THE PROPOSED BOND WOULD PROVIDE:

- The bond would continue funding major repairs and maintenance to make our schools last longer and reduce the need for new, more expensive buildings.

- More classrooms, restrooms, gymnasium and cafeteria space for students would be provided by bond funds. Schools designed for 4,270 students are educating over 5,700 – almost 1,500 more than 12 years ago.

- Bond funds also would improve school safety by updating technology and security systems in the classrooms and at building entrances.

- The bond will upgrade facilities to be ADA compliant, improving access to buildings and toilets for students or staff with disabilities.

Proposed is a 20-year bond to replace the one that is expiring. Well-maintained school buildings that are safe and have adequate classroom space have been linked by studies to student achievement, a strong local economy, and high quality of life. The state provides revenue for student instruction and day-to-day operations. However, a voter-approved bond is the primary source of funding a school district has for major repairs and renovations to schools. This reduces the need for new school buildings which can cost more.

The replacement bond would raise up to $65 million for major repairs, renovations to add space for students, and for security/technology improvements at all our schools. Since 2003, Woodburn homeowners paid an average of $2.55 per $1,000 of assessed value for schools for the bond that is expiring. The replacement bond is projected to cost $2.40 per $1,000 or $20 per month ($240 per year) for the owner of a home with an assessed value of $100,000.

Valor Middle School was constructed in 1996, it shares 48 acres with Heritage Elementary School. The original capacity was 400 and current enrollment is 634. 3 portables (6 classrooms) have been added over the years in order to accommodate growth.

Proposed Bond Projects

- Add a 2-story addition
- Demolish existing portables
- Remodel the main office and entry for additional security
- Treat slab for moisture
- Replace floorcovering at the cafeteria hall
- Replace roof
- Structural review and repair of second floor
- Add new controls for energy efficiency