

# 10 REASONS

## DISTRICT 196 IS HOLDING A BOND REFERENDUM



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### REVIEW SHOWS NEEDS

A district committee reviewed facilities/equipment and developed a plan to address current and future needs in three main areas: safety & security, space for learning, and providing a consistent experience across the district.

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### MAINTAIN SAFETY & SECURITY STANDARDS

The district security camera system and some fire alarm systems are at end of life, parking lots lack adequate lighting, and continued investments are needed at every school to maintain safety and security standards.

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### OVERCROWDED SCHOOLS

One-third of District 196 schools and learning centers (12 of 35) have enrollments that exceed building capacity, resulting in crowded hallways and classrooms, and a lack of cafeteria and gym space.

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### 1,000 MORE STUDENTS COMING

District 196 enrollment is projected to grow by as many as 1,000 students by 2030 and there is not currently space for them.



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### GROWTH IN CENTER-BASED SPECIAL EDUCATION

These programs serve students with more significant needs and require more space per student. Enrollment in District 196 center-based programs has grown by more than 50% over the last 10 years.

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### AGING FACILITIES

District 196 schools average 35 years old. The newest school, East Lake Elementary, opened in 2017. The oldest school, Rosemount Middle, opened in 1953 and was built to connect to the district's original 1918 school building that is still being used.

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### INCONSISTENT STUDENT EXPERIENCES

Schools were designed and equipped differently based on when they were built. For example, some schools lack adequate science space, requiring students to conduct experiments in regular classrooms without sinks or proper lab tables.

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### SUPPORTING OUR TRIPLE-A PHILOSOPHY

This whole-child approach focuses on providing students opportunities in academics, arts and athletics, and encourages students to participate in after-school activities due to the connection to success in school.

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### SURVEY RESULTS AND PUBLIC INPUT

76% of respondents to a survey last fall supported improvements proposed to meet the district's facilities and equipment needs. A second ballot question on activity centers was added based on input received at meetings and online.

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### IT'S OUR CHOICE

Local taxpayers are responsible for funding construction of new schools and facility improvements, through bond referendum elections that give voters the choice. Be informed and vote early by absentee ballot or on Election Day Tuesday, May 9, 2023.



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# BUILDING OUR FUTURE

## INVESTING IN SCHOOLS & COMMUNITY

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### WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

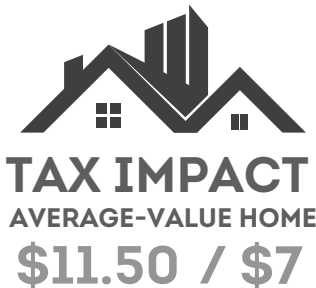
#### Question 1 Improvements

- Safety and security improvements at every school
- New elementary school to relieve overcrowding and for growth
- New Rosemount Middle School built at a different site to provide a more consistent experience and for growth
- Repurpose existing Rosemount Middle School
- Land purchase for middle school and future use
- Complete renovation of Rosemount High School
- Additional science labs and renovate labs to district standard
- Addition to Dakota Ridge School for overcrowding and growth
- Performance space improvements at some secondary schools
- Furniture replacement for flexible learning environments
- Addition to Scott Highlands Middle School to relieve overcrowding and for growth

#### Question 2 Improvements

- Addition of activity center space at each comprehensive high school (Apple Valley, Eagan, Eastview and Rosemount)

### COST & TAX IMPACT



#### Improvements proposed in a two-question bond referendum:

**Question 1** improvements would cost an estimated \$374 million, at a tax impact of \$11.50 per month on the average-value home in District 196 (\$400,000).

**Question 2** improvements would cost an additional \$119 million, at a tax impact of \$7 per month on the average-value home.

*Question 2 can pass only if Question 1 passes.*

### VOTING INFORMATION

- Absentee voting begins March 24  
([District196.org/bond](https://District196.org/bond) for ballot application)
- Early in-person voting available May 2-8
- Polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on May 9, 2023

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### Q: What if the bond questions do not pass?

A: Overcrowding and inconsistent experiences would continue, there would be no space for growth, and safety and security needs would remain. There would be another round of community discussions about how to address these needs in a revised proposal.

#### Q: What is an activity center?

A: A large, multi-court/station space often ringed by an elevated walking track, with high ceilings to support a variety of activities, including phy ed classes during the day, after-school co-curricular activities and clubs, and use by community groups.

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