

# Superintendent Parent Forum

*TABLE ACTIVITY GUIDE*



**2016 Bond and Mill Levy:**  
**Critical Investments to Provide the Best Opportunities**

## Parent Activity Note Catcher



### Table Activity 1:

#### FACT or MYTH: HOW DPS SCHOOLS RECEIVE FUNDS

(Circle One)

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| 1. The federal government provides the majority of school funding.                     | FACT    MYTH |
| 2. DPS funding has not yet recovered from the Great Recession.                         | FACT    MYTH |
| 3. DPS schools receive a significant increase in revenue due to marijuana tax dollars. | FACT    MYTH |



### What is a Bond and Mill Levy?

	General Obligation Bond	Mill Levy Override
Funding Source	Property taxes	Property taxes
Scope of Funding	One-time funding Solely within our district for capital investments	Annually recurring funding Solely within our district for operating expenses or capital investments
Allowable Investments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New schools</li> <li>• Building improvements / renovations</li> <li>• Land purchases</li> <li>• Equipping or furnishing a building</li> <li>• Technology</li> </ul>	Anything is allowable, DPS has historically used the funds for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teachers</li> <li>• Textbooks</li> <li>• Technology</li> </ul>
Restricted Investments	Operating expenses (Teachers, supplies)	None

**Table Activity 2:**

**WHAT IS A BOND AND MILL LEVY?**

(Match which investment is funded by Bond or Mill Levy)

Bond	Investments	Mill Levy
	Athletic Field Upgrade	
	New Curricular Resources	
	Afterschool Programming	
	New School Building	
	Parking Lot Re-Pavement	
	Tutors	
	Classroom redesigns	
	Technology	

**Table Activity 3:**

**PRIORITiES**

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- 2.
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**PRIORITIZING POTENTIAL MILL INVESTMENTS**

*How would you prioritize among the 4 proposed investment areas?*

	<p><b>Great Teachers in Every Classroom, Great Leaders in Every School:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Innovative teacher and school leadership models</li> <li>Additional time for teacher planning &amp; collaboration</li> </ul>	<p><b>Invest Early:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Early literacy supports such as teacher professional development and small group instruction</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ready for College &amp; Career:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exposure to college coursework and career opportunities</li> <li>21st century classroom technology</li> </ul>	<p><b>Support for the Whole Child:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supports for student social emotional health and student engagement</li> <li>In-school enrichments and summer learning</li> </ul>
<i>Potential Mill Investments</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More funding to schools for Teacher Leadership &amp; Collaboration</li> <li>Coaching and collaboration to help all teachers grow</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Highly trained ECE-3<sup>rd</sup> grade literacy teachers</li> <li>Support for readers who are struggling</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hands-on career experiences and college-level coursework</li> <li>Update technology in classrooms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More funding to schools for social-emotional health services, student engagement programming, and enrichments</li> </ul>
<i>Expected Outcomes</i>	More effective teachers and leaders and Higher retention of teachers and leaders	Drastically increase the number of students reading at or above grade level by 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Increase graduation rates, Low student debt for those who go on to college and preparedness for 21 <sup>st</sup> Century economy	Healthier children ready to learn, Increased attendance and time in the classroom, and Well-rounded learning experiences



**If you had \$100, how would you invest it across these areas?**

Would you divide it up equally across all 4?      Would you invest all of it in only one?  
 Would you invest more in your top 1 or 2 picks and less in the others?

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### Evaluation



**Please circle your response.**

1. The information I received from today's presentation helped me better understand the 2016 Bond and Mill Levy

**Strongly Agree      Agree      Neither Agree nor Disagree      Disagree      Strongly Disagree**

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. The information I received was useful to me as a parent in supporting my child.

**Strongly Agree      Agree      Neither Agree nor Disagree      Disagree      Strongly Disagree**

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. The table activity was useful to me to better identify which investment is funded by Bond or Mill Levy.

4. **Strongly Agree      Agree      Neither Agree nor Disagree      Disagree      Strongly Disagree**

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. I feel equipped to take the information I acquired today back to my school and share it with my principal, the CSC and other parent groups.

**Strongly Agree      Agree      Neither Agree nor Disagree      Disagree      Strongly Disagree**

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. The forum was easy to access (for example: parking was easy to find, translation services were available, childcare...)

**Strongly Agree      Agree      Neither Agree nor Disagree      Disagree      Strongly Disagree**

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. Overall, how would you rate this Parent Forum?

**1-Poor      2-Fair      3-Good      4-Very Good      5-Excellent**

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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