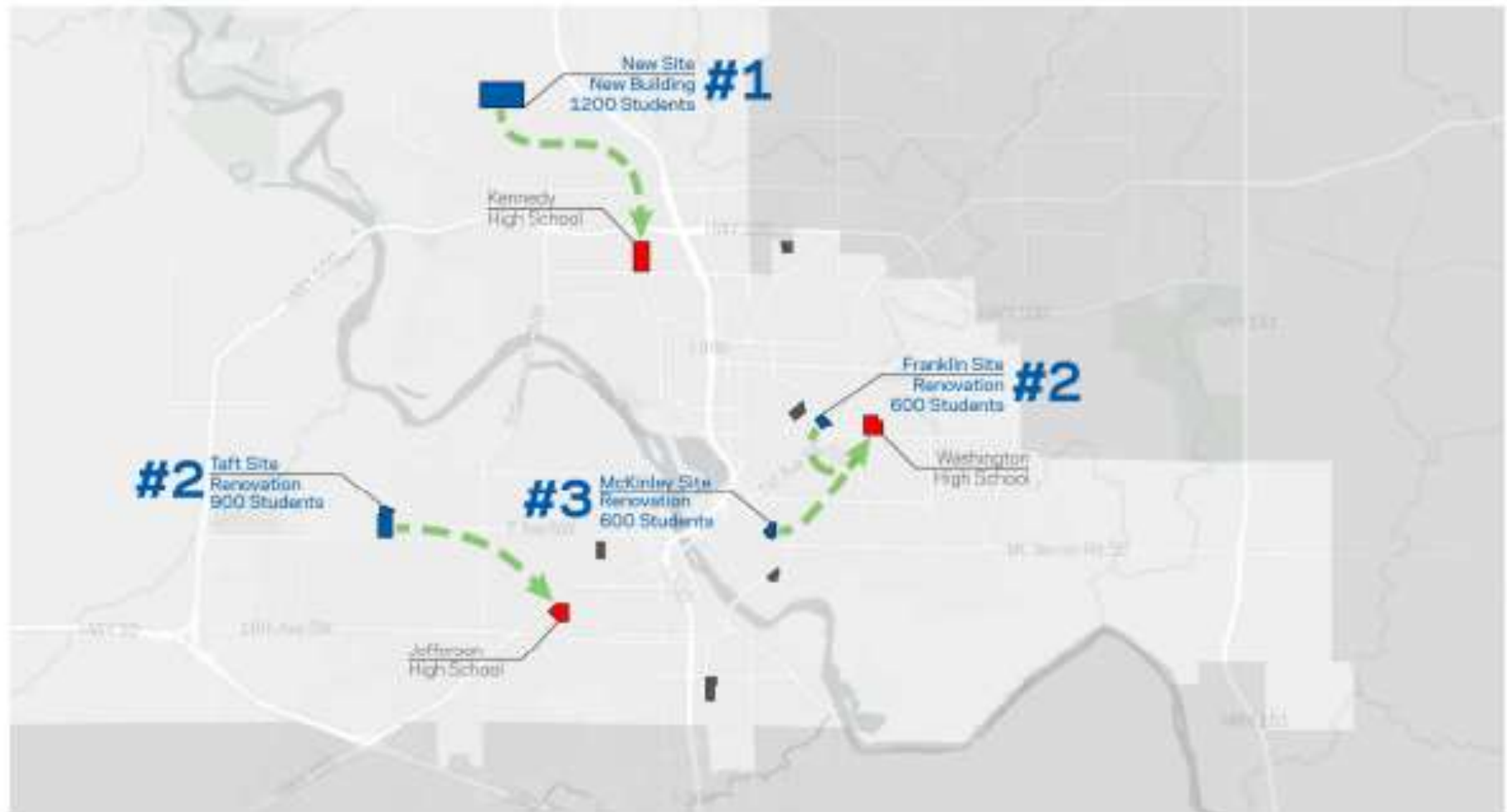


Kids need:

- ❖ Individualized attention
- ❖ Better student-teacher ratios
- ❖ Sense of community
- ❖ More opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities (bussing decreases or eliminates)
- ❖ Decreased environment for bullying

Warehouse Schools: (building #1)

They're building a new school near Robins!



