

PROPOSITION GOLD



How much is the proposed tax levy?

The tax levy is an additional \$.69 tax. It would be approximately \$131 per \$100,000 assessed valuation household annually; this would generate around \$18 million in tax revenue. The Savannah R3 School District tax rate would then be equal to the amount of taxation for the North Andrew School District.



Is there a sunset on the tax levy?

No, having no sunset will allow the district to continue needed improvements and building projects in the future.



What will the funds be used for?

If approved, this will allow the district to build a Performing Arts Center, renovate the High School, address district wide drainage issues, and keep aging schools up-to-date.



What would happen if it does not pass?

Some maintenance and repair work would have to be deferred and the Performing Arts Center could be postponed indefinitely. The most critical maintenance and repair needs would still have to be addressed. Money to pay for these repairs would have to come from the day to day operating budget (money that is normally spent on classroom supplies and staff salaries).



Wasn't the Performing Arts Center already promised?

The original intent was to complete the new Middle School project and then focus on a PAC. There were several phases to this initial plan and unfortunately revenue from the \$0.98 tax levy barely generates enough revenue to cover the lease payments for SMS. Simply put, there just isn't enough money to cover deferred maintenance and support new construction.



Why can't the district wait until the Middle School is paid off before building at the high school?

The district can wait until the Middle School is paid off. However, there are several factors to consider. SMS will be paid for in 2028 and while no one can know what will happen to the economy, most likely construction costs will rise. Additionally, every school building in the district has substantial maintenance concerns.

Correcting those issues sooner rather than will improve the learning environment for our students.



Can I see the building plans?

Of course! Check out our website for even more information about the levy and the district maintenance needs.

VOTER INFORMATION

Election Day

Tuesday, August 6, 2019
polls will be open 6 a.m. -- 7 p.m.

OFFICIAL BALLOT

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Savannah R-III School District
Andrew County, MO
Tuesday, August 6, 2019

Shall the Board of Education of the Savannah R-III School District, Missouri, be authorized to increase the operating tax levy of the District by \$0.6900 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation in order to provide funds for the (a) construction, equipping, and furnishing of a new performing arts center, auxiliary (storm shelter) gymnasium, new classrooms and repurposing existing classrooms at Savannah High School; and (b) completion of other ongoing District maintenance projects?

(If this proposition is approved, the adjusted operating levy of the District is estimated to increase by \$0.6900 from \$3.6499, currently, to \$4.3399 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation for Tax Year 2019 and can be applied to the assessed valuation each year thereafter.)

