

State of Minnesota  
County of Fillmore

## City of Mabel

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### Resolution #2020-09

#### Endorsement of Mabel-Canton School District Referenda

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mabel believes a healthy school district is essential to the vitality of our community, and;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mabel believes the Mabel-Canton School District educates young people to become fine, upstanding members of our community, and;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mabel supports preserving and enhancing the school district's physical assets to continue meeting the educational needs of students.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Mabel supports the proposed referenda presented by the Mabel-Canton School District on the November 3, 2020 General Election Ballot.

**Date Adopted: October 14, 2020**

**Mabel City Council**

  
James Westby, Mayor

**ATTEST:**



Karen Larson, City Clerk

# Community-Driven Student-Focused Referendum

On November 3, 2020, the District will ask residents to support both an operating referendum renewal and a facility bond referendum to meet our current and future needs.

During the past year, the Mabel-Canton School District has been assessing and evaluating options to address needed facility projects that are too large to be met within the District's annual operating budget. The result of a community-wide survey, conducted this summer, indicated support for both an operating referendum renewal and a facility bond referendum.

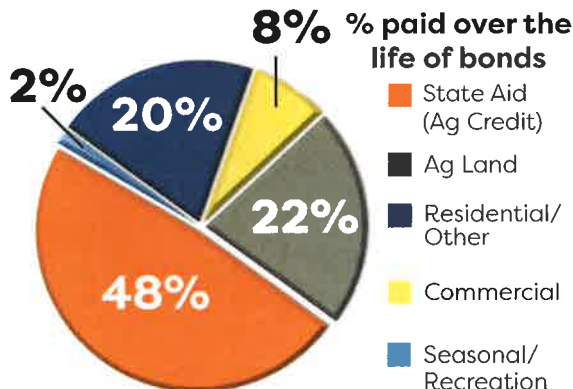
After a facility study was conducted, and student enrollment was analyzed, the District identified a Base Plan that evaluated the school's condition, building capacity, and adequacy of educational spaces. Residents will be asked three questions on the upcoming referendum ballot. Question 1 will address the operating referendum renewal. Question 2 (\$5,825,000) and question 3 (\$780,000) will address the facility bond referendum.

OPERATING REFERENDUM RENEWAL INFORMATION	FACILITY BOND REFERENDUM INFORMATION	
	FACILITY CHALLENGES	FACILITY SOLUTIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>After the 2021-22 school year, the operating referendum authority of \$803.10 per pupil will expire. Based on the state's school funding formula, there is no indication that school funding will increase at a level needed to address current and future educational needs. Therefore, the District will need to renew the operating referendum no later than November of 2021. By renewing the operating referendum, <b>it is projected there will be NO INCREASE IN TAXES</b> for Mabel-Canton School District taxpayers.</li> <li>If voters support renewing the operating referendum funding, the District would be able to <u>maintain the quality of education our community expects.</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aging building components and significant building systems have exceeded their useful life</li> <li>A number of accessibility challenges exist that do not meet Americans with Disabilities (ADA) code compliance</li> <li>Outdated and inadequate gym floors, bleachers, and stage equipment to meet physical education, extracurricular activities, and community needs</li> <li>Science rooms are outdated and do not support the current learning curriculum</li> <li>Insufficient playground and outdoor learning space equipment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve the student learning environment</li> <li>Replace, repair, and update building roof sections, windows, plumbing, electrical systems, and heating and ventilation systems (HVAC) for better air quality throughout the school</li> <li>Safety and accessibility for students and the community that will upgrade the gymnasium, stage, concessions, and bathrooms</li> <li>Increase student learning opportunities and programs                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update science rooms to meet current instructional standards, as well as improve safety and accessibility</li> <li>Improve playground and outdoor learning space</li> </ul> </li> <li>Long-term investment in our Mabel and Canton communities to attract and retain students and staff</li> </ul>

## 48% paid by the State of MN for bond referendum

Question 2 (\$5,825,000) | Question 3 (\$780,000)

All public school bond projects in Minnesota now benefit from this tax credit to our farmers and ag community.



For an estimate of your individual tax impact, visit the tax calculator page on the District's website, call Ehlers at 1-800-552-1171 or scan the QR code to the left with your phone's camera to direct you to the tax calculator.

## VOTE ON ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

<b>Amherst Township</b> Amherst Town Hall 19521 - 371st Ave., Canton Hours: 7 AM - 8 PM	<b>Black Hammer Township</b> Spring Grove Fest Building 110 S Division Ave., Spring Grove Hours: 7 AM - 8 PM
<b>City of Mabel</b> Mabel Community Center 201 S Main Street, Mabel Hours: 7 AM - 8 PM	<b>Spring Grove Township</b> Spring Grove Fest Building 110 S Division Ave., Spring Grove Hours: 7 AM - 8 PM
<b>Canton Township, City of Canton, Newburg Township, and Preble Township</b> Mail-in Ballot Only Contact Fillmore County Auditor/Treasurer's Office at 507-765-3811 for any questions.	

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