

On Nov. 7, voters will be asked to consider two ballot questions that will advance the Westonka Edge—our small school advantages and big school opportunities. Voters will also elect four school board members.

Question 1 is a request to renew an existing capital projects levy that provides a strong technology system and access to up-to-date curriculum. Renewing this levy will not result in a new tax increase.

Question 2 asks voters to consider a new \$93.4 million facilities investment to support safety and security, deferred maintenance, and a high school redesign.

Question 1

CAPITAL PROJECTS LEVY RENEWAL

Renewing the capital projects levy will support student learning and effective operations for another 10 years without creating a new tax increase.

The levy pays for:

- Device replacement; classroom and building technology.
- Technology to enhance safety and security.
- Digital and print curriculum; testing.
- Technology infrastructure, network improvements, and staff support.

Question 2

FACILITIES BOND REFERENDUM

Our students and community deserve school buildings that are safe and more secure.

The facilities bond will:

- Ensure that all buildings have secure entrances by addressing the middle school and high school entrances.
- Implement centralized lockdown capacity at all schools.
- Strengthen control over building access at all schools.
- Add hardened glass and door alerts at all schools.

District facilities are 50-70 years old and require maintenance to core mechanical systems, equipment, and fixtures to serve the next generation.

Selected projects from the districtwide plan include:

- Replace piping for sewer and water at every school.
- Replace boilers; replace or add air handling units.
- Upgrade electrical systems.
- Address maintenance needs of high school track and remove 1980s tennis courts for parking.

Redesigning the high school will improve building security, enhance learning spaces, expand vocational options, and build community pride.

The redesign will:

- Renovate the entire building except for recently updated spaces.
- Add machining, nursing/emergency response, and carpentry programs.
- Enlarge undersized general ed and special ed classrooms, cafeteria and weight training area.
- Improve mental health and student services by consolidating into a more private area.
- Install new tennis courts with parking; add a synthetic turf field; create a stadium around the track; reconstruct Field 10.



What happens if... QUESTION 1 AND QUESTION 2 FAIL?

If Question 1 (capital projects levy renewal) fails:

- Device replacement will be delayed or phased out.
- Infrastructure will not keep up with changing technologies.
- Teachers will spend more time troubleshooting and less time teaching.
- Funds for smaller class sizes and student support will compete with maintaining a minimal technology system.

If Question 2 (facilities bond referendum) fails:

- Secured entrances and other safety and security improvements will not be implemented.
- Core mechanical systems, equipment, and fixtures will not be replaced.
- At Mound Westonka High School,
 - the building will not be renovated and educational spaces will remain undersized.
 - vocational options will not be expanded.
 - mental health, student services and activities spaces will not be improved.

Tax Impact QUESTION 1 AND QUESTION 2

There is a 25-year payment period for the facilities bond referendum (Question 2).

Home Est. Market Value	Question 1	Question 2	
	Per Year	Per Month	Per Year
\$300,000	\$0	\$10.67	\$128
\$400,000	\$0	\$14.67	\$176
\$500,000	\$0	\$18.33	\$220
\$600,000	\$0	\$22.92	\$275
\$750,000	\$0	\$29.83	\$358
\$1,000,000	\$0	\$41.33	\$496

Source: Ehlers, Inc. More tax impact information, including a tax calculator, is available on the district website at westonka.k12.mn.us/election2023.



More to Explore

Visit westonka.k12.mn.us/election2023 for a more detailed look into Question 1, Question 2 and the school board election, as well as voting information.



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