

**The Commissioner of the Department of Education
Review and Comment on the School Construction
Proposal of Centennial Public School District, ISD #0012-01**

A review and comment must be provided on a school district construction project proposal before the district conducts a referendum, solicits bids, or issues bonds for the project. A project proposal has been submitted for review and comment according to requirements set forth in Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.71, subdivisions 9 and 10, and Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.72. The district provides the following information:

1. The geographic area and population to be served:
 - a. preschool through grade 12 student enrollment for the past five years, and
 - b. student enrollment projections for the next five years.
2. A list of existing school facilities:
 - a. by year constructed,
 - b. their uses, and
 - c. an assessment of the extent to which alternate facilities are available within school district boundaries and in adjacent school districts.
3. A list of specific deficiencies of the facility:
 - a. demonstrating the need for a new or renovated facility to be provided,
 - b. the process used to determine the deficiencies,
 - c. a list of those deficiencies that will and will not be addressed by the proposed projects,
 - d. a list of specific benefits that the new or renovated facility will provide to students, teachers, and community users served by the facility.
4. A description of the project, including:
 - a. specifications of site and outdoor space acreage,
 - b. square footage allocations for classrooms, laboratories and support spaces,
 - c. estimated expenditures for major portions of the project,
 - d. estimated changes in facility operating costs, and
 - e. dates the project will begin and be completed.
5. A specification of the source of project financing, including:
 - a. applicable statutory citations,
 - b. the scheduled date for a bond issue or school board action,
 - c. a schedule of payments, including debt service equalization aid, and
 - d. the effect of a bond issue on local property taxes by property class and valuation.
6. Documentation obligating the school district and contractors to comply with the following items:
 - a. Minnesota Statutes, section 471.345 governing municipal contracts,
 - b. sustainable design,
 - c. school facility commissioning under Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.72, certifying the plans and designs for heating, ventilating, air conditioning and air filtration for an extensively renovated or new facility meet or exceed current code standards, including ASHRAE air filtration Standard 52.1,
 - d. American National Standards Institute (ANSI) acoustical performance criteria, design requirements and guidelines for schools on maximum background noise levels and reverberation times,
 - e. state fire code,
 - f. chapter 326B governing building codes, and
 - g. consultation with affected government units about the impact of the project on utilities, roads, sewers, sidewalks, retention ponds, school bus and automobile traffic, access to mass transit and safe access for pedestrians and cyclists.

Description of Proposed School Construction Project

Centennial Public School District, ISD #0012-01, is proposing a single question bond referendum on November 3, 2026, that would authorize \$108,889,000 in bonding authority to finance district-wide facility improvements. The proposed projects would be scheduled for completion in calendar years 2027 through 2030. Project cost estimates by location are as follows:

