

On November 5, 2019, residents of the White Bear Lake Area School District will vote whether to approve bond funds to address building needs across the district. If approved by voters, the funds would help:

- Accommodate projected enrollment growth
- Provide safe, secure and healthy learning environments for all students
- Create a new high school experience in a single, unified grades 9-12 high school
- Create flexible learning spaces to support studentcentered instruction

School districts must get voter approval for major construction projects.

The plan would address building needs across the district for enrollment growth, safety and security, deferred maintenance and the need for more flexible learning spaces.

The average homeowner (\$275,000 value home) would see an increase of \$23 per month.



SAMPLE BALLOT

SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION 1
APPROVAL OF SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND ISSUE

Shall the school board of Independent School District No. 624 (White Bear Lake Area Schools) be authorized to issue its general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$326,000,000 to provide funds for a phased program of acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including the construction and equipping of a new grades K-5 elementary school facility; the construction of various projects to accommodate projected enrollment growth districtwide; the completion of deferred maintenance projects at all school district facilities; the construction, acquisition and installation of safety and security improvements at all school district facilities; the construction of additions and renovations to current district elementary schools: the construction of additions and renovations to the high school North Campus to convert that site and facility for use as a grades 9-12 single site high school facility; the construction of renovations to the high school South Campus to convert it for use as a middle school facility; the construction of renovations to the Sunrise Park Middle School facility to convert it for uses to include a senior citizen center, an early childhood center, the Transition Education Center and the District office; and the construction of renovations to the current District Center building to allow for expansion of the Central Middle School facility?

◯ YES

○NO

BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

Because the district is paying off old debt, the tax increase for this comprehensive plan is only \$23 per month for the average homeowner.

For the first time in decades, the district would return to a single high school for grades 9-12, unifying the district at a central location.

Because the entire district is growing due to home construction and housing turnover, the plan includes adding space for more students at all levels from early childhood through high school.

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