

# e-News

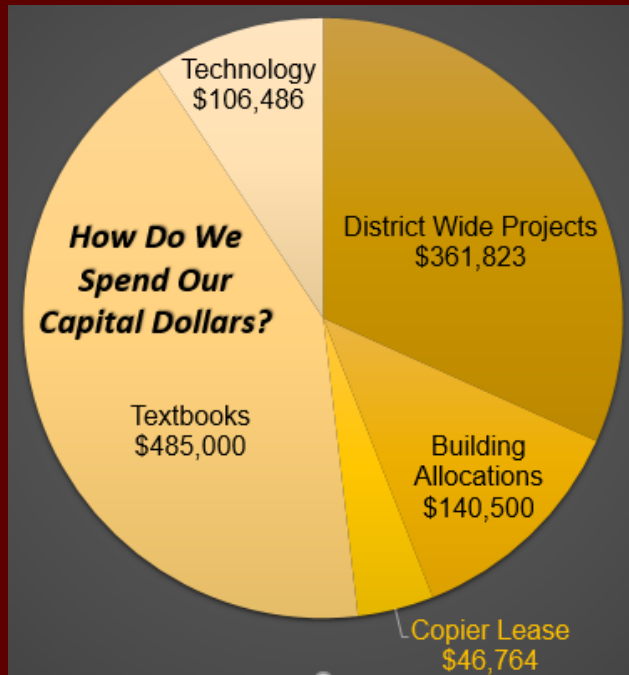
An electronic newsletter from ISD #200—Hastings Public Schools



*The Hastings School District is placing two questions before the voters on the 7th of November. For the next two months we will use e-News as source of communication to help educate our parents and the voting public about the proposed questions.*

## Why doesn't the district save or reserve money, to do these maintenance projects?

The district receives about \$1-million dollars a year to use for capital projects. This graph shows the breakdown of how this money is spent.



The graph illustrates that every year nearly half of that amount is committed to textbooks. The cost to replace the High School roof alone is \$5-million and the Middle School Locker Rooms \$3-million. It would take approximately 16 years of savings to cover these two projects. School districts are forced to do these types of projects through bonds because there is no way to save for a rainy day.

## When can I find out more about the bond and ask questions?

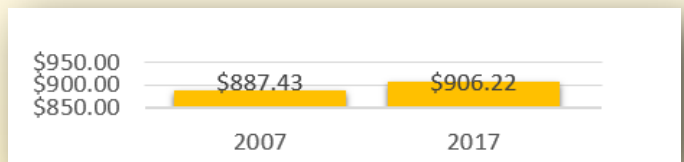
Public meetings have been scheduled:

**Wednesday, October 25th**  
 5:00 PM in the MS Auditorium  
 7:30 PM at Hampton City Hall

## Why do my taxes keep going up year after year?

Your Property Taxes are made up of three parts, the County portion, the City portion and the School District portion. The following graphs reflect the School District's tax portion for two home owners. These two district employee homeowners have lived in their homes for more than 15 years.

### Homeowner #1—\$200,000 Home Value



### Homeowner #2—\$270,000 Home Value



These graphs demonstrate that school district taxes have not risen dramatically over the past 10 years. In fact they have remained relatively stable.