



Board Meeting Date: 10/12/26

Title: Bond Scope

Type: Discussion

Presenter(s): Dr. Daniel Bittman, Superintendent

Description: Following the School Board's September 14, 2026 public work session, this follow-up report—Investing in Edina's Future: Referendum Follow-Up Report and Project Justifications—delivers the detailed data, multi-year planning process, stakeholder input, and strategic prioritization requested by the Board. Rather than relying on overall student enrollment growth, the proposed investments reduce critical space bottlenecks and operational challenges across Edina Public Schools, including high school teacher room-sharing, middle school language immersion continuation, and elementary safety and support space deficits.

Additionally, the framework expands the district's Special Education continuum by adding on-site Setting III behavioral spaces to serve students locally and meet Coordinated Early Intervening Services (CEIS) disproportionality reduction goals. It pairs a Safety and Security Bond with a 1.4% Capital Technology Levy to support and sustain staffing and infrastructure required, while protecting General Fund operating dollars for direct student support. Furthermore, prioritizing strategic land acquisition for future development helps safeguard Edina's 75.3% resident market capture rate. Together, these targeted improvements maximize existing community assets, enhance physical security, and establish a flexible, resilient 10-year facilities foundation. Mindful of local tax sensitivity, this framework directly reflects recent community survey results by delivering needed improvements at a tax impact below what Edina residents indicated they would support.

Recommendation: Determine whether the Board is interested in pursuing a potential referendum in Spring 2027, with a primary focus on Safety and Security.

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

Attachment:

- Investing in Edina's Future: Referendum Follow-Up Report and Project Justifications