



AUSTIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Facility Bond Referendum

» Tuesday, November 3 «

Since 2023, the District has been studying the long-range facility needs at all schools. Facility experts, architects, and engineers completed an extensive facility assessment to understand the state of all building systems, infrastructure, finishes, and educational needs. The District has reviewed the findings and identified the most critical projects to ensure safe and effective learning environments.

On November 3, voters in our community will be asked to consider a \$24.9 million bond referendum to allow the District to complete the highest priority projects. The projects will:



IMPROVE SAFETY

- » Renovate entrances at identified schools to better welcome and monitor visitors
- » Parking and sidewalk updates
- » Add railings and guardrails



ADDRESS FAILING MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

- » Replace outdated and failing switches, control panels, and transformers
- » Replace mechanical systems and failing pipes



INCREASE ACCESSIBILITY

- » Replace inaccessible water fountains
- » Renovate restrooms
- » Update door hardware
- » Address site challenges with elevation changes



UPDATE AGING AND FAILING FINISHES

- » Replace flooring, ceilings, and casework
- » Paint classrooms
- » Replace doors and windows



STOP WATER INFILTRATION

- » Tuckpointing
- » Masonry repair
- » Roof drainage



UPDATE ELLIS POOL

- » Replace pool mechanical system
- » Repair pool floor, walls, and finishes
- » Renovate diving well to meet code requirements

COMMUNITY INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

Have Questions? Want to Learn More?

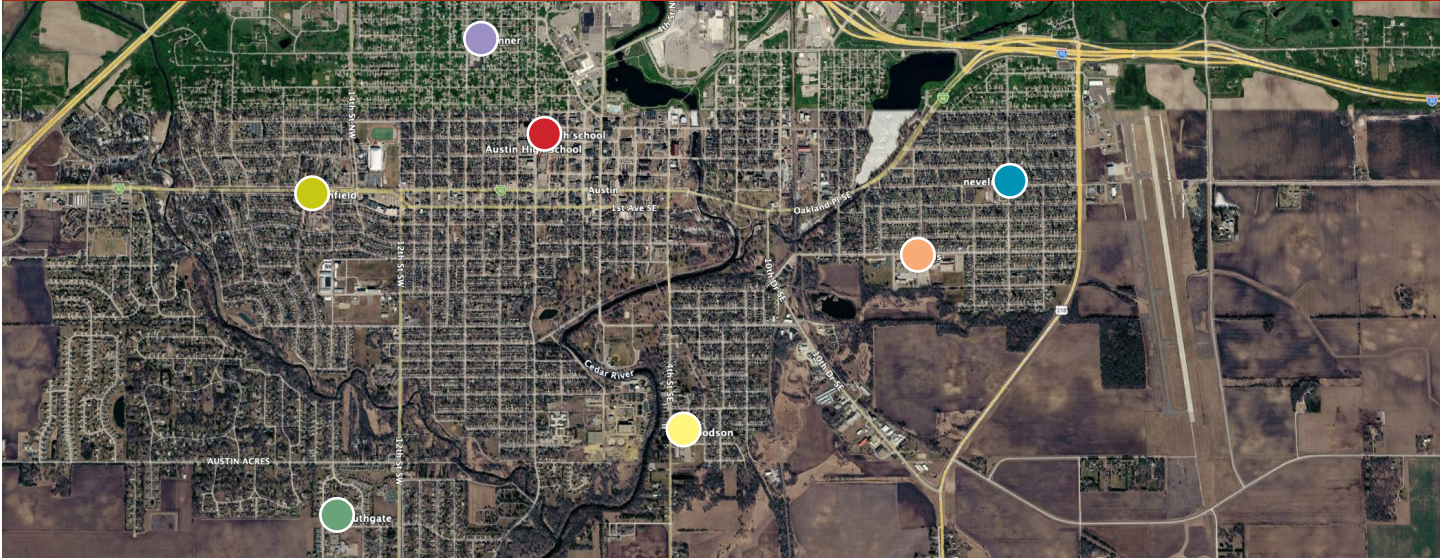
Austin High School Annex Recital Hall – 205 4th Street N.W.

- » Wednesday, September 23 | 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.
- » Thursday, September 24 | 12:30 P.M. to 1:30 P.M.
- » Thursday, October 1 | 5:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.



