



BOND REFERENDUM

ON THE BALLOT: NOVEMBER 4, 2025

Significant investments have been made throughout the Knoxville Community School District to modernize our facilities. This list includes building a new middle school, improving and expanding West Elementary, upgrading infrastructure at the high school, and modernizing activity and athletic facilities.

It's now time to turn our attention to the challenges at Northstar Elementary.

On **Tuesday, November 4, 2025**, KCS D residents will consider approving a **\$12.4 million general obligation bond referendum**. These funds would support a new school in the Veterans District for grades 2-5 and replace Northstar.

A building assessment identified more than **\$22.5 million worth of deficiencies** at Northstar, which opened in 1960. Meanwhile, the projected cost of a **new school is \$34 million**. Along with a general obligation bond, the project would be funded with sales tax revenue KCS D receives from the state, lessening the burden on local property taxpayers.

Northstar would not be demolished under the proposal. Instead, it would be sold to continue serving the community in a new manner, such as redevelopment for senior or multifamily housing.



PROPERTY TAX IMPACT

The goal of the School Board and administration is to have the proposed bond issue be **tax-neutral**, which is possible based on current expectations and financial projections.

However, the maximum possible tax impact would be **\$0.43 per \$1,000** of taxable property value.



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