



On Nov. 5, 2019, residents of the White Bear Lake Area School District will vote whether to approve bond funds to address building needs district-wide.

What's on the ballot?

A request for bond funds to support construction projects across the district to:

- Accommodate projected enrollment growth
- Provide safe, secure & healthy learning environments for all students
- Create a single unified grade 9-12 high school
- Create flexibly-designed learning spaces to support student-centered instruction

If voters approve the bond referendum request, it would address students' needs for years to come. Funds would help implement a facilities plan to support the Strategic Plan, projected enrollment growth, safety and security improvements, aging facilities and deferred maintenance needs, and the future of educational programming.

What if the request is not approved by voters?

- The projected enrollment growth would lead to overcrowded schools, higher class sizes, and insufficient space for educational and community programs.
- Critical safety, security and maintenance needs would not be addressed.
- The current split-campus high school experience would continue.
- Learning spaces would not receive updates to support student-centered instruction.

What will it cost?

If voters approve the \$326 million bond request, the tax impact on the average homeowner (\$275,000 value home) would be about \$23 per month. The tax impact is relatively low for such a comprehensive plan due to current debt that is being paid off.

Voting information

Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Nov. 5. Polling locations, absentee applications and early voting info are all available at isd624.org/Bond2019.

Learn more

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Did You Know

- The district projects **more than 2,000 new students** will enroll during the next ten years due to housing growth, which is 25% higher than current capacity. This is on top of more than 7% growth since 2010.
- The School Board unanimously approved bringing the request to voters after a nearly year-long facilities planning process that included a **90-member Facilities Planning Committee** composed of parents, staff and community members.
- The average age of district buildings is 50 years. Our oldest building is **more than 100 years old**.
- The expansion of the North Campus into a four-year comprehensive high school can be done completely on land already owned by the district, providing a **centrally located grade 9-12 high school** for all district students.

Stewardship

- The district has a **AA bond rating**, received from Standard and Poor's every year the district has applied since 2010.
- Our district has received **excellence in financial reporting awards** from both the Association of School Business Officials and Government Finance Officers Association for 19 consecutive years.
- In our latest survey, the community showed **strong support** for White Bear Lake Area Schools and a belief that "the district provides a **good value for investment**."