

Voters overwhelmingly pass \$25M school bond issue

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Post-election results show the 2018 Clinton School Bond passed overwhelmingly.

Initial numbers showed 2,369 votes cast, with 2,133 voted in favor of the bond issue and 107 against, a 95 percent approval rate.

“With the passing of this bond issue, it shows that Clinton is looking toward the future and is willing, as a community, to improve the facilities where we are shaping our children for their futures,” said Dr. Tim Martin, superintendent of schools. “It is wonderful to see our community coming out to support the district so strongly.”

With the passing of the issue, district administrators are aiming to have construction start in early spring 2019, beginning with building new Career and Technical Education classrooms and labs at the main CHS campus.

“We are communicating with representatives from Continental Tire about what their needs are, and we will tailor our programs to create career pathways for our students,” Martin said.



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Clinton Public School District Superintendent Dr. Tim Martin (left) and School Board President Matt Thomas.

Through the summer of 2019, expansions are slated to begin on Clinton Park, Lovett and Eastside Elementary schools and the CHS band hall, all areas where the number of students has outgrown the space available.

Following completion of the new CHS Career Complex classrooms and

labs at the main campus of CHS, the district will begin renovating the old CHS Career Complex to accommodate Clinton Junior High’s fine arts programs and elective courses.

In the summer of 2020, improvements are set to renovate the CJHS administrative offices and convert the old offices into much needed classroom space. All construction is set to be completed by fall of 2020.

“We appreciate the support of our school district and community in this bond issue,” said School Board President Matt Thomas. “It will help us achieve long term goals for our facilities and improve our programs in the process.”

Open letter from School Board President Matt Thomas

On behalf of the Clinton Public School District Board of Trustees, students, faculty and staff, I would like to thank voters for your overwhelming support of the \$25 million 2018 school bond referendum on September 11.

Through your support, we will be able to issue general obligation bonds to expand and improve our facilities to accommodate a growing enrollment. Nearly every school in the district will be impacted by this bond issue, from students at Clinton High School down to the youngest Arrows at Clinton Park.

With these funds, we can finally realize our long-term goal of relocating the CHS Career Complex to the main campus of Clinton High School. We can add much needed classroom space at multiple schools and make our schools safer in the process.

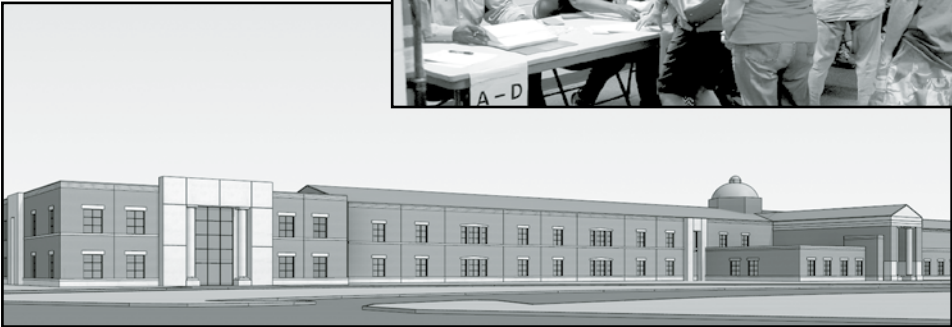
In addition to voters, we are incredibly grateful to the bond campaign committee comprised of PTO presidents and chaired by John Murphy. We appreciate the support of our municipal leaders who oversaw the election process on Tuesday and helped raise awareness of the bond’s scope and details leading up to the election date. We appreciate the civic groups and clubs that graciously invited our bond committee to attend and present at meetings. We are grateful for clergy and faith communities who supported this initiative. Thank you to parents and teachers who attended Back to School night presentations of the bond information. We also appreciate our Superintendent Dr. Tim Martin, his staff and volunteers who worked alongside the bond campaign committee to provide information for voters to understand the urgency of this initiative. And certainly, we appreciate all CPSD faculty and staff for your hard work, day in and day out, to provide excellence in education.

The Board will work diligently in the coming weeks and months to make the best use of these funds entrusted to us by Clinton Public School District voters. Your commitment to our schools is essential to prepare our students to succeed today and in the future. Together we can continue the tradition of excellence in our schools, for the benefit of all our children.

Go Arrows!

Sincerely,

Dr. Matt Thomas,
Clinton School Board President



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A rendering of some of the upgrades to Clinton High School, this one showing the addition of a career and technical education wing.

