The COVID-19 pandemic has certainly altered the District's short-term operations, but it has not changed the District's long-term needs. Propositions C&S are on the June 2, 2020 ballot to accommodate the continued growth of the District, as well as the need for additional staff and wage increases to help close the gap between the WSD and neighboring districts.

PROPOSITION C is a \$105 million no-tax-increase bond issue to build a new middle school on the same site where the District is currently building a fourth high school, to expand and renovate the District's three existing middle schools, to address maintenance issues at existing buildings and purchase items related to school safety.

PROPOSITION S is a \$0.49 tax levy to address staffing and provide needed support across the District, improve salaries to address widening wage gaps between the WSD and neighboring school districts, and to update and add safety features across the District.

The WSD continues to be the fastest growing school district in Missouri, adding on average nearly 600 new students each year since 2001. This past year, enrollment increased from 16,789 students to 17,335 – an increase of 546 students. Now, more than ever, the District must address the need for space and additional staff to meet the needs of all students.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the <u>St. Charles County Election Authority</u> is anticipating increased participation in absentee voting ahead of the June 2 election. The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot has been extended to May 20 and in-person absentee ballots may be cast in the Election Authority office until 5:00 PM on June 1. Absentee ballots sent by mail must be received by the Election Authority by 7:00 PM on June 2.

For more information, visit the WSD Website Props C&S page.

