



On Tuesday, May 11, voters will consider a \$37.5 million bond referendum to address our most critical needs with a \$0 net tax increase to District residents above the current tax rate.



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During our comprehensive long-range planning process, several critical facility and educational needs were identified. From capacity needs and educational space improvements to building systems and components reaching or exceeding their useful life, **the long-range planning group and our District were intentional about making data-driven decisions to identify these needs.**



The Needs of Becker Primary School:

- The main entrance needs security improvements
- Facility is currently overcapacity and more space is needed to serve our students effectively
- Various interior, exterior, and site issues: inadequate snow drainage, concerns around pedestrian/vehicle safety due to congestion, original flooring, original exterior doors, and rusting
- Acoustic issues in existing gymnasium

The Needs of Becker Middle School:

- The main entrance needs security improvements
- Flexible break-out and collaboration spaces needed
- Special Education spaces require renovations
- Existing cafeteria requires improvements for capacity, function, and flow
- Additional space to meet existing capacity and students
- Additional deferred maintenance needs: original/outdated flooring, original exterior doors, and drainage issues

The Needs of Becker Intermediate School:

- The main entrance needs security improvements
- Existing boiler plant and portions of the HVAC systems are old and inefficient
- Outdated and ineffective Media Center
- Lack of classroom and core spaces to support enrollment
- Inadequate snow drainage and concerns around pedestrian/vehicle safety due to congestion
- Existing loading dock and receiving areas need updates
- Areas of the roof are beyond warranty/life expectancy, window and panel systems are rusting, and moisture is a concern

The Needs of Becker High School/Field House:

- The main entrance needs security improvements
- Existing Industrial Tech spaces require renovations to prepare our students for today's workforce
- Existing FACS space needs to be modernized
- Locker rooms need single-use bathrooms and private changing areas for our students
- Other physical deferred maintenance needs: older/outdated flooring, roofing sections beyond warranty, and issues with exterior entrance doors and moisture



This plan will 1) address space and program needs, 2) complete District-wide deferred maintenance improvements, 3) provide additional capacity at the Middle School to solve capacity needs at all grade levels within the District, 4) create a new transportation facility, and 5) complete other District-wide improvements to better serve our students, staff, and community members.

The number of needs across all of our facilities is vast, but the proposed plan would address each one for an estimated net-zero tax impact above the current tax rate to our District residents.

Primary School Improvements:

- Create a dedicated secured entrance and complete infrastructure improvements
- Transition to house grades PK - 1
- Re-work roof lines to resolve snow/drainage issues
- Address acoustic issues in the existing gymnasium

Middle School Improvements:

- Create a dedicated secured entrance
- Transition to house grades 5-8
- Create/improve break-out and collaboration spaces
- Create a student services/resources room at the office
- Re-work existing Special Education spaces
- Improve cafeteria capacity, flow, and function
- Create an additional specialist office space
- Add six (6) additional classrooms
- Repurpose two (2) existing computer labs
- Create a flexible classroom pod addition

Improvements Across our District:

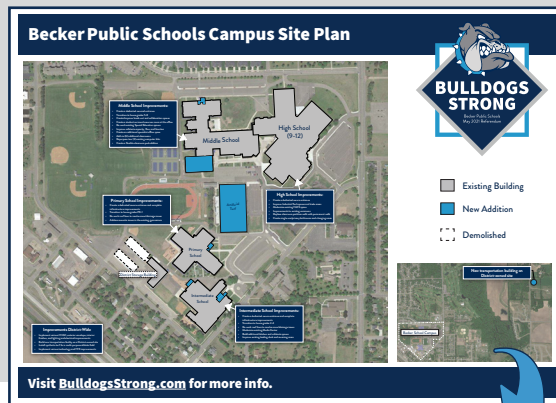
- Implement various HVAC, exterior envelope, interior finishes, and lighting and electrical improvements
- Build new transportation facility on a District-owned site
- Install synthetic turf for a multi-purpose athletic field
- Implement various technology and FFE improvements

Intermediate School Improvements:

- Create a dedicated secured entrance and complete infrastructure improvements
- Transition to house grades 2 - 4
- Re-work roof lines to resolve snow/drainage issues
- Modernize existing Media Center
- Build additional kitchen and cafeteria spaces
- Improve existing loading dock and receiving areas

High School Improvements:

- Create a dedicated secured entrance
- Improve Industrial Tech spaces and trade areas
- Modernize existing FACS space
- Improvements to existing commons
- Replace classroom partition walls with permanent walls
- Create single-use/privacy bathrooms and changing areas



View the campus plan at BulldogsStrong.com/plan.



Our School Board has worked hard to use taxpayer money well through the refinancing of our existing debt. We worked alongside our community members to take our long-range financial plan into consideration during this process. **Due to expiring debt, this is a net-zero tax impact and District residents and property owners would not see an increase in property taxes above the current tax rate if the referendum passes.**

Want to check your net-zero tax impact? Visit BulldogsStrong.com/cost.



How to vote early at home:

Beginning Friday, March 26, District residents may vote early by absentee ballot. To request an absentee ballot be mailed to you, please reach out to Angela Oswald, Superintendent Administrative Assistant, either by phone at 763-261-6300 or by email at aoswald@isd726.org.

How to vote on Election Day - Tuesday, May 11

Election Day is Tuesday, May 11 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Becker City Hall: 12060 Sherburne Avenue Becker, MN 55308. All residents will vote at this single combined polling location on May 11. You can register to vote before May 11 and save time on Election Day. If you forget to register before Election Day, Minnesota allows same-day voter registration.



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