

HOPE FORWARD. CHILDREN FIRST!

PRIORITY

1

SAFETY & SECURITY (WARM, SAFE & DRY)



PRIORITY

2

RENOVATION & MODERNIZATION



PRIORITY

3

COMPETITIVE & FUTURE READY



Hope Public Schools is providing information about a proposed millage increase that would support three key priorities designed to keep our students safe, improve our schools, and create new opportunities for every child. These priorities focus on strengthening campus safety and security, renovating and modernizing aging facilities, and expanding competitive and future-ready programs which prepare students for college, careers, athletics, and life. Investing in secure entrances, improved HVAC and air quality, safer traffic flow, renovated restrooms, updated classrooms, upgraded athletic and fine arts facilities, and expanded college and workforce pathways ensures that every student has access to safe environments, modern learning spaces, and opportunities that help them thrive.



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On March 3, 2026, Hope School District residents will vote on a 5-Mill investment to upgrade school safety, modernize aging facilities, and expand student opportunities across every campus.

WHAT'S IN THE 5-MILL PROPOSAL?

PRIORITY 1 — SAFETY & SECURITY

- Secure entrances and security vestibules (Clinton Primary, Yerger)
- Parking lot & traffic-flow improvements (Yerger)
- Student drop-off and pick up streamlined
- HVAC & air-quality improvements district wide

PRIORITY 2 — RENOVATIONS & MODERNIZATION

- Renovated student restrooms (Yerger, BHE)
- Updated classrooms & learning spaces (Yerger academic areas)
- Critical stadium seating upgrades (home/visitor bleachers, press box)
- Band and stadium facility improvements (band shell replacement and critical stadium seating)

PRIORITY 3 — COMPETITIVE & FUTURE-READY

- Multi-sport Baseball/Softball/Tennis complex
- Collegiate Academy and Secondary Career Center opportunities
- Workforce & Trades pathway improvements
- Outdoor PE spaces (turf fields at CPS, BHE, Yerger)

WHY NOW?

Critical facility needs, from HVAC systems and secure entries to athletic and academic spaces have gone decades without upgrades. Aging buildings, evolving student safety requirements, and available state partnership opportunities make this the right moment for a responsible, long-term investment in Hope students' future.

Monthly Cost Table for a 5-Mill Investment

Property Value	Monthly Cost	Daily Cost
\$82,000 (District Average)	\$6.83 / month	\$0.23 / day
100000	\$8.33 / month	\$0.28 / day
\$200,000	\$16.67 / month	\$0.55 / day
\$400,000	\$33.33 / month	\$1.10 / day

Hope Public Schools has not had a millage increase in more than 40 years, and our current millage rate ranks 207th out of 235 school districts in Arkansas.

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