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Local News

Rogue Community College Board Proposes \$60.3 Million Bond for November 2024 Ballot



The Rogue Community College Board of Education has voted to put a \$60.3 million bond measure on the November ballot in Josephine and Jackson counties.

RCC officials said the bond measure aims to fund various projects across the three campuses in both counties while enhancing resources and programs to better serve the community.

The proposed bond measure would support the expansion and improvement of manufacturing, welding and nursing programs. It would introduce an automotive program at the Table Rock Campus in White City, and bring EMT and diesel technology programs to the Redwood Campus in Grants Pass.

In addition, funds would be allocated to improve the Student Success Center and classrooms at Medford's Riverside Campus plus enhance safety, accessibility and infrastructure lifespan at all campuses.

To pass, the RCC bond measure requires a 50% plus-one majority from the combined district spanning both counties.

The new bond would replace a 2005 bond in Jackson County, resulting in no tax increase for property owners in that county. In Josephine County, where a 2016 RCC bond is in place until 2036, the new bond would result in an estimated \$36 annual tax increase for a property valued at \$400,000.

In addition to the \$60.3 million from the bond, RCC will receive \$15 million in matching funds from the state, provided the bond is approved by local voters.

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