

# \$305 Million No-Tax-Increase Bond

## Organizing a Comprehensive Educational Outreach Program

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# “No-Tax-Increase” Bond Opportunity

- Voter approved bonds (2004 & 2015) established the current property tax rate of 3.85 mills
- Limited-time opportunity for a “no-tax-increase” bond to extend current rate by 20 years to raise \$305 million (Targeting November 2023)
- Not a new tax rate; not a tax increase – it is a tax rate currently being paid by property owners in GR.

# Proposed No-Tax-Increase Bond Formation

- *Reimagine GRPS with Us!* Plan informed by Extensive Internal / External Community Engagement
  - Strategic Plan Process
  - Facilities Master Plan Process
  - The Eureka Group
  - Urban Core Collective/Community Vision for Healthy & Healing Schools
- More Engagement Planned following July 17 Vote on *Reimagine GRPS with Us!* Vision and Plan Framework
- Targeted Election Day: Tuesday, November 7, 2023

# Key Themes for Bond Investments

- Deliver on the basics:
  - Classrooms
  - Athletic Facilities
  - Fine Arts Auditoriums
  - Technology
  - Playgrounds / Greenspace Activation
  - Safety & Security
  - Food Service Facilities (Cafeterias, Kitchens)
- Using repair criteria to prioritize investments

