

USD 409 bond election ballots due Thursday

(KAIR)--Patrons of USD 409 this week will decide the fate of the Atchison public school district's proposed \$27.3 million bond issue, with the funds, if approved, to be used for a wide spectrum of improvements in the district.

Voters, in recent days, received their ballots in the mail. Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Renee Nugent, says those ballots must be delivered to the Atchison County Courthouse either through mail, in-person, or ballot drop-off, by 12 noon, Thursday, February 1.

Nugent explained the planned upgrades in a recent video posted to YouTube, in which she provided a reminder of the key scope of the work that would come if the bond election is successful. A key matter, among a wide-range of improvements to be funded through the bond, is the repair and replacement of district HVAC systems, as well as facility roofs. Among other planned improvements are those at the Atchison Elementary School, which would see renovation for a new entrance, a single office suite, and integrations of Pre-K into the interior of the school. Atchison High School would see renovation for a new entrance, upgrades of the band and choir rooms, new turf, for football and baseball, as well as a resurfaced track, and renovation of the locker room.

According to the school district, the \$27.3 million bond would come with no increase to the bond and interest mill levy, meaning zero tax increase.

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