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School District of Washburn Voters Approve Referendum Question
Area residents vote to support building updates to the Middle/High School

Washburn, WI—On November 5, voters in the School District of Washburn voted to support a \$14.43 million capital referendum, aimed to maintain and upgrade building systems and to enhance accessibility and security at the Middle/High School building. These building improvements will not only meet immediate capital needs but also contribute to a healthier, more sustainable environment for our students and staff.

Preliminary results indicated 67% of voters did support the facilities referendum question, while 33% were not in favor.

The School District of Washburn extends its overwhelming gratitude to all community members who participated in the recent referendum and ultimately supported critical capital maintenance and security needs of the school. We greatly respect the community's unwavering support of the School District of Washburn and their dedication to lifting up our students.

The essential needs outlined in the referendum, upgrading critical building systems and improving security and accessibility, will impact all students and staff within the Middle/High school building and for future Castle Guards.

Next, the design phase will begin, continuing for approximately nine months and involving ongoing conversations with staff, student groups and community members to ensure the project goals are aligned. Construction is expected to begin in spring 2026, with a thoughtful phasing plan allowing the district to minimize classroom disruption, maintain educational focus, and elevate the needs of students and staff.

Learn More:

Referendum information, including proposed project plans, can be found on the School District of Washburn's website <https://www.washburn.k12.wi.us>

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