Warehouse Schools: Middle Schools will be larger than our current high schools!

Building		2022
High Schools (Grades 9-12)		
Jefferson (1959)	Square feet	312,035
	Architectural Capacity	1,800
	Educational Capacity	1,734
	Enrollment	1,545
Kennedy (1968)	Square feet	293,092
	Architectural Capacity	1,800
	Educational Capacity	1,845
	Enrollment	1,741
Metro (1971)	Square feet	47,399
	Architectural Capacity	450
	Educational Capacity	475
	Enrollment	308
Washington (1959)	Square feet	311,919
	Architectural Capacity	1,800
	Educational Capacity	1,626
	Enrollment	1,272

Reason #12 to VOTE NO:

The district does not need this bond!

FACT:

The Cedar Rapids School District already gets plenty of *your taxes* for infrastructure from:

- 1) PPEL Fund (\$1.34 per \$1,000 property tax levy)
- 2) SAVE Fund (1% state sales tax)

Reason #13 to VOTE NO:

The district does not need this bond!

1) PPEL (Physical Plant and Equipment Levy) :

The Cedar Rapids School District already receives *\$9 million annually* from the PPEL.

Reason #13 to VOTE NO *(continued)*:

The district does not need this bond!

For 50 years, you have been paying PPEL.

You are currently paying
\$1.67 per \$1,000 taxable assessed value.

Reason #13 to VOTE NO *(continued)*:

This property tax was sold to the voters as:

"PPEL funds support the maintenance and upkeep of the District's 425 acres of grounds and 2.7 million square feet of building space and have been focused on urgently-needed maintenance, with planned equipment purchases and facility repairs; building equipment maintenance and repair (roofing and masonry); and campus parking lots and asphalt for playgrounds."

Reason #13 to VOTE NO *(continued)*:

PPEL funds are also supposed to be spent on:
*"Projects that provide for safe and secure schools
for students and staff,
... increased energy conservation efforts."*

Source: Cedar Rapids Community Schools website, emphasis added.

Reason #13 to VOTE NO *(continued)*:

The district does not need this bond!

Next year the District will be asking you to
EXTEND \$1.34 of PPEL for 10 Years
per \$1,000 taxable assessed value.

Reason #14 to VOTE NO:

Instead, the District has allowed
certain schools to deteriorate,
then claim they're too costly to repair.

Reason #15 to VOTE NO:

The district does not need this bond!

2) SAVE:

The Cedar Rapids School District already receives
\$21 million annually from the

Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund (SAVE) Fund.

Reason #15 to VOTE NO *(continued)*:

The district does not need this bond!

This State fund was created in 2008.

(It is the \$0.01 sales tax we pay to the State.)

It is purposed mainly for infrastructure,
as is PPEL and Public Measure G.

Reason #15 to VOTE NO *(continued)*:

The district does not need this bond!

SAVE's goal is:

*to ensure quality school buildings
and help students enter the workforce.*

Activities include: the construction, reconstruction, repair, demolition, and remodeling of schools, stadiums, gyms, and bus garages, and the procurement of school sites and site improvements.

Reason #16 to VOTE NO:

The district does not need this bond!

According to FY 2022,
the District received from SAVE and PPEL...\$32 Million

Cedar Rapids Community School District

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Governmental Funds Year Ended June 30, 2022

	General	Physical Plant and Equipment Levy	Secure an Advanced Vision for Education
Revenues:			
Local sources:			
Local taxes	\$ 78,381,153	\$ 10,778,060	\$ -
Tuition	4,049,271	-	-
Other local sources	3,195,899	100,043	240,410
State sources	119,648,355	281,847	20,983,825
Federal sources	27,455,994	-	-
Total revenues	232,730,672	11,159,950	21,224,235

Before you vote, you first need to ask :

Does the Cedar Rapids School District
even need this bond?

Vote

NO

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