



SAINT PETER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BUILDING BOND REFERENDUM

Saint Peter Public Schools is committed to providing students with high-quality learning environments that support their growth and success. Saint Peter Middle School has served us well over the last 65 years, but education has changed dramatically since it was originally built and used as a high school. Our district is asking residents to consider a \$10.965 million investment plan to improve the health, safety, and educational adequacy of our middle school. **Residents will have an opportunity to vote on the plan during the April 9 bond referendum, with early voting beginning on February 23.**



Learn more at MendTheMiddle.org

What Challenges Is The **MIDDLE SCHOOL FACING?**



Saint Peter Middle School has served us well over the last 65 years, but education has changed dramatically since it was built.

Today, students and staff face several challenges related to the building's age and design.



- Old windows and frames leak during rain, snow, and melt.
- To avoid disrupting Pre-K students, middle school students are unable to use the stairwell in the 1964 section of the building. This bottlenecks student traffic and makes it difficult for students and staff to move between classes or exit the building.
- Original science and art classrooms aren't designed to support middle school curriculum or interactive learning.
- Second and third-floor restrooms are original to the 1958 construction and are not ADA-compliant.
- Interior finishes in the original classrooms, halls, and common spaces are worn and beyond their service life.

Starting in 2022, our district completed assessments of the quality of our middle school building. Using the results of these assessments, our district worked with construction and financial experts to develop a fiscally responsible investment plan to address the most critical needs of the building.

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What Is Included In The INVESTMENT PLAN?



If voters approve the referendum on April 9, the \$10.965 million investment plan will:

- Renovate science classrooms to support interactive and project-based learning.
- Update the art room with new finishes, a sink, and a kiln.
- Refurbish classrooms and common areas with new flooring, paint, and storage space.
- Refurbish hallways with new paint and replace select lockers.
- Repair or replace leaking windows and frames.
- Add a new, external stairwell to improve student and staff movement in the building and eliminate bottlenecks.
- Update bathrooms on the second and third levels to be ADA compliant and add single occupancy restrooms on each level.
- Add acoustical treatments to Gymnasium B to reduce noise issues.

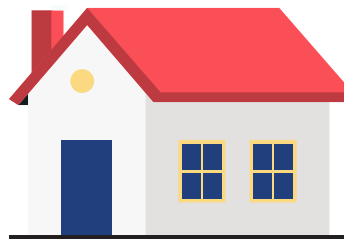
If voters approve the referendum, the proposed improvements will take place at the same time as the replacement of the middle school's boiler and HVAC system, which was approved separately by the school board. Completing the work at the same time will maximize efficiency and reduce the cost compared to completing the work separately.

What Will This PLAN COST?



The proposed plan would invest a total of \$10.965 million. If voters approve the referendum on Tuesday, April 9, the investment will be paid off using a tax increase on property in Saint Peter Public School District.

A \$225,000 residential home would see a tax increase of \$5.50 per month for 20 years, starting in 2025. You can find more information about the tax impact at [MendTheMiddle.org/cost](https://mendthemiddle.org/cost).



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WANT TO KNOW YOUR SPECIFIC TAX IMPACT?

Use our tax calculator:



How Do I Vote IN THE REFERENDUM?



Election Day is Tuesday, April 9.
There are three ways to vote:



Vote early via mailed absentee ballot: Friday, February 23 through Monday, April 6.

Vote early in person: Friday, February 23 through Monday, April 6, at the Nicollet County Auditor's office.

In person on Election Day: Tuesday, April 9, between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at your designated polling location.

The referendum and the 2024 Presidential Primary are **separate** elections with different polling locations and absentee ballots. You can find complete voting information for the referendum at [MendTheMiddle.org/vote](https://mendthemiddle.org/vote).