

The Challenge

Over the next 10 years, more than 3,500 potential new K-12 students are expected to move into the district. Current projections show that 15 schools will be over capacity and we will have a deficit of nearly 2,500 K-12 seats for students by 2031 if we do nothing.

Vote Starting June 24



PICTURED: Overcrowding in the East Ridge High School hallways.

Ballot Question - Bonds for Buildings

SoWashCo Schools will ask voters to consider approval of a \$462.6 million bond on Aug. 9, 2022. A bond is the only method to raise enough funds for construction, renovations and additions to meet the needs of our growing community.

If Approved by Voters:

- Efficient use of current buildings
- Expansion of early learning programs and services
- Construction of two elementary schools
- Expansion of three high schools
- Improvements to facilities districtwide
- Purchase of land for future growth
- Accommodate early learning, special education and community education programming
- Minimal changes to attendance boundaries

If Voters Do Not Approve the Ballot Question:

If voters do not approve the bond, the current 10-year facility plan will be modified, but not dismantled, in order to address growth where it is occurring. With some schools overcapacity, there will likely be extensive boundary changes prior to 2025 along with other considerations.

Vote Early in Person

Washington County

Early in-person voting begins Friday, June 24 and ends Monday, Aug. 8 and is also available from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 6.

| Locations | |
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| Washington County | |
| 14949 62nd Street N. Stillwater, MN 55082 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• June. 24– Aug. 8• 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. |
| Cottage Grove Service Center | |
| 13000 Ravine Pkwy. Cottage Grove, MN 55016 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• June. 24– Aug. 8• 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. |
| R.H. Stafford Library (Lower Level) | |
| 8595 Central Park Place Woodbury, MN 55125 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• June. 24– Aug. 8• 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. |
| Headwaters Service Center | |
| 19955 Forest Road N. Forest Lake, MN 55025 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• June. 24– Aug. 8• 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. |
| Oakdale City Hall | |
| 1584 Hadley Ave. N. Oakdale, MN 55128 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• June. 24– Aug. 8• 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. |

Regular polling locations are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 9. Find your regular polling location at mnvotes.org

Vote Early by Mail

Washington County

To vote early by mail, visit www.mnvotes.org or call 651-430-6790 and request an absentee application be sent to you.

- Complete an absentee ballot application and submit it online
 - For mail, send completed application to Washington County Elections, 14949 62nd Street N., Stillwater, MN 55082.
- Receive your ballot in the mail and complete it, following instructions carefully.
- Return your ballot in the envelope provided; make sure it will arrive before Aug. 9.

Questions about how to vote? Call 651-430-6790

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