

Description of Proposed School Construction Project

Jackson County Central School District, ISD #2895-01, is proposing a single-question bond referendum on November 5, 2019, that would authorize \$35,415,000 in bonding authority for finance districtwide deferred maintenance projects, improvements to the Pleasantview Elementary facility and the demolition of the middle school. The largest project component is an 82,000 square foot building addition at the Pleasantview Elementary site to house students in grades 6-8, along with the fourth through fifth grade students already housed at Pleasantview. The proposed grade reconfiguration at Pleasantview and demolition of the middle school would allow the district to go from four school sites to three.

Proposed projects would be scheduled for completion in the 2020-22 calendar years. Cost estimates by location/project component are as follows:

Riverside Elementary		Pleasantview Elementary	
Deferred Maintenance	\$ 2,450,795	Building Addition (Grades 6-8)	\$ 20,090,000
Renovations	\$ 100,000	Deferred Maintenance	\$ 1,775,000
	\$ 2,550,795	Site Improvements	\$ 1,200,000
High School		Renovations	\$ 100,000
Deferred Maintenance	\$ 750,000		\$ 23,165,000
Districtwide		Middle School	
Fees, Permits, Testing & Contingencies	\$ 7,633,305	Decommissioning	\$ 900,000
Bond Issuance	\$ 492,999		
Capitalized Interest	\$ 355,000	TOTAL	\$ 35,847,099
	\$ 8,481,304		

The district has supplied cost estimates to operate and staff the added building space at Pleasantview and expects to achieve significant operational costs savings from the elimination of the middle school attendance center. In addition, the school board believes the proposed projects are in the best long-term interest of the district.

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.



Mary Cathryn Ricker, NBCT
Commissioner

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