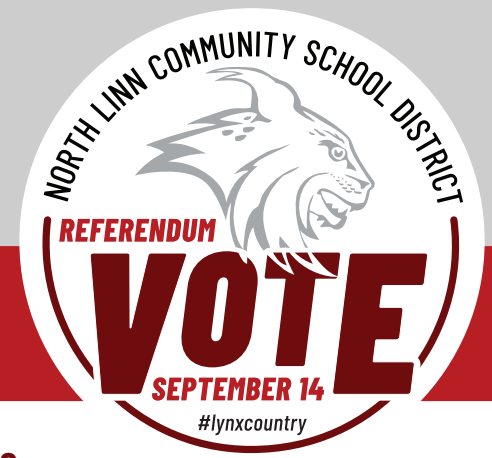


NORTH LINN

NORTH LINN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT



REFERENDUM 2021 FACT SHEET

The North Linn Community School District will present two questions on the Tuesday, September 14, 2021 special election ballot.

QUESTION 1: General Obligation Bond Referendum

\$0 Tax Increase From Current Tax Rate

Shall the following public measure be adopted? Shall the Board of Directors of the North Linn Community School District in the Counties of Benton, Buchanan, Delaware, and Linn, State of Iowa, be authorized to contract indebtedness and **issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$11,500,000** to provide funds to remodel, repair, improve, furnish, and equip the High School and Middle School buildings, including, but not limited to, improvements for ADA compliance, electrical upgrades, heating, cooling, and ventilation system improvements, roof improvements at the Middle School building, and improvements to classrooms?

Why a \$0 anticipated tax increase? As a result of careful planning and early repayment of a previous bond debt, approval of this \$11.5 million bond referendum is not anticipated to impact the current district's portion of your property tax rate.

✓ 60% voter approval rate needed to pass

QUESTION 2: Adopt a Revenue Purpose Statement

\$0 Tax Impact

Shall the following public measure be adopted? To adopt a Revenue Purpose Statement specifying the use of revenues the North Linn Community School District will receive from the State of Iowa Secure an Advanced Vision for Education (SAVE) Fund. If approved, this Revenue Purpose Statement shall remain in effect until replaced or amended by the North Linn Community School District.

This question is independent of our construction project. The RPS must be periodically updated as mandated by Iowa legislation.

Will this raise my taxes? This will absolutely not raise your taxes. This is an extension of the current Revenue Purpose Statement which will allow the school district to continue to spend the funds as allowed by Iowa law.

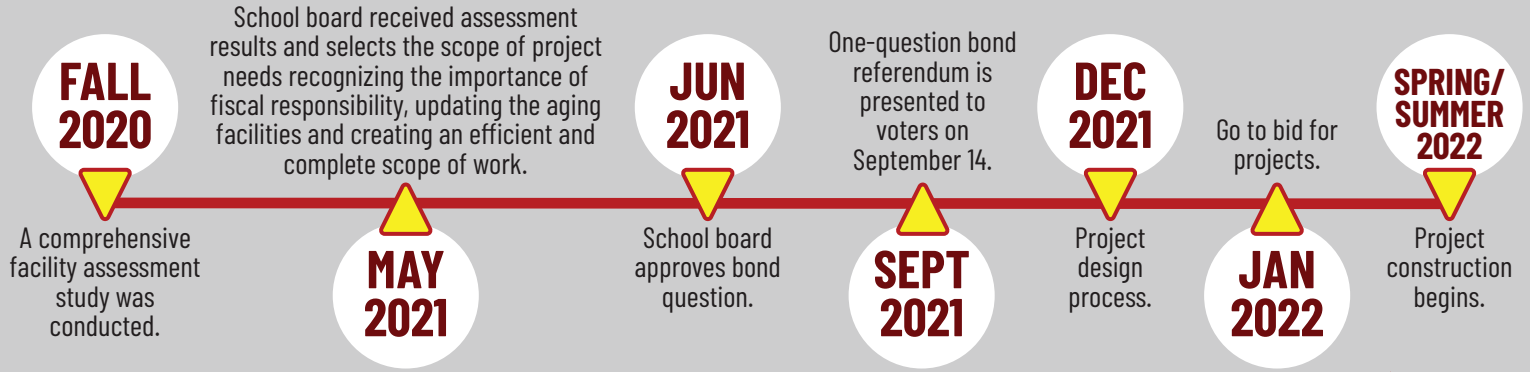
NEEDS AND SCOPE

QUESTION 1: \$11.5 MILLION BOND REFERENDUM aims to address the following facility needs:



