

# MANKATO AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## School Facilities Bond Vote

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Since 2017, the District has been studying the long-range facility needs at all buildings. Task forces composed of community members, parents and staff identified challenges and explored possible solutions. These projects were presented to the community through three community surveys, all of which showed significant support for investing in future-focused facilities. As a result, **the Mankato Area Public Schools (MAPS) School Board unanimously approved moving forward with a bond referendum.**

**On November 7, voters in our community will decide on two referenda questions to update and improve school facilities for today's students, staff, community, families, as well as the next generation of learners.**



### QUESTION 1

\$105 MILLION



#### SAFETY + SECURITY

- Ensure secure, accessible and welcoming entrances at all District schools.
- Enhance technology infrastructure to improve security and strengthen cybersecurity protection.



#### EARLY LEARNING ACCESS

- Complete classroom and support space renovations at MAPS Center for Learning for comprehensive birth to preschool programming.
- Expand early learning spaces to include preschool classrooms and birth to school age all-day child care at Eagle Lake Elementary.



#### LEARNING + WELLNESS SPACES

- Update and expand academic, fine arts and athletic spaces at Mankato West High School.
- Re-purpose elementary spaces into special education classrooms and student support spaces.
- Convert the decommissioned 1950's Mankato West High School pool area into multi-purpose, flexible learning spaces for students.
- Build a competition and community use pool at Dakota Meadows Middle School.

If the community supports Question 1, the project could be further expanded through support of Question 2.

### QUESTION 2

\$15 MILLION



#### OUTDOOR ACTIVITY SPACES

- Update and expand co-curricular stadiums at Mankato East and West High Schools for school, youth recreation and community use.

HAVE QUESTIONS?  
WANT TO LEARN MORE?

## COMMUNITY

Informational Meetings

▶ **Tuesday, September 19, 2023**

**6:00–7:30 p.m.**

Mankato West  
High School Auditorium  
1351 South Riverfront Drive  
Mankato, MN 56001

▶ **Thursday, October 5, 2023**

**12:00–1:00 p.m.**

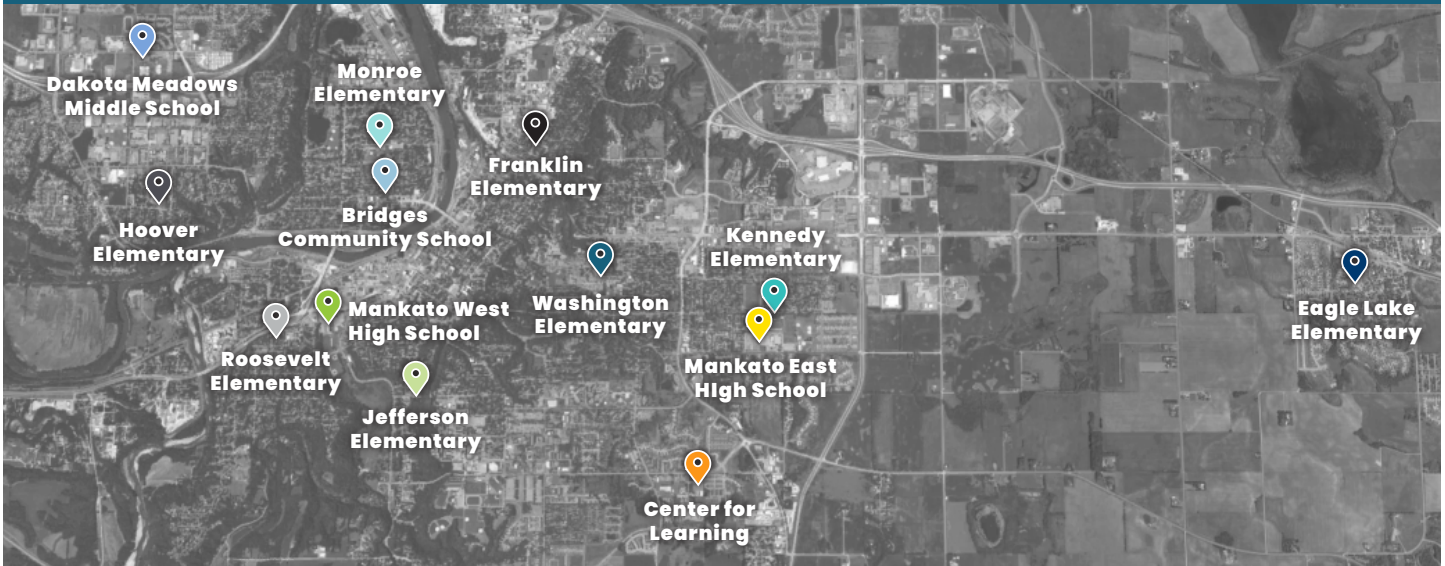
Virtual Meeting  
Link can be found at  
[www.isd77.org/vote2023](http://www.isd77.org/vote2023)

