



# SUCCESSFUL REFERENDUMS

Over **\$1.3 billion** since 2017

**Brainerd Public Schools**

\$205 million — April 2018

**Richfield Public Schools**

\$119.3 million — November 2017

**West St. Paul Schools**

\$117 million — May 2018

**ISD 15 (St. Francis)**

\$80.06 million — November 2017

**ISD 318 (Grand Rapids)**

\$68.9 million — April 2018

**Mora Public Schools**

\$61.9 million — May 2020

**Park Rapids Area Schools**

\$51.65 million — November 2021

**Nashwauk-Keewatin Public Schools**

\$47.7 million — February 2022

**ISD 518 (Worthington)**

\$47.7 million — November 2019

**Becker Public Schools**

\$44.3 million — November 2021

**Lake Superior Schools**

\$44.1 million — November 2021

**MACCRAY Public Schools**

\$39.515 million — November 2019

**Sauk Rapids-Rice Schools**

\$37.1 million — November 2019

**Litchfield Public Schools**

\$33.1 million — November 2019

**Marshall Public Schools**

\$29.8 million — May 2019

**Hutchinson Public Schools**

\$28.8 million — November 2019

**Watertown-Mayer Public Schools**

\$25.375 million — November 2019

**Albert Lea Area Schools**

\$24.615 million — May 2018

**Luverne Public Schools**

\$23.2 million — November 2017

**Lake Park Audubon Schools**

\$22.96 million — November 2021

**Dawson-Boyd Public Schools**

\$22.7 million — February 2019

**BBE Public Schools**

\$19.945 million — November 2019

**ACGC Public Schools**

\$15.5 million — November 2018

**Brandon-Evansville Public Schools**

\$14.5 million — November 2021

**Red Lake County Central Schools**

\$14.12 million — February 2022

**Menahga Public Schools**

\$14 million — November 2017

**ISD 601 (Fosston)**

\$11.195 million — November 2018

**Holdingford Public Schools**

\$11.14 million — November 2018

**Hinckley-Finlayson Schools**

\$10 million — November 2017



## Red Lake Falls Public Schools

\$8.4 million — November 2019

## Hancock Public Schools

\$7.8 million — November 2018

## WOWE Public Schools

\$7.74 million — November 2019

## Cochrane-Fountain City Schools

\$7 million — November 2017

## Wadena-Deer Creek Schools

\$5.3 million — November 2017

## Hill City School

\$4 million — May 2017

## Frazee-Vergas Public Schools

\$3.47 million — November 2018

## Mora Public Schools

\$3 million — November 2017

## Clearbrook-Gonvick Schools

\$1.845 million — November 2018

## Wheaton Area School District

\$1.2 million — November 2020

Our team assists in all aspects of pre-referendum communications including logos, websites, flyers, mailers, social media, presentations, videos, newspaper articles, and more.



Reach out to our team today at [ics-builds.com](https://www.ics-builds.com).



### FAST FACTS

On Tuesday, November 2, District residents will vote on a two-question bond referendum to make improvements to our schools. Visit [BulldogStrong.com](https://www.bulldogstrong.com) for more information.

#### WHAT WE'VE LEARNED SINCE MAY

This past May, District voters rejected a bond referendum by only 9 votes (50% YES / 50% NO). With just over 1000 votes total, this was one of the closest voter turnouts in the District.

Based on these facts, the School Board believes that our communities understand our District's needs and that they should be given another opportunity to consider a refund plan to meet those needs.

#### WE'VE LISTENED AND REFINED OUR PLAN

- This plan keeps our grade configuration the same as it is now. Instead of moving grades 2, we are adding space to the Primary School and leaving our youngest learners under one roof.
- This plan provides flexibility while remaining sensitive to the tax tolerance of our communities. Question 1 of the plan addresses our most critical needs while remaining a net-zero tax impact above the current tax rate — something our communities have told us is important.
- This plan gives our communities the option to invest in other district-related improvements.

#### THE NEED

- Improve safety and infrastructure
- Improve spaces for Career and Technical Education (CTE) and other educational spaces
- Provide more space for our students across all grade levels
- Address other District-related needs

To view a full list of our district's needs, visit [BulldogStrong.com](https://www.BulldogStrong.com).

### Nashauk-Keewatin School District

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#### CHECK IT OUT!

What is YOUR estimated tax increase if the proposed referendum passes?

The information below is for Parcel ID #XX-XXXX-XX and has an estimated market value of \$XXXXXX.

The property tax increase shown below is provided assuming NK's collaboration with other area school districts satisfy the criteria to secure an \$18 million IRAR grant.\*

If Q1 is approved:	If Q1 + Q2 are approved:
\$XXX per month	\$XXX per month

If the criteria for the IRAR grant is not met by August 2022, then the property tax increases will be \$XXX per month if Q1 is approved, and \$XXX per month if both Q1 and Q2 are approved.

