

e-News

An electronic newsletter from ISD #200—Hastings Public Schools



The Hastings School District is placing two questions before the voters on the 7th of November. For the next two months we will use e-News as source of communication to help educate our parents and the voting public about the proposed questions.

How did we get here?

In May, members of a community Facility Task Force comprised of 19 individuals who met bi-weekly over the winter months, brought forth a recommendation for the school board to move forward with asking voters to approve \$49.5 million dollars in building reinvestments.

In July, School Board Members unanimously approved the proposed reinvestment plan and the plan was then approved by the Minnesota Department of Education.

What does the reinvestment look like?

- Middle School HVAC
- District Wide Roofs
- High School Parking Lot
- McAuliffe Parking Lot
- Technology
- Security Improvements
- Middle School Gym
- Flexible Learning Spaces
- Todd Field Improvements



Who

is the Community Task Force?

Deb Carlson	Dave Pemble
Paul Dotson	Todd Pottinger
Colleen Fritsch	Sadie Reiners
Sonia Krech-Jacobsen	Renee Seifert
Jaci Hansey	Kari Storkamp
Ken Lacroix	Steve Strauss
Susie Lau	Michelle Tjomsland
Mary Murphy	Bob Verchota
Dave Olson	John Viktora-Croke
	Dave Zwart

Where are there other Bond Referendums for the fall of 2017?

South Wash	\$ TBD
Moundsview	\$164.8 Million
Roseville	\$145 Million
Northfield	\$109 Million
Richfield	\$ 90 Million
West St. Paul	\$ 90 Million
Faribault	\$ 86.6 Million
Winona	\$ 82.4 Million
Hastings	\$ 49.5 Million

Why would there be a ZERO Tax Impact to Voters?

The high school loan (bond) will be fully paid in 2021. If the 2017 bond receives voter approval, we will pay interest only on the \$49.5 million dollars until 2021. Then in 2021, we will begin to use tax dollars, which were previously being used to pay for the "New High School", to pay off the \$49.5 million loan (bond).

When can I find out more about the bond and ask questions?

Four public meetings have been scheduled:

Wednesday, September 20th
5:00 PM in the MS Auditorium
7:30 PM at Vermillion City Hall

Wednesday, October 25th
5:00 PM in the MS Auditorium
7:30 PM at Hampton City Hall