



Bond 2023: Room To Grow

With approximately 1,000 new students projected to join the district over the next 10 years, voters will be asked on November 7 to consider a bond request for new and expanded facilities. If approved, the bond funding would do 3 things:

1 Provide more learning spaces for our growing enrollment

The bond would provide funds to make room for about 600 new students at the elementary level and for 300 new students at Oak-Land Middle School.

- Lake Elmo is the fastest growing city in the state.
- Lake Elmo, Andersen and Afton-Lakeland elementary schools and Oak-Land Middle School are already at or near capacity and projected to be significantly over capacity in the next 5-10 years.



2 Replace 100+ year old facilities

The bond would provide funds to replace our oldest buildings - Andersen Elementary and Lake Elmo Elementary - with new, modern facilities.

- Andersen Elementary was built in 1919 and Lake Elmo was built in 1920. They are among the top 100 oldest school buildings in the state.
- Older buildings have deferred maintenance needs; ADA compliance issues.
- Traditional-style buildings are out-dated and don't meet the needs of today's learners. They lack things like large or small group learning spaces and rooms for music, art and media.

3 Improve safety and security

The bond would provide funds to add additional security features like emergency strobes and security glazing in school buildings, as well as remodel the front entryway at Stillwater Area High School.

- Our last major investment in building security occurred in 2013 with proceeds from a levy referendum.

Impact on Property Taxes

The bond request would cost approximately \$16 per month for taxpayers with a median priced home of \$500,000.

The bond request is based on the recommendations of a community facilities planning team, along with feedback gathered during several community meetings and two district-wide surveys. The request will include the following projects:



Replacing Lake Elmo Elementary within the city of Lake Elmo

- Increased capacity to address future growth within the community
- Room to expand enrollment in the Amigo Unidos Spanish Immersion program
- Full American Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility
- Designated spaces for music, media, art and special education
- Larger gymnasium, cafeteria and other community/gathering spaces
- Flexible learning spaces and modern learning environments
- Larger campus with more playing fields and green space, and safer traffic flow



Replacing Andersen Elementary, preferably in Bayport

- Increased capacity to address growth, as well as relieve pressure at Afton-Lakeland Elementary
- Flexible learning spaces and modern learning environments
- Designated spaces for music, media, art and special education
- Larger gymnasium, cafeteria and other community/gathering spaces
- Larger campus with access to playing fields and green space, and safer traffic flow



Construction of additional classroom spaces and a new gymnasium at Oak-Land Middle School

- Increased capacity to address future growth
- Larger gymnasium and adequately-sized media center
- Better circulation with larger hallways
- New commons area in the center of the building



Safety and security improvements throughout district facilities, including a secured front entrance addition and remodel at Stillwater Area High School

- Add security strobe lights in all buildings for high noise areas and outdoor spaces to alert staff and students of an emergency
- Add security glazing on windows at key points for schools that don't already have this
- Remodel the front entryway at Stillwater Area High School for better visibility, increased security, and improved traffic flow

New learning spaces for Fall 2026

With approval of the bond, facility improvements would be completed by Fall 2026. That means today's kindergarten students would begin 3rd grade in the new elementary schools.



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