

One KMS website launched as KMS moves toward November bond referendum

On Tuesday, November 7, 2023, residents of KMS Schools will decide whether to invest \$27.95 million into making critical improvements to both the elementary and high school facilities. To communicate with residents throughout this process, the district has launched a website dedicated to communicating the specifics about the upcoming bond referendum. OneKMS.org provides information about the facility challenges the district is currently facing, the proposed plan, the investment of the plan, voting information, additional resources, and more.

"We've been diligently working to identify the best plan to bring forward to voters that meets our needs and remains fiscally responsible to our local taxpayers. As we've evolved over the last decade, how we teach students and the environments where we teach students has also evolved," said Superintendent Martin Heidelberger.

The two-question ballot focuses on providing additional and improved space to create adequate learning environments for students and maximizing the district's existing sites to support growing athletics and activities needs. For a full list of detailed improvements, visit OneKMS.org/plan.

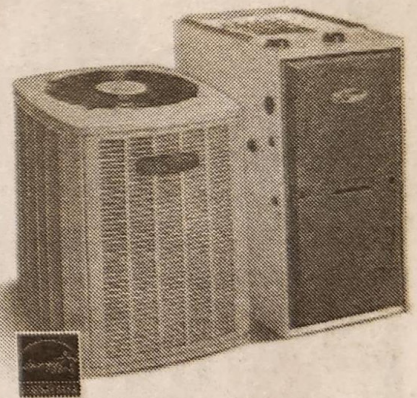
Question One includes the following improvements:

- Build a new Career and Technical Education (CTE) addition, including science classrooms, at our secondary school.
- Reconfigure the administrative offices at our secondary school to provide additional specialist space.
- Build additional classrooms and specialist space at our elementary.
- Construct a new +/- 120-stall parking lot at our elementary school.
- Improve the functionality of the Media Center at our secondary school.
- Upgrade the locker rooms at our secondary school to improve shower facilities, lockers, benches, and meet storm shelter requirements.
- Complete various improvements to the existing theater area.
- Renovate the restrooms adjacent to the student dining area in our elementary school.

Question Two, which is contingent on the passage of Question One, includes the following improvements:

- Construct two additions for performing arts at the secondary school.
 - Build a new stadium,
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including a football field and track, bleachers, a press box, and appropriate lighting on the west end of the secondary school site.

- Rebuild the varsity and junior varsity softball fields with an additional field in a pinwheel configuration.
- Construct new con-

cessions buildings at both sites.

- Construct a new concrete pad for portable toilets for activities.
- Expand the event restrooms at the secondary school.
- Construct a new +/- 170-stall parking lot at our

secondary school to expand our bus drop-off and pick-up loop, and provide additional event parking.

- Add additional square footage to the CTE addition included in Q1, including spaces to support agricultural science growth labs.

If approved, the district would invest \$27.95 million into addressing these needs. 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. To find your estimated tax impact, visit OneKMS.org/cost. Residents will have the opportunity to vote via mail-in ballot or on Election Day, Tuesday, November 7. Those with questions or suggestions should contact Superintendent Martin Heidelberger at mheidelberger@kms.k12.mn.us or by phone at 320-26401411.

Coming up at the Library

Please return completed Summer Reading Program Logs before 1:00 PM on Thursday, August 3rd. Names will begin to be drawn for the Summer Reading End-of-Program prizes Thursday afternoon. No need to be present.

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