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MEDFORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL HOLD NOVEMBER FACILITIES REFERENDUM

School Board adopted resolution not to exceed \$39,900,000 to address needs at MASH

July 28, 2020 (Medford, Wis.) - The Medford School Board approved a facilities referendum resolution by an 8-0 vote (one Board member was absent) to be placed on the November 3, 2020 General Election ballot. This official action is the culmination of work that began in the District's 2016 Strategic Planning sessions where 70+ community members identified seven goals for the District to implement. Addressing the facility infrastructure and classroom needs at Medford Area Senior High (MASH) was the first item on the action plan for strategic goal seven.

The District will be asking the community to invest up to \$39,900,000 for MASH facility improvements. The proposed solution is in alignment with the community-wide survey results where 60% of all residents supported renovating the existing MASH facility.

Projects that make up the referendum include:

- Providing a monitored and controlled main entrance for additional security
- Updating highest-priority major building systems and capital maintenance items
- Addressing student circulation and accessibility for the disabled
- Additions and renovations for classrooms and educational spaces including: Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts/Agriculture, Math (STEAM); Library Media Center; Student Services and Administrative Offices; and collaborative learning spaces
- Additions for cafeteria/kitchen, new Red-White Theater, and an additional gymnasium

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If the referendum were to pass, District residents would see the following estimated tax impacts:

Fair Market Property Value	Estimated Tax Impact*	Estimated Monthly Tax Impact*
\$100,000	\$53.00	\$4.42
\$150,000	\$79.50	\$6.63
\$200,000	\$106.00	\$8.83

**Estimated tax impacts based on estimated planning interest rates of 3.50 - 3.75%*

For more information on the District's facility planning and the November 3 referendum, please visit medford.k12.wi.us/district/referendum. If you have any questions, please contact District Administrator, Pat Sullivan at 715.748.4620 ext. 523, Board President, Dave Fleegal at 715.560.8213, or email your questions to referendum@medford.k12.wi.us.

ABOUT MEDFORD AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Medford Area Public School District is made up of 14 municipalities and includes two elementary schools, one middle school, one high school, and a virtual academy. The District is guided by their 2016 Strategic Plan approved by the Board of Education in April 2017 found here: <https://www.medford.k12.wi.us/district/strategicplan/Final%20Plan.pdf>. Their mission is to ensure that all students learn.

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