



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](http://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**."