▶ **Thursday, October 26, 2023**

**6:00–7:30 p.m.**

Mankato East  
High School Auditorium  
2600 Hoffman Road  
Mankato, MN 56001

# MANKATO AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS PROPOSED REFERENDUM PROJECTS



The updates and improvements the referendum will fund address identified needs across the District. The projects include:

## ● BRIDGES COMMUNITY SCHOOL

- New secure entrance
- Renovate space for special education classroom

## ● WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY

- Secure entrance
- Renovate space for student support services (counselor, social worker, psychologist)

## ● ROOSEVELT ELEMENTARY

- Secure entrance
- Kindergarten classroom addition
- Storm shelter addition

## ● HOOVER ELEMENTARY

- Secure entrance
- Renovate space for special education classrooms

## ● EAGLE LAKE ELEMENTARY

- Renovate space for childcare and early childhood education programs

## ● DAKOTA MEADOWS MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Secure entrance
- Renovate space for special education classrooms
- Renovate space for student support services
- Storm shelter addition
- Build a competitive and community pool with spectator seating and locker rooms

## ● FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY

- Secure entrance

## ● MANKATO WEST HIGH SCHOOL

- Update and expand academic classrooms and flexible learning spaces
- Secure entrance
- Build a 3-station gym, multi-purpose/wrestling room, locker rooms and classrooms
- Renovate existing gym into fine arts suite for band, choir and orchestra
- Update and expand the co-curricular stadium (*Question 2*)

## ● JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY

- Secure entrance

## ● KENNEDY ELEMENTARY

- Secure entrance
- Renovate space for special education classrooms

## ● MONROE ELEMENTARY

- Secure entrance

## ● CENTER FOR LEARNING

- Renovate space for preschool classrooms, special education classrooms and before/after school childcare
- Create a prep kitchen to serve multiple schools
- Renovate space for print services and maintenance
- Create physical education and recreation spaces for school and community use

## ● MANKATO EAST HIGH SCHOOL

- Update and expand the co-curricular stadium (*Question 2*)

Committed to working together equitably, with families and communities, so that each learner has the knowledge and skills to be a successful and contributing citizen in a diverse global society.

## WHAT WILL THE BOND COST ME?

The tables below show the tax impacts for the two bond questions on various types and values of properties.

### QUESTION 1

Shall the board of Independent School District No. 77 (Mankato Area Public Schools), Minnesota be authorized to issue general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$105,000,000 for acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities including, but not limited to, safety and security improvements at buildings districtwide, improvements to support early childhood learning, a swimming pool addition in the west attendance area, and improvements to Mankato West High School?

\$105 MILLION BOND			
TYPE OF PROPERTY	ESTIMATED MARKET VALUE	ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT	
		ANNUAL	MONTHLY
Residential Homestead	\$100,000	\$37	\$3.06
	\$150,000	\$65	\$5.39
	\$200,000	\$93	\$7.71
	\$250,000	\$120	\$10.03
	\$300,000	\$148	\$12.36
	\$400,000	\$204	\$17.01
	\$500,000	\$256	\$21.32
Commercial/Industrial	\$250,000	\$217	\$18.12
	\$500,000	\$473	\$39.45
	\$750,000	\$729	\$60.77
	\$1,000,000	\$985	\$82.10
Agricultural Homestead* Average value per acre of land and buildings	\$5,000	\$0.38	\$0.03
	\$7,000	\$0.54	\$0.04
	\$9,000	\$0.69	\$0.06
Agricultural Non-Homestead Average value per acre of land and buildings	\$5,000	\$0.77	\$0.06
	\$7,000	\$1.07	\$0.09
	\$9,000	\$1.38	\$0.12

### QUESTION 2

If School District Question 1 is approved, shall the board of Independent School District No. 77 (Mankato Area Public Schools), Minnesota be authorized to issue general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$15,000,000 for acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities including, but not limited to, stadium facility improvements at Mankato East High School and Mankato West High School?

