



PRESS RELEASE

Office of the Superintendent

Ardmore City Schools

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In 2012, a group of parents, teacher and community members worked with Kim Holland, then principal of Ardmore High School, on what they wanted to see for Ardmore City Schools in the way of expanding the fine arts program. They all agreed that one very important thing was building a performing arts center not only for our students, but for our community. Now that the items in the 2013 bond are complete, it's time to move forward with that vision.

In addition, since Mr. Holland's return to Ardmore City Schools as superintendent last fall, he has also had an opportunity to look at many other things in the district that also need attention that could be included in a bond issue.

Today at a special meeting, the Ardmore Board of Education approved moving forward with a bond election to be held on October 10, 2017 in the amount of \$50,800,000 for the items identified as follows:

- Construct a new district performing arts center west of Noble Stadium to include furniture, fixtures & equipment.
- Ardmore High School: improvements to include a band room addition, new cafeteria restrooms, renovations to existing restrooms, acoustical operable folding partitions and courtyard canopy renovations.
- Transportation vehicles to include buses.
- Charles Evans Elementary: Improvements to include water intrusion mitigation under the foundation.
- Ardmore Middle School: exterior repairs and storage for wrestling room.
- Improvements at the former Ardmore Higher Education Center to include HVAC equipment, roofing & electrical.

The district will kick off the official bond campaign on September 8. Between now and then, information will be gathered and put together to provide detailed information to the public about all items on the bond issue. Renderings of the performing arts center will also be available by September 8. Open houses at schools and public events will be scheduled in September to highlight all items on the bond. Information will also be available on the district's Facebook page, website and by email.