



Tiger Pride News and Notes
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Bond Referendum 2023: Quality Education for All

We are writing to you as members of the Stewartville School Board and proud members of the Stewartville School District.

We are seeking the approval of our voters to invest in the futures of our students through new and updated learning environments for all children in our school district.

After several months of meeting with and gathering input from community members, groups and organizations, we have listened and heard about their priorities for the education of our children. The proposed referendum is reflective of those priorities.

The questions on the ballot will provide healthy, safe environments and quality educational programming for all students attending our schools. The projects in Question 1 and Question 2 will ultimately impact every student by providing learning spaces that are designed to meet their current and future needs.

We believe the proposed questions on the ballot are the most fiscally responsible solutions for our facility issues.

- At all of our schools, we will have secure entrances, which have been identified as a priority by nearly every community member we have spoken with.
- By building a K-2 school on the district-owned property north of Bear Cave Intermediate School, the plan is aligned with the original and intended use of the land.
- The updates to the educational spaces at the Middle School and High School are necessary to prepare our students for future-ready learning.
- With a minimum investment at Bonner, we will be able to provide our early learners with a healthy and safe educational environment.
- An additional athletic court at the K-2 building will provide increased access to facilities for educational and extracurricular activities.
- The remodel of the current weight room at the Middle School into a classroom will provide the space necessary for hands-on and project-based learning.
- A new weight room and community fitness center will provide access to much-needed space for our students, athletes, and community members.

On November 7, the School District is seeking voter approval of two questions on a bond referendum. Question #1 is for the construction of a new K-2 school facility, new science classrooms at the High School, renovated science, STEM and general purpose classrooms at the Middle School and High School, secure entrances and offices at the Middle School, High School, and Bonner in the amount of \$55,670,000. Question #2 includes the construction of a second athletic court at the K-2 facility, a new community fitness center and weight room at the High School, and renovation of the weight room into a classroom at the Middle School in the amount of \$7,250,000.

It is important to note that Question 2 can only pass if Question 1 is approved.

If you have any questions about the bond referendum, please contact any School Board member and/or Mrs. Selfors, Superintendent of Schools. You can also find additional information about the bond referendum at our school district website (ssd.k12.mn.us) under the 2023 Bond Referendum tab.

Go Tigers!