

Frequently Asked Questions About the Facilities bond election

When is the referendum?

The referendum election is scheduled for November 2, 2021.

Facility Plan

Question #1 – Would authorize the district to issue school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$27,590,000 for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including but not limited to, construction to relocate 5th and 6th grade to the high school, additional high school facility improvements including performing arts addition and elementary facility improvements.

Question #2 – Would authorize the district to issue building bonds in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$6,400,000 for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including but not limited to, construction of an additional gymnasium at the high school.

Why are these improvements needed now?

- Enrollment growth
- Multiple shared spaces
- Long Term Facilities Maintenance needs
- Construction costs increase 5% annually
- Bond rates are historically low

How was the plan developed?

- Strategic Planning
- Facilities Study
- Demographic Study
- Community Survey
- Long Range Planning Process

How will it look to bring the 5th and 6th grade students out to the high school?

- a. Schedule – similar to current elementary schedule
- b. Self-contained classrooms
- c. Lunch – separate from upper classmen
- d. Recess – yes

School today

- We offer 30 college credits in our high school
- We provide intervention programs to students K – 8 (outside of special education) that didn't exist years ago
- Working to bring back more programming in our Industrial trades classes
- Additional programming adds need for additional spaces

Performing Arts Uses

- Band – classes
- Choir – classes
- High School Musical – Performances and practices

- Elementary Musical – Performances and practices
- Speech
- One Act Play
- Elementary Christmas Concert
- Elementary Spring Concert
- Prom grand march
- Spelling Bee contest
- Community Use
 - Just for Kix (performances and practices)
 - Community theater productions
 - Community speakers
 - Etc.
- Senior Awards
- Minnesota Honor Society Banquet
- Extra- curricular parent/student meetings (Fall, Winter, Spring)
- Homecoming Coronation
- Larger classes (examples: senior social, Spanish III & IV)
- And more