

## What is a Bond?

A bond — if approved by voters — is a means for a school district to borrow money to fund improvements to the district's facilities which cost more than the district can afford from its operating funds. By issuing bonds, the district can pay for all improvements up front, and spread the cost of the improvements over the years the facilities will be in use (much like a home mortgage). The use of bond proceeds is regulated by state and federal law. Bond proceeds cannot be used for salaries, benefits or maintenance. Bond issues are a favored solution when large projects need to be completed within a short period of time or require technology or bus purchases.