



Board Meeting Date: 8/10/26

Title: Potential Referendum and Future Funding (primarily related to Safety and Security)

Type: Discussion

Presenter(s): Dr. Daniel Bittman, Superintendent

Description: This report presents a comprehensive roadmap for Edina Public Schools' future infrastructure and student support needs. The plan aims to ensure that the district's safety & security systems, facilities, and staffing align with the evolving needs of students and the community.

The information is built upon **four key pillars**:

- **Safety and Security:** A \$13–15 million investment in safety & security infrastructure and expanded staffing for things such as cybersecurity and behavioral support.
- **Expanded Learning Spaces:** Addressing early learning programming and childcare needs through a new Early Learning Center and classroom/instructional space additions at Edina High School, South View, Valley View, and Creek Valley.
- **Modernized Facilities:** Completing planned additions at Concord Elementary. This pillar also includes a modernization of Kuhlman Stadium to enhance the experience for students and visitors through safety and security upgrades (such as additional cameras), the creation of separate home and away entrances, and the construction of new restrooms and upgraded concession areas.
- **Operational Sustainability:** Exploring a technology levy increase to sustain safety-related staffing and infrastructure.

The Board is currently reviewing these proposals to determine the scope for a potential Spring 2027 referendum, with a formal decision expected by December 2026. Preliminary estimates suggest a monthly tax impact of \$23 to \$41 for a median Edina household, depending on the final projects selected

Recommendation: Make a decision about whether the Board will consider pursuing a potential referendum in the Spring of 2027 and provide feedback on each of the specific recommendations provided.

Desired Outcome(s) from the Board: This discussion is intended to support thoughtful governance and ensure adequate time for reflection before any potential options are considered further or brought forward for broader engagement.

Attachment(s): [Reset Report for Board August 2026](#)