Board Meeting Date: 9/14/26

Title: Bond Scope

Type: Discussion

Presenter(s): Dr. Daniel Bittman, Superintendent

Description: This report provides follow-up information requested by the School Board during the August 10, 2026 meeting regarding proposed bond scope, infrastructure constraints, and fiscal planning. It lays out strategic rationale across three core pillars—Academic & Programming Capacity, Operational Excellence, and Safety & Security—detailing district-wide safety upgrades, potential site additions, an internal space reconfiguration strategy to yield additional instructional spaces, a potential 1.4% technology levy increase, a Kuhlman Field facility modernization, and consideration of land acquisition.

Furthermore, the document outlines potential funding options ranging from $87.2M to $116.2M with estimated monthly tax impacts between $12.50 and $13.75 for an average Edina home, references residential survey findings that will be presented at the next public work session, and highlights key statutory milestones for a potential April or May 2027 referendum election.

Recommendation: Determine whether the Board is interested in pursuing a potential referendum in Spring 2027, with a primary focus on Safety and Security. If so, discuss whether April or May would be the preferred timing. Additionally, review previous Board discussions, historical context, and information received to identify the referendum option that generates the greatest level of interest and support for further consideration.

Desired Outcome(s) from the Board: Discuss the potential pursuit of a Spring 2027 referendum, gather Board member reactions and feedback on the recommendations presented, and identify additional information or next steps the Board may wish to consider before determining whether to take future action.

Attachment(s): Infrastructure Alignment and Project Scope Update