Description of Proposed School Construction Project

Canby Public Schools, ISD #0891-01, is proposing a bond referendum on November 8, 2022 that would authorize \$21.7 million in bonding authority to finance facility upgrades at the High School and Elementary School. The largest project components are building additions that would house Career Technical Education (CTE) programming and a new gymnasium with improved community access. Other proposed projects include: HVAC upgrades, football field improvements, stadium seating/press box renovations, a new 8 lane track, secure entrance upgrades for both schools with associated administrative office relocations and other renovations.

The proposed projects would be scheduled for completion in calendar years 2024 through 2025. Cost estimates by location/project component are as follows:

High School		Elementary School	
Gymnasium Addition / Access	\$7,647,500	Secure Entrance	\$422,000
CTE Space Addition	\$4,248,000	Site Drainage	\$25,000
HVAC Upgrades	\$5,805,000		\$447,000
New 8 Lane Track	\$1,125,000		
Athletic Field Upgrades	\$200,000	Other Project Costs	
Stadium Seating / Press Box	\$300,000	Bond Issuance	\$127,500
Secure Entrance	\$372,000		
Renovate Existing Locker Room	\$850,000	Total Project Costs	\$22,000,000
Classroom Renovations	\$878,000		
	\$21,425,500		

The district has supplied cost estimates to operate and staff the additional building space and it appears existing revenues will be sufficient to fund any associated operational cost increases. The proposed projects appear to be in the long-term interest of the school 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.

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