

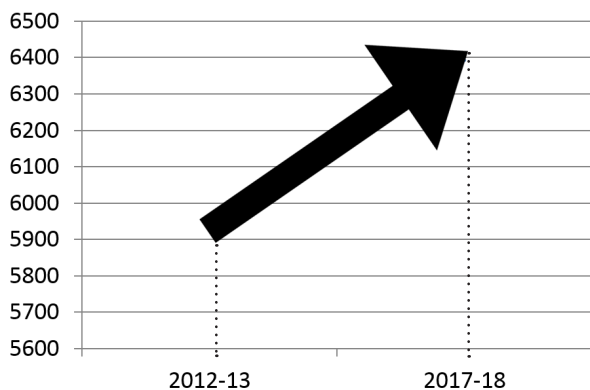
Lindbergh Prop 'G'rowth

Frequently Asked Questions About Prop G on the April 8 Ballot

What is Prop G?

Prop G is a \$34 million bond issue proposal that will:

- Reduce overcrowding at Lindbergh elementary schools
- Create a sixth elementary on the Dressel School property
- Address overcrowding at Lindbergh High School by expanding the cafeteria, modernizing the library, updating the gym and adding two science classrooms.



Enrollment Concerns Grow

Residential enrollment has increased by 569 students in the past five years. We estimate an additional 464 students will enroll by 2018. The majority of these students will enter elementary schools. **What does that mean?** 464 students will fill 23 additional classrooms and require 23 additional teachers – enough to fill an entire school.

For Additional Information

Visit www.lindberghschools.ws
or call Charles Triplett, CFO,
at 314-729-2400, ext. 8641.

Does Lindbergh need another elementary school?

YES! Four of Lindbergh's five elementaries are operating above their designed capacity, and the fifth, Crestwood, is located in one of the fastest-growing areas.

Today, there are enough elementary students to fill a sixth building. As enrollment continues to increase by approximately 464 students between now and 2018, it will be necessary to add another 650-student building.

Why can't you place additional students in the five existing elementary buildings?

Right now, every elementary school classroom is being used. Additional growth would mean repurposing spaces such as art and music rooms, libraries, and gymnasiums.

In addition, smaller schools are proven to be better for educating students. For example, when Truman opened as a second middle school in 2011, student achievement jumped to No. 1 in Missouri!

What does Prop G mean for LHS?

Prop G will address the most significant growth issues at LHS, including a badly overcrowded lunch situation that forces students to eat at tables in the hallways, science teachers who do not have permanent classrooms, and a library in need of technological improvements to best serve as many students as possible.

Prop G will also replace the original bleachers and flooring in Gym 3, which is the school's only meeting space large enough to accommodate the entire student body.

More Q&A on back



PROP G: What Happens if...

YES

- Maintain class sizes and protect neighborhood schools
- Protect individualized instruction for students
- Save music, art, gym and library spaces from being repurposed as grade-level classrooms
- Address overcrowding at Lindbergh High School by:
 - creating adequate lunchroom space
 - updating original bleachers and floor in Gym 3, LHS' main gathering place for 2,000+ student body
 - creating more classroom space to add needed sections of core subjects such as science

NO

- Elementary class sizes will exceed 30-35 students
- Elementary music and art teachers will lose their classrooms ("art on a cart")
- Elementary libraries and gyms will be divided to create additional classroom space
- Larger class sizes means less individual attention for students, and academic achievement suffers
- LHS will be without classrooms for core subjects such as science
- LHS students will continue eating lunch in hallways and overflow, non-cafeteria spaces

Will you use Dressel or build a new building?

We will build a new building because we will need to accommodate 650 additional students, which is not possible in the existing Dressel School.

Dressel will remain in use during construction, providing much needed space for ancillary programs such as LEAP (Lindbergh Eager Achievers Program for gifted students), Lindbergh Early Childhood Education, Parents as Teachers, Lindbergh Activities and Lindbergh Athletic Association.

How would you pay for teachers to staff a sixth elementary?

As elementary enrollment continues to grow, staff will be added as our budget allows. If Prop G passes, Dressel School would open in 2017, and some teachers and staff will be transferred into the new building, alleviating overcrowding districtwide.

The Lindbergh Schools Board of Education has a long tradition of asking for only what we need. For many years, the board voted to roll back taxes, saving residents more than \$32 million.

Q How much will Prop G cost me?

A The proposed **21 cent increase** will cost the owner of a **\$200,000 home** about **\$79.80** more per year, or approximately **\$6.65** a month.

Another \$5 million has been saved through refunding of previous bonds.

What does Prop G mean for our community?

Lindbergh's outstanding academic achievement — No. 1 among K-12 districts in Missouri for the past four years! — is a magnet for young families.

Affordable homes make neighborhoods in our district even more attractive. Protecting class sizes and individualized student instruction ultimately keeps Lindbergh a destination district, which strengthens our community.

What does Prop G mean for middle schools?

Opening Truman as a smaller, second middle school in 2011 yielded amazing results in student achievement.

Truman now ranks No. 1 among Missouri public middle schools, and Sperrig is close behind at No. 5.

The middle school split, made possible by community support, proved that maintaining smaller schools and class sizes can have a dramatic positive effect on student achievement.

How can I help?

The "Yes for Prop G" committee will be contacting you with opportunities to help.