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AUSTIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS PROPOSED REFERENDUM PROJECTS



WOODSON EDUCATION CENTER

- Repair building exterior and tuckpointing
- Electrical system & mechanical updates and replacement
- Renovate restrooms to meet ADA requirements
- Replace interior doors that are failing

BANFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Repair building exterior, tuckpointing, windowsills
- Update interior finishes (paint, ceilings, flooring, casework)
- Replace electrical system panelboard
- Renovate restrooms and water fountains to meet ADA requirements

NEVELN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Create secure main entrance to better welcome and regulate visitors
- Repair building exterior, tuckpointing, windowsills
- Replace lockers and interior doors that are failing
- Update classrooms
- Replace domestic water piping
- Update electrical system
- Replace water fountains to meet accessibility requirements

SOUTHGATE ELEMENTARY

- Repair building exterior, tuckpointing, windowsills
- Update storage building
- Replace exterior and interior doors that are failing
- Update electrical system
- Replace classroom and hallway ceilings
- Renovate restrooms to meet ADA requirements

SUMNER ELEMENTARY

- Create secure main entrance to better welcome and regulate visitors
- Add elevator to ensure accessibility to all spaces
- Replace interior doors that are failing
- Update classroom and cafeteria ceilings and casework
- Replace water fountains to meet accessibility requirements

ELLIS MIDDLE SCHOOL + POOL

- Repair parking lots and sidewalks
- Repair building exterior, tuckpointing, roof sections, doors
- Update theater finishes (flooring, walls)
- Update electrical system
- Replace pool mechanical system
- Update pool flooring, walls, ceiling

AUSTIN HIGH SCHOOL + ANNEX

- Repair building exterior, tuckpointing, skylights, windows
- Replace interior doors
- Update interior finishes (paint, ceilings, flooring, casework)
- Update electrical and mechanical systems
- Replace water heaters
- Address ADA code requirements (restrooms, water fountains, doors, railings)
- Renovate locker rooms

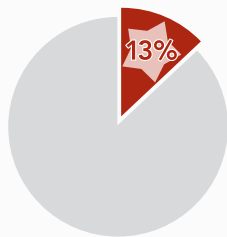
VOTE

WHAT IS ON THE BALLOT?

Shall the board of Independent School District No. 492 (Austin), Minnesota be authorized to issue general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$24,900,000 for acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including but not limited to safety, security, and accessibility improvements, building capital maintenance and infrastructure, classroom improvements and renovation, and pool improvements and renovations?

WHAT WILL THE BOND COST ME?

PROPERTY TYPE	ESTIMATED MARKET VALUE	ESTIMATED ANNUAL TAX INCREASE	ESTIMATED MONTHLY TAX INCREASE
Residential Homestead	\$100,000	\$28	\$2.33
	\$150,000	\$52	\$4.33
	\$200,000	\$75	\$6.25
	\$250,000	\$99	\$8.25
	\$300,000	\$123	\$10.25
Commercial/Industrial	\$400,000	\$171	\$14.25
	\$250,000	\$187	\$15.58
	\$500,000	\$407	\$33.92
	\$750,000	\$627	\$52.25
Agricultural Homestead (average value per acre)	\$1,000,000	\$847	\$70.60
	\$9,000	\$0.59	\$0.05
	\$10,000	\$0.66	\$0.05
	\$11,000	\$0.73	\$0.06
	\$12,000	\$0.79	\$0.07



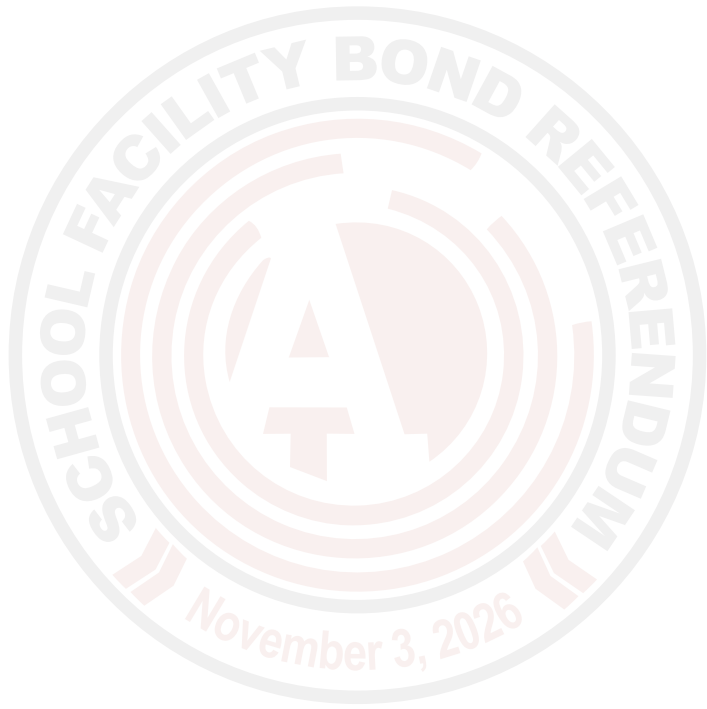
AG2SCHOOL TAX CREDIT

If the referendum question is approved, over 13% of the bond total principal and interest will be covered by the State of Minnesota’s Ag2School Tax Credit.

BOARD AUTHORIZED PROJECTS

In May the school board authorized \$18.9 million in bonds to support critical indoor air quality and parking lot abatement projects in seven schools throughout the district. These projects will improve accessibility, repair parking lots and update heating and ventilation systems. These projects are separate from the projects identified in this referendum.

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EARLY VOTING STARTS SEPTEMBER 18!



3 of the 5,160 Reasons Why Our School Facilities Are Important!

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