

Referendum Fact Sheet

On November 3, 2015, the St. Cloud Area School District will be asking voters to decide on a proposed Bond Referendum.

The Question

The question requests to issue general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$167,000,000 over twenty years to provide funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities throughout the school district. The funds would pay the cost for:



land and construction of a new Technical High School;

\$113,800,000



the repair and renovation of the existing Apollo High School site and facility;

\$46,500,000



the construction of secure, controlled entries and safety and security upgrades to various school sites and facilities throughout the district;

\$2,500,000



and for the acquisition, installation, replacement and maintenance of software, computers, mobile devices, technology and technology systems for schools throughout the district.

\$4,200,000

\$167,000,000

The Why

District 742 has an obligation to provide learning environments that meet both physical and social-emotional needs of all students while preparing them for success in a technological, global society.

As part of its strategic plan, District 742 has committed to developing systemic educational initiatives to prepare all students for college, career and life after high school. As such, District 742 must provide the training, support and resources necessary to carry out this vision.

District 742 is committed to meeting the needs of all students by providing active, personalized and self-directed learning. This referendum would help to create an environment for students and teachers that embodies the flexible workspaces and technology infrastructure necessary to promote personalized learning.



This referendum would address our outdated facilities, providing safe, affordable, accessible and equitable schools for all students and staff while equipping students with the technology tools and resources needed to succeed in today's and tomorrow's society.

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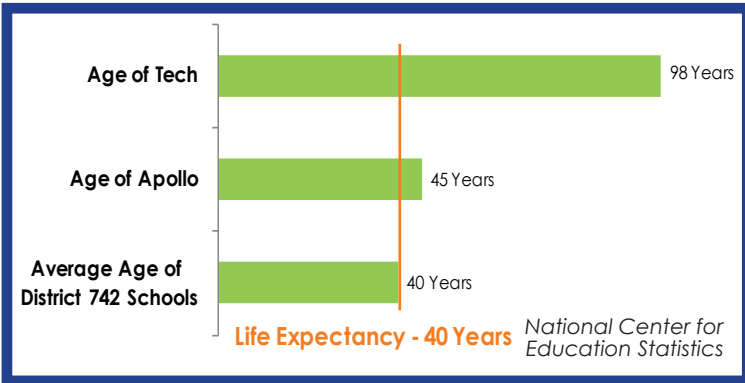
of District 742 residents believe that public schools need to better personalize learning for every student to ensure all learners see academic growth.

The What

High Schools for the Future

Good custodial care and renovations have helped extend Tech's life, but the building has been in use for 98 years—58 years longer than the average life expectancy of a school building. Apollo High School is 45 years old and also beyond the average. Both high schools have become inefficient and outdated and no longer meet the needs of students striving to achieve success in a 21st century world.

- ✓ The referendum will fund the construction of a new Tech High School in South St. Cloud near Neenah Creek Regional Park.
- ✓ The referendum will provide for extensive renovation and repairs at Apollo High School.



\$140 Million

The estimated cost for maintaining the current Tech and Apollo High Schools over the next ten years.

Security Enhancements to Buildings

The average age of a school building in District 742 is 40 years. Construction and design of these structures met the needs of a different era.

- ✓ By modifying entrances at our school buildings and in some cases relocating office space, the District will proactively enhance building security at each school to ensure a safe, productive and positive learning environment for staff and students.

Technology

Effective use of classroom technology allows teachers to create more interactive, personalized and self-directed learning experiences. Our students are accustomed to information at their fingertips and need immediate access to technology tools. When using technology effectively, students develop the essential 21st century skills of digital citizenship, communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity. As a school district, we are obligated to prepare students for college and career readiness in a digital world.

- ✓ The referendum will provide for the purchase, installation and maintenance of technology resources for students of all ages throughout the district, expanding upon the 1:1 Initiative launched in grades 6-8 in 2014.

The Impact

If the Bond Referendum Fails:

District 742 will need to continue to expend expensive resources on repairs to Tech and Apollo while the structures will continue to deteriorate.

The outdated facilities will fail to provide the personalized learning experiences that students need and residents recognize as vital to present day learning.

Current entrances and offices at most schools will remain in use and pose challenges and risk security.

Students will continue to play "catch up" in the use of technology for learning and be less prepared to use technology in college and the workplace.

Estimated Tax Impact for Residential Homestead

Estimated Market Value	Estimated Monthly Impact	Estimated Yearly Impact
\$100,000	\$9.80	\$117.58
\$150,000	\$18.20	\$218.35
\$200,000	\$25.20	\$302.34
\$250,000	\$33.59	\$403.11
\$400,000	\$55.99	\$671.86

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