

## **The Tahlequah Area Chamber of Commerce Announces Support for upcoming Tahlequah Public Schools capital improvements bond issue**

Tahlequah, OK – The Tahlequah Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) Board of Directors has voted to support the Tahlequah Public Schools capital improvements bond issue, to be approved by the Tahlequah School Board on July 1, 2025. The vote for the issue will take place during a special election on September 9, 2025.

After a presentation from Tahlequah Superintendent Tanya Jones, the Chamber Board of Directors voted to unanimously support the individual projects included in the bond as well as the package as a whole. These investments will continue to help our local school district continue to grow and add additional services our students and community need. Public education is a pillar in every community as it supports every aspect for community growth. Without a strong public education sector, the community as a whole will be hard pressed to be successful in any area.

“The Chamber stands behind this initiative because education is THE key to success in any community,” said Nathan Reed, President/CEO of the Tahlequah Area Chamber of Commerce. “A strong education system in a community is second to none when it comes where that community is headed. A strong education system provides skills for students and creates a well-rounded and able workforce. Education is the single best way to continue to combat poverty and bring all community members up together.”

Supporting this measure means supporting the future of Tahlequah. With these funds, Tahlequah Public Schools will be able to invest directly into the pride and success of their students. Projects such as new STEM classrooms designed specifically for hands on experience, much needed renovations in all schools to continue providing an environment where student growth is at the forefront, and new security measures to ensure the safety of students at all locations. When you are proud to be a Tahlequah Tiger, you will put your best foot forward in your schoolwork. When the environment these students are in each day is one of safety and compassion, they will have a higher rate of success. Supporting the students that go to Tahlequah Public Schools should be paramount for all in this community.

After the presentation and vote of support, Superintendent Tanya Jones expressed her appreciation for the Chamber’s forward-looking support. “I would like to thank the TACC for their continual support and partnership. TPS appreciates the board recognizing and voting to support the district in the upcoming bond resolution in September. Our organizations work together to make Tahlequah a place people want to live and visit. Our partnership is of great value to TPS and this community!”

The Chamber encourages all residents to stay informed, understand the impact of this decision, and participate in the upcoming election.

For more information on the Tahlequah Public School District upcoming bond projects or vote and its impact on Tahlequah, please contact Tanya Jones, TPS Superintendent, at 918-458-4100.