

KMS SCHOOLS NOVEMBER 2023 BOND REFERENDUM

Vote on or before Tuesday, November 7

At KMS Schools, we are committed to working as one in the pursuit of excellence. Excellence in education is accomplished by how we teach, but equally important in the learning environments where our students learn and grow.

On Tuesday, November 7, KMS residents will decide whether to invest \$27.95 million into making critical improvements to address our educational and facility needs.



Visit OneKMS.org to learn more about the upcoming referendum.



THE CHALLENGES FACING KMS SCHOOLS

Our schools need additional and improved space to provide adequate learning environments for our students.

- Specialist services in our elementary school are housed in the building's lower level and portable classrooms. In our secondary school, specialist services are housed in places like coaches' offices and the concessions storage room.
- Our elementary school has no room for expanding programs without adding pressure on classrooms, the Media Center, and music areas.
- Our secondary school was originally built with two rooms dedicated for science, and the district's curriculum has required three for the last eight years. An undersized general classroom has been used and isn't properly equipped. The biology classroom is also limited to a single sink.
- Our agricultural classroom is undersized and no longer meets our needs.
- The size of our existing Metal Shop limits student participation.
- The layout of our Media Center in our secondary school is underutilized.
- Our elementary school restrooms need accessibility and age appropriate improvements.



Our district needs to maximize our limited sites to support our athletics and activities needs.

- Our football field requires upgrades to the field, lighting and press box and does not have a running track. Its position hinders its usability, and parking is extremely limited. The field locations limit space for on-site parking.
- The current varsity and junior varsity softball fields require improvements to the fencing, dugouts and playing surfaces to address deferred maintenance needs. They also lack the necessary seating, concessions, restrooms and configuration to adequately accommodate events.
- The theater area at our secondary school continues to see growth in productions and participants and requires needed improvements including seating, lighting, sound, lighting booth, storage, and more.
- As more students participate in band and choir, we lack the additional space that is required to support these programs.

Visit OneKMS.org/challenges for more information on our facility needs.

WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

Our district has evolved over the last decade, and our goal is to continue evolving over the next several decades. On Tuesday, November 7, residents of KMS Schools will decide whether to invest \$27.95 million into making critical improvements to address our educational and facility needs. **Ultimately, district residents in Kerkhoven, Murdock, and Sunburg will decide whether to invest in our schools with a two-question ballot.**

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Visit OneKMS.org/plan to learn more about the plan and view conceptual drawings.

MORE ABOUT THE PROPOSED PLAN

QUESTION ONE

- Create a new Career and Technical Education (CTE) space at our secondary school to prepare students in modern science labs and instructional spaces, a new Metal/ Agricultural Shop, and expand the current CADD to connect to a new Clean Lab where students engineer, test, and apply to industry standards. As part of this addition, our FACS classroom would be renovated to provide needed upgrades to the kitchen stations.
- Reconfigure our secondary school's administrative offices to provide appropriate offices for specialist space: Special Education, counseling, and mental health professionals.
- Build additional classrooms and specialist space at our elementary school, and eliminate the use of portable classrooms and the lower level of the 1918 building.
- Construct a new parking lot at the elementary school.
- Improve our secondary school's Media Center to increase flexibility.
- Upgrade and expand the locker rooms at our secondary school.
- Complete various deferred maintenance improvements to our secondary school's theater.
- Renovate and improve accessibility at our elementary school's restrooms.

QUESTION TWO

- Construct two additional spaces to support performing arts at our secondary school, including a new green room, scene shop, practice rooms, storage, and more.
- Build a new football field and track with bleachers, press box, and lighting.
- Rebuild the varsity and junior varsity softball fields with an additional field in a pinwheel configuration to provide added flexibility in availability of fields.
- Construct new concessions buildings at both sites.
- Build a new concrete pad and lighting for portable restrooms for activities.
- Expand the event restrooms at our secondary school.
- Construct a new parking lot and expand the bus drop-off and pick-up loop at our secondary school.
- Add additional space to support the CTE programs included in Question One.

Question Two is contingent on the successful passage of Question One.

THE INVESTMENT

If both questions are approved, the estimated tax impact on a \$170,600 residential home in the district would be approximately \$25 per month starting in 2024 (*\$13.67 per month for Question One and \$11.33 per month for Question Two*).

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To find your estimated tax impact, visit OneKMS.org/cost.



The Ag2School Tax Credit

The state's Ag2School Tax Credit reduces the tax impact of a bond referendum for agricultural landowners. This is a **70% tax credit** provided to all agricultural property except the house, garage, and one acre surrounding the agricultural homestead.

AG2SCHOOL CREDITS WOULD PAY FOR APPROXIMATELY
55%
OF THE PROJECT'S
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE
PAYMENTS.



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MAKE YOUR PLAN TO VOTE ON OR BEFORE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Vote Early at Home Via Mail-In Ballot: Ballots will be sent by non-forwardable mail to all registered voters by the 21st day (approximately October 17) before Election Day (November 7). Follow the included instructions to complete and send your ballot. All completed mail-in ballots must be received no later than 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 7.

Vote in Person on Election Day — Tuesday, November 7: Residents can vote in person on Election Day at their respective polling location below.

Sunburg Community Center:

Eligible voters include those located in Precinct 1: The City of Sunburg and the townships of Arctander and Norway Lake in Kandiyohi County, and Kerkhoven Township in Swift County.

Murdock City Hall:

Eligible voters include those located in Precinct 2: The City of Murdock and the townships of Camp Lake, Cashel Township, Dublin, and Kildare in Swift County, and the townships of Grace and Louriston in Chippewa County.

Kerkhoven Civic Center:

Eligible voters include those located in Precinct 3: The City of Kerkhoven and the townships of Hayes and Pillsbury in Swift County, Woods Township in Chippewa County, and the townships of Mamre and St. Johns in Kandiyohi County.

Visit OneKMS.org/vote for more information on casting your vote.