

## Description of Proposed School Construction Project

Cambridge-Isanti Public School District, ISD #0911-01, is proposing a two-question bond referendum on November 4, 2025. The first ballot question would authorize \$87.1 million in bonding authority to finance districtwide facility improvement projects. The second ballot question would authorize \$36.475 million in bonding authority to finance a fieldhouse / gymnastics gymnasium addition to the high school and outdoor athletic facility upgrades.

For the first ballot question, proposed projects include: interior renovations, building system upgrades, security enhancements and site improvements at eight of the district's school facilities. The high school would also receive outdoor athletic facility upgrades, including: an artificial turf football field with other stadium upgrades, three new tennis courts, baseball and softball field upgrades, and related site improvements. Other district facilities, including Woodland, the Education Service Center and Transportation Center would receive minor security and/or building system upgrades. A few of the schools would receive building additions, including: a cafeteria / kitchen area, administrative offices / secure entrance, and restrooms at Isanti Primary School, a fitness center addition to Isanti Middle School and a 30' x 60' pickleball court with storage at the Adult Education Center.

The proposed projects would be scheduled for completion in calendar years 2026 through 2029. Project cost estimates for the first ballot question, by building / project component, are as follows:

<b>Ballot Question #1</b>			
<b>High School</b>		<b>Cambridge Primary School</b>	
Interior Renovations	\$4,693,000	Building Envelope Repairs	\$1,396,000
Specialized Classroom Addition	\$3,929,000	HVAC Upgrades	\$1,367,000
New Restrooms / Showers	\$1,908,000	Fire Alarm System Replacement	\$253,000
HVAC Upgrades	\$1,288,000	Security Equipment	\$483,000
Building Envelope Repairs	\$865,000	Drinking Fountain Replacements	\$100,000
CTE Labs / FACS Upgrades	\$713,000	Site Improvements	\$27,000
Auditorium Equipment	\$616,000	Interior Renovations	\$3,381,000
Gymnasium Bleacher Replacement	\$600,000	Commons Area Upgrades	\$153,000
Security Equipment	\$593,000	Locker Replacement	\$184,000
Admin Office Upgrades	\$365,000	Restroom Remodel / Expansion	\$654,000
Electrical System Upgrades	\$358,000	Parking Lot Upgrades	\$12,000
Athletic Field Light Replacement	\$318,000		\$8,010,000
Fire Suppression Upgrades	\$299,000	<b>Cambridge Intermediate School</b>	
SPED Space Upgrades	\$190,000	Interior Renovations	\$2,449,000
Commons Area Reconfiguration	\$179,000	Interior Renovations	\$1,812,000
School Store / Community Seating Area	\$160,000	HVAC Upgrades	\$1,130,000
Disabled Access Upgrades	\$158,000	Security Equipment	\$628,000
Locker Upgrades	\$97,000	Fire Alarm System Replacement	\$435,000
	\$17,329,000	Commons Area Upgrades	\$410,000
<u><b>Athletic Field Upgrades:</b></u>		Locker Replacement	\$314,000
Artificial Turf Field / Stadium Upgrades	\$1,982,000	Gym / Auditorium Seating	\$172,000
3 Tennis Courts / Lighting / Path	\$913,000	Building Envelope Repairs	\$146,000
Baseball Field Upgrades	\$845,000	Electrical System Upgrades	\$26,000
Softball Field Upgrades	\$602,000		\$7,522,000
Hard Surface Path to North Fields	\$254,000		
	\$4,596,000		

Ballot Question #1 (Continued)			
<b>Isanti Intermediate School</b>		<b>Cambridge Middle School</b>	
Building Envelope Repairs	\$67,000	Building Envelope Repairs	\$58,000
Fire Alarm System Replacement	\$282,000	Fire Alarm System Replacement	\$318,000
Security Equipment	\$329,000	Security Equipment	\$136,000
Interior Renovations	\$619,000	Concrete Repair	\$56,000
	\$1,297,000	New Restrooms	\$390,000
<b>Isanti Primary School</b>		Interior Renovations	\$106,000
Building Envelope Repairs	\$499,000	FF&E	\$99,000
HVAC Upgrades	\$2,385,000		\$1,163,000
Fire Alarm System Replacement	\$363,000	<b>Isanti Middle School</b>	
Security Equipment	\$347,000	Fitness Center Addition	\$1,173,000
Plumbing Upgrades	\$1,691,000	Building Envelope Repairs	\$113,000
Interior Renovations	\$4,604,000	Fire Alarm System Replacement	\$426,000
Addition - Cafeteria, Admin Offices, Entry	\$7,391,000	HVAC Upgrades	\$489,000
Locker Replacement	\$199,000	Plumbing Upgrades	\$236,000
Site Improvements	\$1,748,000	Security Equipment	\$398,000
	\$19,227,000	Electrical System Upgrades	\$750,000
<b>Woodland School</b>		Interior Renovations	\$2,987,000
Security Upgrades	\$50,000	Restroom Remodel / Expansion	\$510,000
			\$7,082,000
<b>Adult Education Center</b>		<b>Education Service Center</b>	
Building Controls	\$11,000	Generator Addition	\$230,000
Security Equipment	\$18,000	Fire Alarm System Replacement	\$66,000
Addition - Pickleball Courts	\$1,158,000	Security Equipment	\$57,000
Interior Renovations	\$121,000	Site Improvements	\$10,000
Building Envelope Repairs	\$27,000		\$363,000
	\$1,335,000	<b>Districtwide Project Costs</b>	
<b>Transportation Center</b>		Security Equipment	\$1,292,000
Building Controls	\$16,000	FF&E	\$2,000,000
		District Signage	\$314,000
<b>Total - Ballot Question #1</b>	<b>\$87,988,009</b>	Inflation Contingency	\$7,160,000
		Bond Issuance	\$1,347,009
		Capitalized Interest	\$7,885,000
			\$19,998,009

The second ballot question is made up primarily of a fieldhouse / gymnastics gymnasium addition to the high school. The 71,300 square foot addition would house: four basketball courts surrounded by a running track, a gymnastic gymnasium area, team rooms, community rooms and administrative offices. Other proposed projects include: site improvements, additional parking areas and an expanded, specialized classroom addition at the high school to house art rooms that would be vacated by the fieldhouse / gymnastics gym addition.

Cost estimates by project cost component for the second ballot question are as follows:

<b>Ballot Question #2 - High School Campus Projects</b>	
Fieldhouse / Gymnastics Gym Addition	\$29,038,000
Teams & Community Rooms / Admin Offices	\$3,351,000
Site Improvements / Parking	\$2,992,000
Larger Classroom Addition - Relocate Art Rooms	\$1,886,000
Inflation Contingency	\$3,303,000
Bond Issuance	\$484,474
Capitalized Interest Offset	(\$4,355,000)
<b>Total - Ballot Question #2</b>	<b>\$36,699,474</b>

The district currently has approximately 4,800 students currently enrolled in K-12 programming and is projecting a slight decline in enrollment over the next five years. The proposed building additions are expected to increase annual operating costs by about \$200,000. The proposed projects appear to be in the long-term interest of the district.

If the bond 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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