

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 912**MILACA PUBLIC SCHOOLS****DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

Milaca Public Schools, ISD #912 is proposing a single question bond referendum on May 8, 2018 that would authorize \$33.385 million in bonding authority to finance building additions, ballfield improvements, security upgrades and deferred maintenance projects.

The two largest project components are fieldhouse and auditorium additions. The 49,000 square foot fieldhouse would include 4 basketball courts, a second floor jogging track, fitness center and other ancillary space. The 800 seat auditorium would include a stage and fly loft, dressing rooms and shop/storage space. The proposed additions would necessitate the relocation of the varsity baseball field. The district is proposing the construction of a ballfield complex for the varsity baseball field, and two other baseball fields, on one of two properties owned by the district west of town. The complex would include amenities such as bleachers, dugouts and concessions.

Other proposed projects include a high-bay addition and the reallocation/renovation of existing building space for technical education programming, deferred maintenance upgrades and security improvements.

The school board believes the proposed projects are in the best long term interest of the district. The projects would be scheduled for completion in the 2019 - 2020 calendar years. Cost estimates by project type are as follows:

New Auditorium/Related Space		Technical Education Space	
Addition Construction	\$ 8,459,000	Addition Construction	\$ 484,000
FF&E	\$ 864,000	Renovations	\$ 222,000
Permits/Fees/Testing	\$975,000	Equipment	\$ 75,000
Contingency	<u>\$467,000</u>	Permits/Fees/Testing	\$ 79,000
	\$10,765,000	Contingency	<u>\$ 40,000</u>
Fieldhouse / Related Space			\$ 900,000
Addition Construction	\$ 12,161,000	Security/Deferred Maintenance	
Site Improvements	\$ 886,000	Roof Replacement	\$ 2,800,000
FF&E	\$ 135,000	Window Replacement	\$ 205,000
Permits/Fees/Testing	\$ 1,423,000	Security Equipment	\$ 300,000
Building Connection	\$ 81,000	Other Def. Mnt. Projects	\$ 55,000
Contingency	<u>\$ 664,000</u>	Permits/Fees/Testing	\$ 355,000
	\$ 15,350,000	Contingency	<u>\$ 135,000</u>
Ballfield Complex (3 Fields)			\$ 3,850,000
Field Improvements	\$ 1,053,000	Other Costs	
Fixtures / Equipment	\$ 466,000	Net Capitalized Interest	\$ 220,270
Site Improvements	\$ 256,000	Bond Issuance	<u>\$ 124,730</u>
Concession Building	\$ 100,000		\$ 345,000
Permits/Fees/Testing	\$ 206,000		
Contingency	<u>\$ 94,000</u>		
	\$ 2,175,000		

Though enrollment has decreased slightly over the last few years, the school board believes existing revenues will be sufficient to fund an estimated operating cost increase of \$250,000 for operating / staffing the additional building space. In addition, the school board believes the proposed projects are in the best long term interest of the district.

If the bond referendum is successful and bonds are sold, the debt service on the bonds will be eligible for debt service equalization under Minn. Stat. § 123B.53, subd. 3, if the bond schedule is approved. The amount of debt service equalization aid, if any, the district receives is determined annually and is dependent upon property wealth, student population, and other statutory requirements.

REVIEW AND COMMENT STATEMENT

Based upon the department's analysis of the school district's required documentation and other pertinent information from sources of the Minnesota Department of Education, the Commissioner of Education provides a positive review and comment.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE

Persons desiring additional information regarding this proposal should contact the school district superintendent's office.

Dr. Brenda Cassellius, Commissioner

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