

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF BALLOT TITLE

Notice is hereby given on February 25, 2026, the Athena-Weston School District #29RJ filed a ballot title with Umatilla County Elections Division.

The following shall be the ballot title:

Caption: Bonds for Career, Trades, Technical Education Center; expand student opportunities

Question: Shall District construct a Career, Trades, Technical Education Center by issuing \$4,980,000 in bonds, estimated to maintain current tax rate? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11 b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Summary: Athena-Weston School District seeks bonds for a facility to expand student opportunities for career, trades, science, and arts education. The District was awarded a \$4,980,000 State grant that is available only if bonds are approved.

If approved, bonds are expected to finance capital costs, expected to include:

- Provide a new, energy-efficient Career, Trades, and Technical Education Center at the District's Athena campus with flexible, ADA-compliant learning spaces; and
- Minor upgrades to repurpose vacated classrooms at Weston-McEwen High School following creation of the new Center.

A citizen oversight committee would be established to ensure proceeds are used for purposes indicated. Audits required. Bonds would mature in 10 years or less from issuance, may be issued in multiple series, and would not exceed \$4,980,000 in principal amount. Bonds are estimated to maintain the District's 2025-2026 bond property tax rate of \$1.24 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Actual levy rates may vary due to final interest rates and changes in assessed value.

As indicated in ORS 250.155, an elector may file a petition for review of ballot title in Umatilla County Circuit Court no later than 5:00 p.m. March 6, 2026.

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