\$15 MILLION BOND			
TYPE OF PROPERTY	ESTIMATED MARKET VALUE	ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT	
		ANNUAL	MONTHLY
Residential Homestead	\$100,000	\$9	\$0.75
	\$150,000	\$16	\$1.33
	\$200,000	\$24	\$2
	\$250,000	\$31	\$2.58
	\$300,000	\$38	\$3.17
	\$400,000	\$52	\$4.33
	\$500,000	\$65	\$5.42
Commercial/Industrial	\$250,000	\$55	\$4.58
	\$500,000	\$120	\$10
	\$750,000	\$186	\$15.50
	\$1,000,000	\$251	\$20.92
Agricultural Homestead* Average value per acre of land and buildings	\$5,000	\$0.10	\$0.01
	\$7,000	\$0.14	\$0.01
	\$9,000	\$0.18	\$0.02
Agricultural Non-Homestead Average value per acre of land and buildings	\$5,000	\$0.20	\$0.02
	\$7,000	\$0.27	\$0.02
	\$9,000	\$0.35	\$0.03

\*For all agricultural property, estimated tax impacts include a 70% reduction due to the School Building Bond Agricultural Credit. Under current law, the School Building Agricultural Credit will remain at this level. Average value per acre is the total estimated market value of all land and buildings divided by total acres. If the property includes a home, then the tax impact on the house, garage and one acre of land will be calculated in addition to the taxes per acre, on the same basis as a residential homestead or non-homestead property. If the same property owner owns more than approximately \$2.15 million of agricultural homestead land and buildings, a portion of the property will be taxed at the higher non-homestead rate.



Visit the referendum tax calculator to determine your tax change:  
[tinyurl.com/2bxe8mwj](https://tinyurl.com/2bxe8mwj)

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10 Civic Center Plaza  
Mankato, MN 56001

## WHERE TO VOTE

on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 from 7:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

### POLLING PLACE A

#### Hillside Church

502 South Victory Drive, Mankato, MN 56001  
City of Mankato, Ward 1, Precincts 1 and 3; City of Mankato, Ward 5, Precincts 8 and 9; and Decoria and Mankato Township (P1, P2, P3 and P4)

### POLLING PLACE B

#### Hosanna Lutheran Church

105 Hosanna Drive, Mankato, MN 56001  
City of Mankato, Ward 1, Precinct 2; City of Mankato, Ward 2, Precincts 4, 5 and 6; Lime Township; and Kasota Township

### POLLING PLACE C

#### Bethel Baptist Church

1250 Monks Avenue, Mankato, MN 56001  
City of Mankato, Ward 3, Precincts 11, 12 and 13; City of Mankato, Ward 4, Precinct 15; City of Mankato, Ward 5, Precinct 10; and Rapidan Township

### POLLING PLACE D

#### Saint Joseph the Worker Church

423 West 7th Street, Mankato, MN 56001  
City of Mankato, Ward 2, Precinct 7; City of Mankato, Ward 4, Precincts 14, 16, and 17; City of Skyline; Judson (P1) and South Bend Townships; and Blue Earth County North Mankato Mail Ballot

### POLLING PLACE E

#### Eagle Lake City Hall

705 Parkway Avenue, Eagle Lake, MN 56024  
City of Eagle Lake and LeRay Township

### POLLING PLACE F

#### Madison Lake Community Center

525 Main Street, Madison Lake, MN 56063  
City of Madison Lake and Jamestown Township

### POLLING PLACE G

#### Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

304 Monroe Avenue, North Mankato, MN 56003  
City of North Mankato Precincts 1 and 2;  
Nicollet County Mankato Mail Ballot

### POLLING PLACE H

#### River Ridge Evangelical Free Church

354 Carol Court, North Mankato, MN 56003  
City of North Mankato Precincts 3 and 4

### POLLING PLACE I

#### North Mankato Fire Station 2

1825 Howard Drive, North Mankato, MN 56003  
City of North Mankato Precinct 5, 6 and 7; and Belgrade, Nicollet and Oshawa Townships



Find your polling place at  
[www.mnvotes.org](http://www.mnvotes.org)

## VOTING EARLY BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

Friday, September 22–Monday, November 6

### ALL DISTRICT VOTERS

#### Blue Earth County Historic Courthouse

204 South 5th Street, Mankato, MN 56001

Weekdays: 8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Special Extended Hours:

- Saturday, November 4, 2023 | 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
- Monday, November 6, 2023 | 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

You don't have to wait for Election Day - vote from home.  
Go to [www.mnvotes.org](http://www.mnvotes.org) to request an absentee ballot.



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or visit the website link below to learn more!  
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