High School		Middle School		Centennial Elementary	
<u>Additions:</u>		<u>Additions:</u>		<u>Additions:</u>	
Two Station Gymnasium	\$12,029,000	Admin Offices / Entrance / Flex	\$4,493,000	Admin Offices / Reading Area	\$2,713,000
Central Office Area	\$6,965,000			Cafeteria / Kitchen Area	\$2,916,000
Receiving Area	\$1,149,000	<u>Renovations:</u>			\$5,629,000
	\$20,143,000	SPED Area	\$2,039,000	<u>Renovations:</u>	
<u>Renovations:</u>		Kitchen Area	\$69,000	SPED Area	\$305,000
Restrooms	\$278,000	Staff Lounge	\$260,000	Site Improvements	\$1,184,000
Science Lab	\$258,000	Restrooms	\$93,000	Classrooms	\$1,241,000
Learning Commons Area	\$392,000	General Interior	\$132,000	Learning Commons	\$137,000
Pool Locker Rooms	\$983,000		\$2,593,000	General Interior	\$568,000
Convert West Office to SPED Area	\$862,000	<u>Other Projects:</u>			\$3,435,000
Other Interior Upgrades	\$339,000	HVAC Upgrades	\$1,695,000	<u>Other Projects:</u>	
	\$3,112,000	Electrical System Upgrades	\$32,000	HVAC Upgrades	\$573,000
<u>Other Projects:</u>		Site Improvements	\$457,000	Electrical System Upgrades	\$27,000
HVAC Upgrades	\$1,626,000	Casework / Doors	\$361,000	Playground Equipment	\$118,000
Pool System Upgrades	\$1,648,000	Plumbing Upgrades	\$299,000	Casework / Doors	\$426,000
Plumbing Upgrades	\$1,975,000	Building Envelope Upgrades	\$233,000	Plumbing Upgrades	\$1,137,000
Electrical System Upgrades	\$815,000		\$3,077,000	Building Envelope Upgrades	\$820,000
Site Improvements	\$903,000				\$3,101,000
Gymnasium Sound / Scoreboards	\$231,000	Total - Middle School	\$10,163,000	Total - Centennial Elementary	\$12,165,000
Ceilings / Casework / Doors	\$974,000				
	\$8,172,000	Blue Heron Elementary		Golden Lake Elementary	
Total - High School	\$31,427,000	<u>Additions:</u>		<u>Additions:</u>	
		Admin Offices / Entrance	\$1,934,000	Admin Offices / Kindergarten Rooms	\$3,893,000
Centerville Elementary				Cafeteria / Restrooms	\$1,764,000
<u>Additions:</u>		<u>Renovations:</u>		Classrooms	\$2,154,000
Admin Offices / Cafeteria	\$3,922,000	Kitchen Area	\$162,000		\$7,811,000
Preschool Classrooms	\$2,786,000	General Interior	\$455,000	<u>Renovations:</u>	
	\$6,708,000	Small Group Rooms	\$90,000	Existing Admin Offices	\$320,000
			\$707,000	Site Improvements	\$177,000
<u>Renovations:</u>		<u>Other Projects:</u>		Kitchen Area	\$1,396,000
Kitchen Area	\$79,000	HVAC Upgrades	\$1,706,000	General Interior	\$1,602,000
General Interior	\$819,000	Plumbing Upgrades	\$37,000		\$3,495,000
	\$898,000	Building Envelope Upgrades	\$448,000	<u>Other Projects:</u>	
		Electrical System Upgrades	\$35,000	HVAC Upgrades	\$295,000
<u>Other Projects:</u>		Site Improvements	\$693,000	Electrical System Upgrades	\$46,000
HVAC Upgrades	\$336,000	Doors & Windows	\$153,000	Playground Equipment	\$489,000
Electrical System Upgrades	\$246,000		\$3,072,000	Casework / Doors	\$120,000
Site Improvements	\$89,000	Total - Blue Heron Elementary	\$5,713,000	Plumbing Upgrades	\$394,000
Maintenance Garage	\$168,000			Building Envelope Upgrades	\$155,000
Building Envelope Upgrades	\$408,000				\$1,499,000
	\$1,247,000			Total - Golden Lake Elementary	\$12,805,000
Total - Centerville Elementary	\$8,853,000				

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Rice Lake Elementary		Districtwide / Outdoor Athletic Projects	
<u>Additions:</u>		HVAC Upgrades	\$11,000
Cafeteria / Play Area	\$1,487,000	Door Lock Upgrades	\$557,000
		Ice Arena - Def. Maintenance	\$102,000
<u>Renovations:</u>		Field / Parking Upgrades	\$1,463,000
Classrooms	\$997,000	New Tennis Courts - 6	\$1,060,000
General Interior	\$1,616,000	Contingencies	\$18,148,000
	\$2,613,000	Bond Issuance	\$2,332,900
<u>Other Projects:</u>			\$23,673,900
HVAC Upgrades	\$1,667,000		
Electrical System Upgrades	\$48,000		
Playground Equipment	\$608,000		
	\$2,323,000	Total - All Projects	\$111,222,900
Total - Rice Lake Elementary	\$6,423,000		

The district currently has approximately 6,500 students enrolled in K-12 programming and is projecting a slight enrollment decrease over the next five years. The district believes existing operating revenues will be sufficient to fund the cost increases to operate and staff the additional 77,000 square feet associated with the proposed facility additions. In addition, the proposed projects appear to be in the long-term interest of the school district.

If the referendum is successful and bonds are sold, the debt service on the bonds will be eligible for debt service equalization under Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.53, subdivision 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 on 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.



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Commissioner

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