

June 26, 2025

Mr. Willie Jett, Commissioner
Department of Education
1500 Highway 36 West
Roseville, MN 55113

Commissioner Jett:

Pursuant to M.S. 123B.71, the School Board, Superintendent, staff and communities of the Cambridge-Isanti Public School District, ISD #911, are pleased to submit the following proposal for review by the Minnesota Department of Education.

The Cambridge-Isanti Public School District proposes to hold a referendum to address safety & security and deferred maintenance needs, modernized academic spaces for programmatic and student growth, continued growth in our preschool and community education offerings, and special education population. The referendum projects would consist of renovated and updated classrooms for academics, building envelope, site drainage, electrical, plumbing and mechanical improvements, safety and security enhancements, improved and expanded athletic/PE spaces as well as restroom renovations.

We have included input from our community, as well as the expertise of various consultants and a community task force, to arrive at the most responsible plan for our District. We will continue to encourage and support input from our community.

The referendum projects would be financed with 25-year general obligation bonds. The total amount including financing costs is \$123,575,000.

The Cambridge-Isanti Public School District Board of Education has approved this review and comment document at the June 26, 2025 board meeting. The Board will also call for the referendum and set the final amount at their June 26th meeting for the November 4th ballot date.

The 2 ballot questions, as drafted, would read as follows:

Shall the School Board of Independent School District No. 911 (Cambridge-Isanti Schools), Minnesota be authorized to issue general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$87,100,000, to provide funds for the acquisition and betterment of all school sites and facilities including, but not limited to, construction and equipping of additional classroom spaces in elementary buildings to increase capacity; safety and security improvements at facilities; deferred maintenance projects; renovations and updates to learning environments; and improvements to athletic and activity facilities?

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***BY VOTING “YES” ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A
PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.***

If School District Ballot Question 1 is approved, shall the School Board of Independent School District No. 911 (Cambridge-Isanti Schools), Minnesota be authorized to issue general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$36,475,000, to provide funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities including, but not limited to, expansion of and renovations to the indoor fieldhouse at the Cambridge-Isanti High School?

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We hope you find the enclosed document complete and informative. To meet the publication requirements per statute we will need to have the Commissioner’s review by September 5. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me for clarification at (763) 689-6202.

Sincerely,

Dr. Nate Rudolph
Superintendent of Schools
Cambridge-Isanti Public School District

Enclosure: Review & Comment