

**VOTE ON  
OR BEFORE  
TUESDAY,  
NOVEMBER 5TH**



**ONE TEAM. ONE GOAL. STUDENT SUCCESS.**

After several months of facilities assessments, enrollment projections, stakeholder input sessions and community engagement, the District is proposing a single-question referendum plan for voters to consider on November 5, 2019.

Student enrollment has been growing steadily over the past five years and is projected to grow at a rate of 18% over the next 10 years. WOWE is proud of our ongoing mission of preparing our students to be responsible citizens and lifelong learners. Passage of this referendum question will allow the District to continue providing learning opportunities to learners of all ages at a level needed for success in today's world.

**THE NEEDS OF OUR DISTRICT**

**HEALTH**

All WOWE facilities need upgrades that relate to the health of students, staff and the community as well as the life-cycle of building systems.

The layout of our current buildings means several classrooms go without natural daylight. Many areas are made uncomfortable due to the age and state of our mechanical systems not having cooling capabilities.

**SAFETY**

The Waubun facility received a grant for security upgrades -- all remaining WOWE education facilities still need upgrades.

The parking lot at Waubun has limited parking spots and inadequate pickup/dropoff space for buses and cars.

Waubun ALC has no off-street parking.

**LEARNING**

Flexible learning spaces are key to providing education for all learners. WOWE needs more small group learning space and space for STEAM education as well as our specialty services.

We take pride in offering small class sizes -- as enrollment grows, class sizes may also grow without improvements.

**OUR NOVEMBER 2019 PLAN**

**QUESTION – \$7.74 M**

**OGEMA ELEMENTARY**

- HVAC upgrades to improve indoor air quality
- Restructure office area to provide a safe and secure entrance
- Create more space by moving 4th grade population to the Waubun campus. (Fall 2020, regardless of referendum outcome.)
- Re-structure existing space to accommodate small group learning, music, art, and STEAM learning.
- The long term plan for Ogema Parking and Drop-off will be addressed upon purchase of residential property.

**Includes District-wide improvements addressing HVAC upgrades, classroom renovations/additions, and safety upgrades**

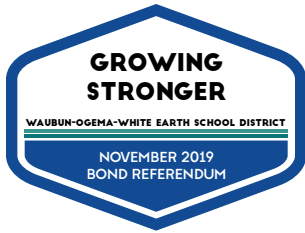
**BUS/MAINTENANCE**

- Install insulation and heating
- Update electrical components to provide an efficient heat source

**WAUBUN 5-12**

- Addition to the west side of existing structure to accommodate 4th grade population, a maker's space, storage, restrooms, and the ALC.
- Renovated locker rooms to provide ADA features and minimize foot traffic.
- HVAC Upgrades to improve indoor air quality.
- Creation of a small parking lot adjacent to the ALC entrance; additional parking at the main entrance of the facility.
- Renovating the oldest portions of our buildings to protect our investments.





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## BENEFITS OF THE 2019 PLAN

- Natural daylight has been proven to increase students concentration and success. The plan provides natural daylight to as many education classrooms as possible.
- All students will enjoy the same safety and security measures no matter which WOWE facility they attend.
- Infrastructure improvements and deferred maintenance enhancements will improve and protect the indoor learning environments. These updates will extend the life-cycles of our systems so they can serve the District long into the future.
- Temperature control in the garage means staff is better able to provide maintenance for District equipment year round.
- Providing small class sizes with additional flexible space to provide for enhanced educational opportunities and future growth.



## TAX IMPACT

**\$7.74 Million funded from  
19-year general  
obligation bonds**

A residence with an estimated market value of \$125,000 would see a monthly increase of \$4.42 if the proposed referendum question passes.

PROPERTY TYPE	ESTIMATED MARKET VALUE	ESTIMATED MONTHLY TAX IMPACT	ESTIMATED ANNUAL TAX IMPACT
Residential	\$75,000	\$2	\$24
	<input checked="" type="radio"/> \$125,000	\$4.42	\$53
	\$200,000	\$8	\$96
Ag. Homestead (Per Acre)	\$3,000	\$0.03	\$0.40
Ag. Non-Homestead (Per Acre)	\$3,000	\$0.07	\$0.80

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or [www.waubun.k12.mn.us](http://www.waubun.k12.mn.us) to use the tax calculator.

## REFERENDUM VOTING INFORMATION

### WHAT'S YOUR PLAN?

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**7:00 AM – 8:00 PM**

**FIND YOUR POLLING PLACE**  
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Whether you vote on  
November 5th or earlier,  
make your voice heard.

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Available Starting  
September 20th!**

**#MakeEveryDayCount**

To learn more about the need and the impact of the referendum, find voting information, and get answers to your questions, visit [www.waubun.k12.mn.us](http://www.waubun.k12.mn.us).