- ▶ Replace all **unit ventilators** in the middle and high schools.
- ▶ Remodeling of the **high school science and FACS** (Family and Consumer Science) classrooms.
- ▶ **Ceiling tile** system replacement in the middle and high schools.
- ▶ Installation of new **LED fixtures** in the middle and high schools.
- ▶ **Window replacement** in the high school.
- ▶ **Roof improvements** at the Middle School building.
- ▶ Create **ADA compliant student restrooms** in the high school.
- ▶ **Upgrade electrical** distribution system at the high school.
- ▶ Domestic **water pipe replacement** at the high school.

For more details about each project visit our website at www.northlinncsd.org/ref21



WHY NOW? HOW THIS CAME TO BE

TIMELINE

In the Fall of 2020, the district recognized the need to do work on the aging unit ventilators (heating and cooling systems) at the middle and high schools. **A comprehensive facility assessment study, from the rooftops to the pavement was conducted** by SitologIQ. The study included information about the life expectancy of the current equipment and infrastructure, indoor air quality, temperature and humidity, lighting, acoustics and utility usage. Results from the study were presented to the school board in May of 2021. **It was determined that several infrastructure needs should be addressed;** recognizing the importance of updating the aging facilities and creating an efficient and complete scope of work. The school board worked internally and with a consultant to arrive at the current scope of planning.

The bond project is focused on a new heating, cooling and ventilation system components in the high school and middle school classrooms. The current ventilation units are 30 years beyond their life expectancy and are failing to provide adequate ventilation and comfort in the classrooms for staff and students. **This plan recognizes the importance of planning for replacement rather than experiencing a failure** which would impact the learning environment and the cost of the project. The bulk of the bond project would be replacing the classroom heating, cooling and ventilation systems. While these project areas are exposed, it will extend to include several secondary needs. The school board and district leadership agree that taking care of these secondary projects makes fiscal sense.

DID YOU KNOW?

AGE OF THE HIGH SCHOOL



- The High School was originally constructed in 1968 and its **mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems are now over 53 years old.**
- The existing single pane windows are over 23 years past their expected lifespan.

INCREASED TEST SCORES



- Students in classrooms with higher outdoor air ventilation rates **scored 14 to 15% higher on standardized test scores** than children in classrooms with lower outdoor air ventilation rates (*Shaughnessy, R.J., et al. 2006*).

EXCESSIVE NOISE LEVELS



- Roughly 60% of classroom activities involve speech. **Excessive levels of background noise from existing classroom unit ventilators can inhibit** reading, spelling, behavior, attention, concentration, and academic performance.



LEARN MORE AND VOTE ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

NEW! VOTING LOCATIONS AND INFO

Polls will be open 7AM to 8PM on September 14. In-person Absentee "Early" Voting and Absentee ballot information can be found at www.northlinncsd.org/ref21 or call (319) 224-3291 with any voting questions.

Benton and Linn County
North Linn High School
3033 Lynx Drive
Troy Mills, Iowa

Buchanan County
Rowley Community Center
109 Ely Street
Rowley, Iowa

Delaware County
Ryan City Hall
405 Franklin Street
Ryan, Iowa

OPEN HOUSE AND TOURS

OPEN HOUSE #1
Thursday, September 2, 2021
6PM - 7:30PM
North Linn High School

OPEN HOUSE #2
Friday, September 10, 2021
5:30PM - 7PM
North Linn High School

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