

PROPOSITION BLACKCAT PRIDE



The Board of Education of the Dunklin R-5 School District has responded to community feedback and voted unanimously to place **Proposition Blackcat Pride** on the **November 8th** ballot.

The proposition is a 62 cent tax levy increase. Because the levy will fund a “lease purchase,” it will only require a simple majority for passage. Voter approval of the levy will generate an estimated \$13 million that will be used to fund 6 major projects:



Expand Pevely Elementary School

Pevely Elementary was designed to house 725 students and is already overcrowded with a current enrollment of 830 students. Passage of Proposition Blackcat Pride would allow the District to add 14 new classrooms and rebuild the school entrance to improve student and staff safety.



Renovate the Herculanum High School Gymnasium

The current Robinson Gymnasium was built in 1964 and is in need of major renovations. Passage of the proposition would pay for renovated restrooms, renovated locker rooms and storage facilities, and a new concession stand. Also, air conditioning would be added for the first time.



Build a New Transportation Facility

In order to expand Pevely Elementary, the District must move the bus garage to another location. This would also help improve the traffic flow at Pevely and result in increased safety and convenience.

✓ **Construct a new Entrance at Senn-Thomas Middle School**

Passage of the levy would allow the District to renovate and relocate the main entrance for improved security and visibility. The construction would include new offices and an update for the nurse's clinic.

✓ **Connect the Taylor Early Childhood Center with the Butterfly Wing**

Connecting the two buildings and adding office space at the early childhood center would improve safety and eliminate exposure to inclement weather for students and staff.

✓ **Renovate the Science Labs and Classrooms at Herculaneum High School**

The science rooms at HHS have not been updated since the early 80's. Passage of the levy would allow the district to renovate three classrooms/science labs.

Proposition Blackcat Pride aligns with the feedback received from the community phone survey, the Master Facility Plan recommendations and the recent demographic study. District enrollment has increased by 353 students since 2004, or about 29% to our current enrollment of 1,583. The demographic projections indicate the District's total enrollment could be as high as 2,186 students by 2020. Voter approval in November would allow the District to make needed additions, improvements and safety upgrades for the students in our community.

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The Dunklin R-5 School District works continuously to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars and use resources wisely! The District has not passed a Bond Issue or increased the debt service since 2008.

