

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the details of this project?

The proposed tax increase would fund a new sports complex. The complex would include:

- Two baseball and two softball fields (one of each with turf)
- An auxiliary practice Soccer field
- Batting cages
- A playground
- Parking
- A concession stand and restrooms

At the main campus, a turf soccer field and an eight-lane track will also be constructed, along with restrooms, parking, and a concession stand.

What is the November vote for?

This is a public vote to approve revenue to fund the proposed sports complex. Approval would enable the district to borrow funds to complete these capital projects and repay them through the tax increase, which will be paid off either upon completion or within a maximum of 20 years.

How many questions will be on the November ballot?

There will be one question on the ballot covering the entire scope of the proposed sports complex.

Why is this important?

We want to provide:

- Safe, modern facilities right here at home
- Increased opportunities to host games and tournaments
- Expanded programs to include Junior High Baseball and Softball
- More student participation in sports and activities
- Promotion of teamwork, school pride, and healthy lifestyles
- A place for youth leagues and recreation
- Ability to host tournaments—bringing visitors and boosting local business traffic
- A safe, family-friendly environment with concessions and a playground
- Community pride and activities close to home

Why are we proposing this tax levy now?

For the past five years, the Stover Bulldogs have been playing softball and baseball at the Versailles City Park. We want to bring Bulldog sports home. The Board of Education and community members have diligently explored various options to identify an appropriate location for our students' fields.

Why move forward with these improvements now?

Delaying these improvements could result in higher costs and fewer options. Additionally, many Kaysinger Conference teams are starting Junior High Softball and Baseball seasons. If we want to compete with other area schools, we must be prepared.

Was the community involved in creating this proposed solution?

Yes. A comprehensive community engagement process was undertaken, including stakeholder meetings. The proposed plan reflects the committee's input and priorities.

What is the total cost of the project, and how is it being paid for?

The estimated cost of the proposed project is \$15 million. It will be funded through lease-purchase financing, subject to voter approval. This allows the district to borrow funds and repay them through property taxes over time—a common approach for large-scale school improvements.

How much will this raise my taxes?

The estimated tax impact is \$0.63 per \$100 of taxable valuation. See the "Tax Impact" page for the specific impact for your property type and valuation.

How does our district compare to surrounding districts?

District	Levy (per \$100 assessed valuation)
Stover (25/26)	\$3.2946
Cole Camp	\$3.87
School of the Osage	\$3.299
Warsaw	\$3.55
Versailles	\$2.9104
Lincoln	\$4.045
Tipton	\$4.01
Otterville	\$4.24
Eldon	\$3.727

When is the levy-increase vote?

Tuesday, November 4, 2025.

Who can vote?

Any registered voter who lives within the school district boundaries is eligible to vote in the levy-tax increase election.

How do I register to vote or check my registration?

Visit the Missouri Secretary of State's website or contact your county auditor. You can register online, by mail, or in person before Election Day.

What will the ballot question look like?

"Shall the Board of Education of Morgan County R-1 School District be authorized to increase the operating tax levy ceiling to \$3.9246 per \$100 of assessed valuation for the purpose of providing funds to construct, renovate, improve, furnish, and equip school buildings and facilities, including constructing an athletic complex, such increase to terminate automatically after 20 years after the imposition thereof?"

What happens if the levy does not pass?

We will meet with the steering committee and designers to determine the best course of action forward. In the meantime, we will continue to use facilities outside the district to practice and play.

When was the last levy increase?

Thirteen years ago.

What is the timeline if the project is approved?

If approved, design work will begin soon after the election. Total construction time is estimated at 12 months.

Have the Dome and the new addition paid off?

The Dome was paid off after six years. The district is budgeting for the Early Childhood classroom addition to be paid off in a timely manner, with a goal of less than 10 years.

Why artificial turf? Isn't it expensive to replace?

Artificial turf has a slightly higher upfront cost; however, lower operational costs narrow the gap considerably. Its life span is expected to be 10–15 years, with a reasonable replacement cost. Artificial turf also greatly reduces postponements or cancellations, and is attractive for hosting tournaments and events that bring people to town.

Where is the football field?

The proposed sports complex would create two soccer/football fields. When, or if, the district would add football, and since the field dimensions are pretty similar, all that would be needed would be goalposts and other football practice equipment. We currently only have the one field, so it would not be easy to field both soccer and football without a second field.