

**PUTNAM CITY SCHOOLS BOND ELECTION**  
**TUESDAY, NOV. 10, 2009**

Putnam City voters will vote on an \$80.6 million bond issue when they go to polls on Tuesday, Nov. 10.

Voter approval of the bond proposal will not increase taxes.

Bond funds allow Putnam City Schools to maintain and improve school buildings and ensure that all students attend classes in well-equipped, up-to-date facilities.

This bond election is about basics. Most of the funds would be used for essential needs such as better security, energy efficiency, new school buses, more textbooks and new technology. There are more than 100 items included in the bond proposal. Some of the highlights are:

- Installation of secure entrances to the nine schools that do not now have them, making students and staff safer
- Installation of energy-saving geothermal heating and air-conditioning systems at four schools, allowing money now spent on utility bills to be put to better use
- Installation of energy-efficient, long-lasting standing seam metal roofs at seven schools
- Construction of a new school to replace the aging, difficult-to-maintain 57-year-old Arbor Grove Elementary School
- Upgraded stage lighting and sound systems at seven elementary schools
- Addition of playground equipment, including ADA-compliant equipment, at elementary schools that most need it
- Purchase of wheelchair lifts for 17 schools
- Additional funds for textbooks
- \$1.8 million in new, safer and more fuel-efficient school buses
- Upgraded safety equipment in high school science labs
- Installation of projectors in most district classrooms, replacement of older model computers and printers
- New instructional technology selected by school staff
- Improved athletic facilities at all three high schools

The board received input from school principals, school staff, parents and district officials before making its final decision on which projects should be included in the bond issue.

Taxes that support Putnam City Schools are low compared to most surrounding districts. Putnam City residents pay well less in taxes to support their schools than do residents in Bethany, Deer Creek, Edmond, El Reno, Mid-Del, Mustang, Norman, Piedmont and Yukon.

If voters approve the bond proposal, some projects will start as soon as January 2010. Bond money is issued to the district in yearly increments, so other projects will start in January 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014.

Every vote is important. In 2007, a switch of just 18 votes would have caused the bond proposal to be voted down. Remember to vote in the election on Tuesday, Nov. 10.

For more information, visit Putnam City's district website at [www.putnamcityschools.org/bond](http://www.putnamcityschools.org/bond)