



# MARTIN COUNTY WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT

## SCHOOL FACILITY BOND REFERENDUM VOTE

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

The Martin County West School District has been working on a plan to design future-ready facilities that address the schools' maintenance needs, improve operational efficiencies, and better serve our current and future students.

Over the past year the District has completed:

- ✓ An extensive facility assessment
- ✓ An educational adequacy study
- ✓ An analysis of enrollment projections
- ✓ A community-wide survey + community meetings

Based on the findings and strong community support, the District is putting two referendum questions to the voters on November 7, 2023.

### QUESTION 1

#### BUILD A NEW PREK-12 SCHOOL

\$63 Million

A new school will serve all of the District's PreK-12th grade students. The school will have dedicated areas for each grade level with shared support spaces scheduled for the different aged students. By having all students at one site, the District will experience annual operating savings as a result of:



#### NEW, ENERGY-EFFICIENT AMENITIES

Having fewer buildings to heat, clean, and maintain in a combined campus while re-purposing, selling, or deconstructing the unneeded buildings.



#### REDUCED DUPLICATION OF RESOURCES AND LEARNING MATERIALS



#### BETTER UTILIZATION OF STAFF



#### REDUCE THE NEED FOR SHUTTLE BUSES BETWEEN SITES

If the community supports building a new PreK-12 school, the project could be expanded with support of Question 2.

### QUESTION 2

#### BUILD A 400-SEAT AUDITORIUM + AN ADDITIONAL GYM ONTO THE SCHOOL

\$9 Million

The auditorium will provide needed space for student performances and community events serving the broader community. This new space can serve multiple functions including testing, meetings, retreats, guest speakers, student government, school assemblies, academic competitions such as speech, debate, spelling bee, one-act plays, and award ceremonies.

Additional gym space will allow the District to accommodate wrestling or gymnastics on-site during the winter months as well as provide flexible space for physical education classes, indoor recess, and large group activity co-curriculars.

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# MARTIN COUNTY WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSED PROJECTS



## QUESTION 1

\$63 Million

- New 147,000 sf. Prek-12 school
- Eight-lane track and football field
- Parking lot with dedicated separate bus and parent drop-off lanes
- Separate playgrounds for preschool and elementary students
- Expanded classroom space to address crowded classrooms and current enrollment needs, plus flexible classrooms to allow for immediate growth
- Flexible learning areas to allow for small group instruction
- Separate academic wings for high school and elementary students
- Cafeteria with flexible space for school and community large group events
- Science, career, and technology education classrooms
- Five gym courts that will be larger than current size for safer court run-off space
- Separate secured and controlled entrances for elementary and high school
- Expanded preschool space with dedicated indoor play space and parent education
- Required, code-compliant tornado shelter large enough to accommodate all students, staff, and additional community within half mile radius

## QUESTION 2

\$9 Million

- 400-seat auditorium
- Additional multi-purpose gym with ability to house either gymnastics or wrestling

## WHAT ABOUT THE EXISTING BUILDINGS?

- ✓ **WELCOME BUILDING**  
To be demolished as part of the project
- ✓ **MCW JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING**  
To be demolished after the new school is built to make room for site changes
- ✓ **TRIMONT AND SHERBURN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDINGS**  
If not sold within a designated time, funding will be used to demolish. If sold, funding will go towards the new school.

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## WHAT WILL THE BOND COST ME?

The tables below show the tax impacts for the two bond questions on various types and values of properties.

### QUESTION 1

#### SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS TO BUILD A NEW PREK-12 SCHOOL FACILITY

Shall the board of Independent School District No. 2448 (Martin County West), Minnesota be authorized to issue general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$63,000,000 for acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities including, but not limited to, construction and equipping of a new preK-12 school facility?