The calculations above use preliminary pay 2022 valuation information provided by Itasca County. These estimates do not take into account future potential tax base changes. The estimated tax impact for your specific parcel(s), if the proposed referendum passes, can also be viewed at [AnchorOurFuture.org](https://www.AnchorOurFuture.org). These estimates were prepared based on individual parcel identification numbers received from Itasca County in collaboration with the district's underwriter, DLR, DLR, Co. Taxpayers will receive individual postcards for each parcel owned.

**Vote on or before February 8!**  
**VOTE EARLY:** Vote early now until Feb. 7. Absentee ballot applications are available by emailing [elections@itasca.mn.us](mailto:elections@itasca.mn.us) or by calling 218-327-2849.

You can vote early in person at the Itasca County Courthouse, Auditor/Treasurer's Office (123 NE 4th Street, Grand Rapids) on weekdays from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. There will also be special early voting hours on Feb. 9 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Feb. 7 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**VOTE ON ELECTION DAY:** Feb. 8, 2022 from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
 Visit [NKSpartanStrong.org/vote](https://www.NKSpartanStrong.org/vote) to find your polling location.

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### THE PLAN

TWO QUESTIONS, \$51.4 MILLION  
 The school board proposes a two-question plan that seeks to address our needs, bolster education for future generations of students, and improve the bonds between our communities.

#### Q1

Question one would invest approximately \$44.7 million for expanded educational spaces and upgrades to critical infrastructure primarily at William Kelley School and Minnehaha Elementary as well as updates at Two Harbors High School.

Full-sized conceptual drawings are available at [AnchorOurFuture.org/plan](https://www.AnchorOurFuture.org/plan).

OP: WILLIAM KELLEY SCHOOL

IMPROVEMENTS AT BOTH WILLIAM KELLEY AND MINNEHAHA:

- Redesigned class spaces for STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) education and student collaboration
- Properly secured entrances with updated security systems and access control systems
- Asbestos removal
- Upgraded heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems
- Replacement of decaying ceiling tile
- Repaired exterior walls, doors, and old roofing sections
- Remodelation to ensure both buildings meet ADA requirements for those with disabilities

AT WILLIAM KELLEY SCHOOL:

- New kitchen appliances and
- Renovated and expanded bus
- Demolition of the music room
- Renovated exterior walls, doors, and old roofing sections
- Replaced boiler

AT MINNEHAHA ELEMENTARY:

- Replacement of all classroom
- renovating and lighting
- A 7000 square foot addition
- leaving, and two classrooms
- and expand learning spaces
- Replaced water heater
- New outdoor playground

AT TWO HARBORS HIGH SCHOOL:

- Properly secured entrances
- Reheated ventilation system

#### Q2

Question two would invest approximately \$7.3 million in upgrades to the district's athletic facilities at William Kelley School and Two Harbors High School.

Question two can only be approved if question one is approved.

AT WILLIAM KELLEY SCHOOL:

- Artificial turf fields
- All-weather track
- Concessions and bathroom building
- Reconstructed baseball and softball fields
- New sound and LED lighting systems

AT TWO HARBORS HIGH SCHOOL:

- Artificial turf football and softball/baseball fields
- Reheated tennis courts
- New sound and LED lighting systems

#### WHAT DOES "LEVY-NEUTRAL" MEAN?

Levy neutral means that there would be no change to the existing tax levy if question one is approved by voters. This means that taxpayers would not see a school-related property tax increase as a result of question one's passage. Bond payments would be paid at the same time that bonds for the Two Harbors High School would expire, functionally canceling each other out.

#### Q2

Question two requires \$7.3 million and would invest in the addition of turf fields and other improvements to athletic facilities at William Kelley School and Two Harbors High School.

If approved, question two would cost the owner of a home with a median value of \$200,000 approximately \$3.00 per month.

Question one must pass for question two to pass.

Minnesota's AgSchool tax credits lowers the cost of the referendum for agricultural landowners.

The AgSchool tax credits is a 60% tax credit provided to all agricultural property owners who lease, grow, and use are surrounding the agricultural businesses. By law, the tax credit is scheduled to increase to 70% by 2023. This is not a tax deduction — it's an automatic dollar-for-dollar credit paid directly by the state. No application is required.

COMMUNITY MEMBERS WILL DECIDE WHETHER TO MAKE THIS INVESTMENT ON OR BEFORE TUESDAY, NOV. 2, 2021.

WANT TO KNOW YOUR SPECIFIC TAX IMPACT? Use our tax calculator at [AnchorOurFuture.org/cost](https://www.AnchorOurFuture.org/cost)

### INVESTING IN BOTH CAMPUSES

On Tuesday, November 2, 2021, district voters will cast their vote on a single-question bond referendum to accomplish those goals.

We've listened to our communities, and we need two schools.

Learn more about what impact this plan will have on our community at [AnchorOurFuture.org](https://www.AnchorOurFuture.org)

### IN-PERSON FACILITY PLANNING OPEN HOUSE TONIGHT!

USA PASS THE HISTORY

### THERE'S STILL TIME!

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