

**NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 440,
HARVEY COUNTY, KANSAS (HALSTEAD-BENTLEY)**

The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 440, Harvey County, Kansas (Halstead-Bentley) (the "District"), has heretofore, pursuant to resolution duly adopted, declared it advisable to make and finance certain improvements to District facilities pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 10-101 *et seq.*, K.S.A. 25-2018(f), K.S.A. 72-5457, and K.S.A. 72-5458 *et seq.* Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the District that a bond election has been called and will be held on May 14, 2024, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the District the following proposition:

Shall the following be adopted?

Shall Unified School District No. 440, Harvey County, Kansas (Halstead-Bentley) (the "District") be authorized to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$28,500,000 (the "Bonds") to pay the costs to construct, furnish and equip: (a) additions, improvements and renovations to Bentley Primary School, including secured entry, site improvements, and renovation and modernization of library, classrooms, cafeteria, restrooms, special education areas, and gymnasium; (b) additions, improvements and renovations to Halstead Middle School, including site improvements, renovation and modernization of Pre-K classrooms, cafeteria and restrooms, and a new entrance for facility activities; (c) additions, improvements and renovations to Halstead High School, including a 7th and 8th grade addition, weight room and girls' locker room addition, administration offices and conference room addition, performing arts and rehearsal space classroom addition, renovations and modernization of auditorium, classrooms, and industrial arts spaces; and secured entry addition and improvements; (d) renovation and improvements to all district facilities including a replacement press box at the football facility and new softball and baseball fields; and (e) make all other necessary improvements related thereto (collectively the "Project") and pay costs of issuance and interest on the Bonds during construction of the Project, all pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 10-101 *et seq.*, K.S.A. 25-2018(f), K.S.A. 72-5457, and K.S.A. 72-5458 *et seq.*?

To vote in favor of any question submitted on this ballot, press the word "Yes" on the voting machine or completely darken the oval to the left of the word "Yes" on the paper ballot. To vote against it, press the word "No" on the voting machine or completely darken the oval to the left of the word "No" on the paper ballot.

YES
 NO

The polls will open at 7:00 A.M. and will close at 7:00 P.M., on May 14, 2024, the election day. The voting places in the District, and the area each voting place will serve, will be as follows:

<u>Voters Residing In Precinct</u>	<u>Will Vote At</u>	<u>Location</u>
All USD 440 precincts in Harvey County	Halstead High School Gym	520 W 6 th St, Halstead
All USD 440 precincts in Sedgwick County	Halstead High School Gym	520 W 6 th St, Halstead

The election will be conducted by the officers and/or persons provided by law for holding elections, and the method of voting will be by ballot. Registered voters are eligible to vote by advance voting ballot upon application to the County Clerk at the address set forth below pursuant to K.S.A. 25-1117 *et seq.*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Capital Improvement Fund ("CIF") has been established in the treasury of the State of Kansas to assist school districts with making principal and interest payments on voted general obligation bond issues. The amount of CIF funding each school district receives is based on a formula prescribed by statute and implemented by the State Board of Education ("Bond State Aid"). Based on the current formula, the District expects to receive Bond State Aid in the approximate amount set forth below to assist with making the principal and interest payments on the Bonds. No assurance can be given that Bond State Aid will continue at this or any amount in future years.

The following additional information is provided by the District with respect to compliance with the provisions of K.S.A. 10-120a and K.S.A. 12-6,122. This information has been obtained from sources deemed reliable by the District. Certain portions of this information are based upon projections. No assurances can be given that these projections will be accurate as of the date of issuance of the Bonds due to changing market conditions, any changes in assessed valuation of the District, changes in the amount of state financial aid received by the District and other matters unknown or unavailable at this time. The projected rates of property taxation to be used to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds are based upon the current assessed valuation of the District, the assumed principal repayment schedule and the average interest rates from recent bond issues for similar types of financings and the current level of Bond State Aid the District would receive with respect to the Bonds, all as shown below.

Projected Summary of Project Costs

<u>Sources of Funds</u>		<u>Uses of Funds</u>	
Bonds to be Issued	\$28,500,000	Project Costs (including architectural/engineering services)	\$28,500,000
Interest Earnings	<u>1,500,000</u>	Interest During Construction	1,200,000
		Issuance Expenses (including attorney fees, printing costs, rating agency fees, financial advisor fees, underwriting fees and other miscellaneous expenses)	<u>300,000</u>
Total	\$30,000,000	Total	\$30,000,000

Projected Summary of Bond Issue Repayments

Principal payments over 25 years	Average Interest Rate	4.55%	
Total Interest Cost to Maturity	\$24,316,317	Assessed Valuation (2023)	\$62,027,975
Average Annual Principal and Interest Payments		\$2,112,652	
Portion of average annual principal and interest payments from Bond State Aid		\$253,518	
Portion of average annual principal and interest payments from District funds		\$1,859,134	

Average Annual Property Tax Mill Levy Rate for Principal and Interest Payments

Total (without any Bond State Aid)	28.000 Mills
District Portion (with current level of Bond State Aid)	24.000 Mills

The election officer conducting the election will be the County Clerk of Harvey County, Kansas, whose address is 800 N. Main, P.O. Box 687, Newton, Kansas 67114.

DATED: March 21, 2024. (Seal) Rick Piepho, County Clerk
Harvey County, Kansas