

Capitan Municipal Schools

General Obligation Bond Election

Election Date: November 4, 2025

On November 4, 2025, Capitan Municipal Schools will place a **General Obligation (G.O.) Bond question** on the ballot.

No Tax Rate Increase

This proposed G.O. Bond will **not increase the property tax rate**. It will replace a previous bond that is expiring (sun setting), meaning the community's tax rate remains the same while allowing the District to continue investing in student facilities.

Local Investment in Our Schools

The G.O. Bond would generate **\$7 million over four years**. These funds would be used to modernize facilities, expand learning opportunities, and create safe, functional spaces for students.

Because of the unique layout of our campus, projects must be completed in a **specific sequence**. This phasing ensures safe construction, minimizes disruption to student learning, and makes the best use of bond funds.

Over the course of **12–15 years (2–3 bond cycles)**, the District expects to complete a series of major projects that will reshape our campus and position Capitan Schools for the future.

Long-Term Facility Plan

1. **New Bus Loop off Highway 380**
 - Current bus circulation will be disrupted when the new gym is built.
 - A new loop will ensure safe, efficient student pick-up and drop-off away from heavy traffic.
2. **New Gymnasium Complex (Replacing Cummins Gymnasium)**
 - Modern space for athletic programs, physical education, and community events.
 - Includes:
 - Full-size gymnasium
 - Lobby & concession area for events
 - Four locker rooms for boys, girls, and visiting teams
 - Weight room with updated equipment space
 - Physical education/health classroom
 - Athletic training lab to support student wellness and injury prevention

Why it matters: Our existing Cummins Gymnasium is aging and undersized. A new gym will provide safe, functional facilities for students and create a venue that can also serve the community.

3. Career Technical Education (CTE) Facility

- New space between the gym and existing Ag Shop.
- Designed to expand hands-on learning opportunities in skilled trades and technical programs.

Why it matters: Preparing students for college *and* careers is critical. This facility will support pathways in agriculture, technology, and workforce development.

4. Repurposing Cummins Gymnasium

- New Kitchen & Cafeteria (capacity for 300 students).
- District Administration Offices, which frees up three middle/high school classrooms for instruction.
- District Warehouse for storage and operations.

Why it matters: This approach makes use of existing structures rather than new construction wherever possible, reducing costs and maximizing space efficiency.

5. Demolition of Existing Weight Room

- Space reclaimed for expanded parking and a central receiving area.
- Supports improved traffic flow and campus safety.

6. Special Education Facility (Renovating Current Kitchen/Cafeteria)

- Two Life Skills Classrooms.
- Two Sensory Rooms.
- One Special Education Classroom.
- Life Skills Lab (utilizing existing kitchen infrastructure).

Why it matters: Our students with special needs deserve modern, adaptive spaces to help them reach their full potential. This renovation provides tailored environments for learning and development.

7. Future Replacement of Capitan Elementary School

- Within 12–15 years, the Elementary School is expected to qualify for full replacement.
- This would provide a modern, efficient learning environment for our youngest students.

Accountability & Financial Stewardship

- **No Tax Rate Increase:** Approval continues current tax levels — no additional burden on taxpayers.

- **Phased Approach:** Projects must be completed in order due to site logistics. This ensures safety, cost-effectiveness, and minimal disruption.
 - **Leveraging State Funds:** The District will seek support from the **Public School Capital Outlay Council (PSCOC)** whenever possible, maximizing local dollars.
 - **Community Investment:** Every dollar will stay in Capitan, directly benefiting our students and schools.
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The Big Picture

This plan is about more than buildings — it's about creating a safe, modern, and inspiring environment where every Capitan student can thrive. Through the passage of this bond, our community continues to invest in the future of our children while maintaining **responsible financial stewardship**.