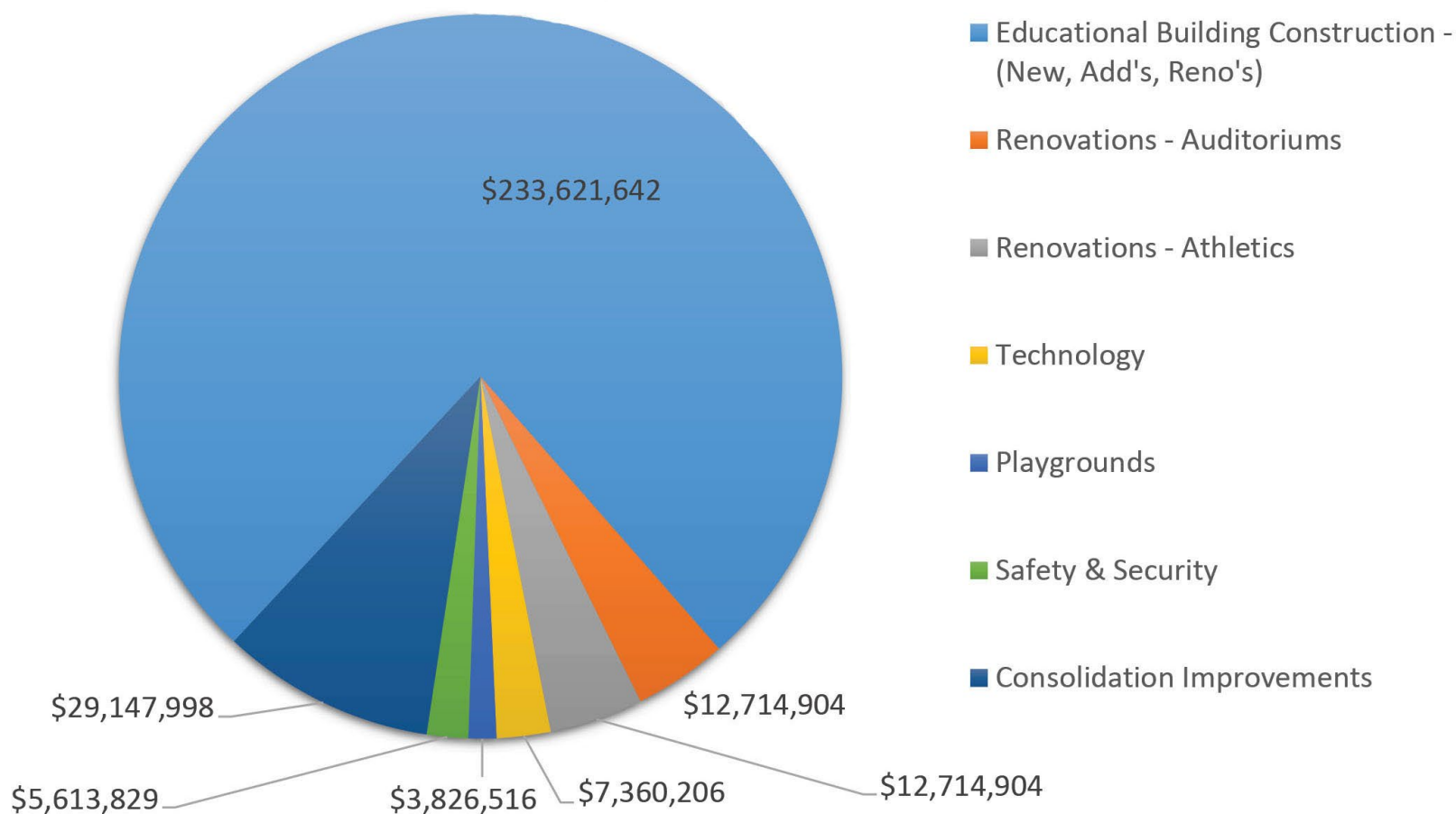
## Bond Funds Can Be Used For

- Purchase, erect, complete, remodel, and equip school buildings structures, athletic fields, playgrounds or other facilities
- Acquiring, installing, or equipping school buildings for technology
- Other capital expenditures
- Costs of bond issuance

## Bond Funds Cannot Be Used For:

- Upgrades to operating systems or applications software except if purchased with qualifying hardware
- Training, consulting, service contracts or other software support
- Cannot use for staff wages or benefits or operations of any kind

# GRPS 2023 “No-Tax-Increase” Bond Program Distributions



## 2023 “No-Tax-Increase” Capital Program Cost Model

<b>GRPS BOND PROGRAM COST MODEL</b>				
<u>Description</u>	<u>Series #1</u>	<u>Series #2</u>	<u>Series #3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Educational Building Construction - (New, Add's, Reno's) [1]	\$85,698,529	\$71,788,413	\$76,134,700	<b>\$233,621,642</b>
Renovations - Auditoriums	\$2,757,353	\$6,297,229	\$3,660,322	<b>\$12,714,904</b>
Renovations - Athletics	\$2,757,353	\$6,297,229	\$3,660,322	<b>\$12,714,904</b>
Technology	\$2,205,882	\$2,518,892	\$2,635,432	<b>\$7,360,206</b>
Playgrounds	\$1,102,941	\$1,259,446	\$1,464,129	<b>\$3,826,516</b>
Safety & Security	\$1,654,412	\$1,763,224	\$2,196,193	<b>\$5,613,829</b>
Consolidation Improvements	\$8,823,529	\$10,075,567	\$10,248,902	<b>\$29,147,998</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$105,000,000</b>	<b>\$100,000,000</b>	<b>\$100,000,000</b>	<b>\$305,000,000</b>

[1] Inclusive of Food Service Improvements



# How We Will Organize

- We are organizing a **comprehensive educational outreach program** to share informational materials
- Talking Points
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Informational Materials
- Mailers
- Social Media
- Grassroots Outreach

# BOND DO'S & DON'T'S

## DO:

### As a Staff Member:

- Provide factual information about the election at any day or evening meetings

### As a Private Citizen:

- Make campaign calls from home
- Hand out election information at community events to other adults
- Urge your friends and acquaintances to support the election
- Distribute campaign materials or conduct pro-election activities from your home computer using an e-mail system that is not part of the school's e-mail system

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## DON'T:

- Use school telephones to make any phone calls advocating a “yes” vote
- Send any election information or yard signs home from school with students
- Use school printing equipment for any pro-election materials
- Use secretaries or other school employees in any pro-election activities or phone calls during their work day
- Use school phones, copy or fax machines, computers or other office equipment at any time of the day or night for pro-election activities
- Use school buildings for campaign activities
- Distribute campaign materials through school mail or mailboxes or e-mail
- Use the school e-mail system at any time of the day or night for pro-election activities
- Bring any pro-election yard signs onto school property or distribute such signs at school
- Provide any student mailing lists to anyone distributing campaign materials
- Use school stationery or postage to send letters advocating passing of the millage election