\$63 MILLION BOND			
TYPE OF PROPERTY	ESTIMATED MARKET VALUE	ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT	
		ANNUAL	MONTHLY
Residential Homestead	\$108,700	\$235	\$19.58
	\$150,000	\$366	\$30.50
	\$200,000	\$524	\$43.67
	\$250,000	\$682	\$56.83
	\$300,000	\$840	\$70
	\$400,000	\$1,156	\$96.33
Commercial/Industrial	\$100,000	\$435	\$36.25
	\$250,000	\$1,232	\$102.67
	\$500,000	\$2,681	\$223.42
Agricultural Homestead* <i>Average value per acre of land and buildings</i>	\$7,800	\$3.39	\$0.28
	\$9,800	\$4.26	\$0.36
	\$11,800	\$5.13	\$0.43
Agricultural Non-Homestead* <i>Average value per acre of land and buildings</i>	\$7,800	\$6.78	\$0.57
	\$9,800	\$7.65	\$0.64
	\$11,800	\$10.26	\$0.86

### QUESTION 2

#### SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS TO EXPAND THE PROJECT TO INCLUDE BUILDING AN AUDITORIUM + AUXILIARY GYM

If School District Question 1 is approved, shall the board of Independent School District No. 2448 (Martin County West), Minnesota be authorized to issue general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$9,000,000 for acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities including, but not limited to, construction of an auditorium and auxiliary gym?

\$9 MILLION BOND			
TYPE OF PROPERTY	ESTIMATED MARKET VALUE	ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT	
		ANNUAL	MONTHLY
Residential Homestead	\$108,700	\$36	\$3
	\$150,000	\$56	\$4.67
	\$200,000	\$80	\$6.67
	\$250,000	\$104	\$8.67
	\$300,000	\$128	\$10.67
	\$400,000	\$176	\$14.67
Commercial/Industrial	\$100,000	\$66	\$5.50
	\$250,000	\$187	\$15.58
	\$500,000	\$408	\$34
Agricultural Homestead* <i>Average value per acre of land and buildings</i>	\$7,800	\$0.52	\$0.04
	\$9,800	\$0.65	\$0.05
	\$11,800	\$0.78	\$0.07
Agricultural Non-Homestead* <i>Average value per acre of land and buildings</i>	\$7,800	\$1.03	\$0.09
	\$9,800	\$1.16	\$0.10
	\$11,800	\$1.56	\$0.13

\*For all agricultural property, estimated tax impacts include a 70% reduction due to the School Building Bond Agricultural Credit. Under current law, the School Building Agricultural Credit will remain at this level. Average value per acre is the total estimated market value of all land and buildings divided by total acres. If the property includes a home, then the tax impact on the house, garage, and one acre of land will be calculated in addition to the taxes per acre, on the same basis as a residential homestead or non-homestead property. If the same property owner owns more than approximately \$2.15 million of agricultural homestead land and buildings, a portion of the property will be taxed at the higher non-homestead rate.



VISIT THE REFERENDUM TAX CALCULATOR TO DETERMINE YOUR TAX CHANGE  
[bit.ly/MCWTaxCalculator](https://bit.ly/MCWTaxCalculator)

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## MARTIN COUNTY WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT

16 West 5th Street  
Sherburn, MN 56171



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[www.martin.k12.mn.us](http://www.martin.k12.mn.us)

### COMMUNITY INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

- ▶ **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2023**  
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Trimont Triumph Hall  
546 Main Street, Trimont, MN 56176
- ▶ **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2023**  
Noon to 1:00 p.m.  
Virtual Meeting  
Link can be found at [martin.k12.mn.us](http://martin.k12.mn.us)
- ▶ **MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2023**  
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Sherburn Elementary School  
105 East 5th Street, Sherburn, MN 56171
- ▶ **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023**  
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
Welcome Legion  
112 North Dugan Street, Welcome, MN 56181
- ▶ **MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2023**  
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Dunnell Community Hall  
145 Wenberg Street West, Dunnell, MN 56127

### EARLY VOTING

STARTING FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

#### MARTIN COUNTY WEST DISTRICT OFFICE

16 West 5th Street, Sherburn, MN 56171

#### WEEKDAYS

7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2023

7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### WHERE TO VOTE

ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023

#### TRIMONT CITY HALL

41 2nd Avenue Northwest, Trimont, MN 56176

#### MARTIN COUNTY WEST HIGH SCHOOL

16 West 5th Street, Sherburn, MN 56171

#### CITY OF WELCOME

102 South Dugan Street, Welcome, MN 56181

Polls are open 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.