



## March 9, 2021 Facility Expansion Bond Election

### McCall-Donnelly School District

#### Frequently Asked Questions

**How will this impact my taxes?** Currently, McCall-Donnelly patrons are paying \$53 per \$100,000 of market value. If the bond passes, patrons would pay \$51 per \$100,000 of market.

**Would this actually lower taxes on an annual basis? How?** Yes. If the bond passes, the current bond would be refinanced at a much lower interest rate. The new dollars would be financed at the lower interest rate, as well. The result is that the old bond will have a longer term, with a lower interest rate and save taxpayers approximately \$52,000. The term on the new bond dollars would be 17 years and the annual payment would not exceed what taxpayers are paying today.

**What will be accomplished by the proposed facility expansion project?** Both Donnelly Elementary and Payette Lakes Middle School would be expanded.

At Donnelly Elementary, a full-size gymnasium would be added to serve both the students at Donnelly Elementary and the community. The current gymnasium built around 1935 would be preserved. This gymnasium has just over 2,000 square feet and is undersized for the 165 students enrolled today. Donnelly Elementary currently has 1 boys' bathroom and 1 girls' bathroom. If the bond passes, an addition set of restrooms would be constructed, as well as additional classroom space.

At Payette Lakes Middle School, we currently have 333 students enrolled with a capacity of 300. The project includes additional classrooms, another set of restrooms, an expansion of the cafeteria / multi-purpose space and a remodel to the main entrance with enhanced security features. Additionally, a traffic flow solution is proposed for the Payette Lakes Middle School – Barbara Morgan Elementary campuses.

**How long has the district been working on the facility expansion project?** We began work in 2015. In January of 2016, the facilities team established several priorities. At the top of the list the expansion of Donnelly Elementary with a new gymnasium. Also prioritized was a solution for Heartland High School, which had been operating out of temporary facilities / modular buildings for more than 26 years. The newly constructed Heartland High School opened its doors in August of 2018, with no additional tax dollars required.

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# McCall-Donnelly Joint School District No. 421



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**Is there a draft design available of the projects?** Yes, draft designs are posted on the district webpage.

**Can I vote absentee?** Yes, absentee voting is available. Request your absentee ballot from the county in which you reside. The last day to request an absentee ballot is February 26 by 5:00 pm.

**Can I vote in-person?** Yes. In-person voting is held at your regular polling location on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Who can vote in the upcoming March 9, 2021 bond election?** Anyone 18 years of age or older, living within the McCall-Donnelly School District boundaries is eligible to vote. The boundaries include the area of Rock Flats in Adams County (near the Little Ski Hill), north of Payette Lake, and south of Donnelly, as well as Yellow Pine.

If you have questions regarding your specific address and voter eligibility, contact the McCall-Donnelly School District at: (208) 634-2161.

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