



August 13, 2024

SCHOOL FACILITY Bond Referendum

ON AUGUST 13, MORRIS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT VOTERS WILL BE ASKED TO SUPPORT A \$12.72 MILLION SCHOOL FACILITY BOND REFERENDUM TO:

Improve Safety

- Create a secure main entrance at the elementary school to control and route visitors through school
- Redesign traffic patterns to better separate vehicle and pedestrians and create dedicated PreK entrance

Add Needed Classrooms

- Add classrooms, designed for young learners, at the elementary school to meet the programming demand for PreK
- Move 6th grade students back to the elementary school

Grounds + Tennis Court Improvements

- Add lighting to the tennis courts to relieve scheduling conflicts and allow facility use into the evening
- Pave area around courts to improve accessibility for people with mobility issues
- Expand spectator seating
- Add toilets and needed storage spaces
- Other upgrades to athletic facilities

Questions about the proposed projects? JOIN US!

COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETINGS

Monday, June 24, 2024
5 TO 6 P.M.

Elementary School Media Center
151 South Columbia Avenue
Morris, MN

Tuesday, June 25, 2024
12 TO 1 P.M.

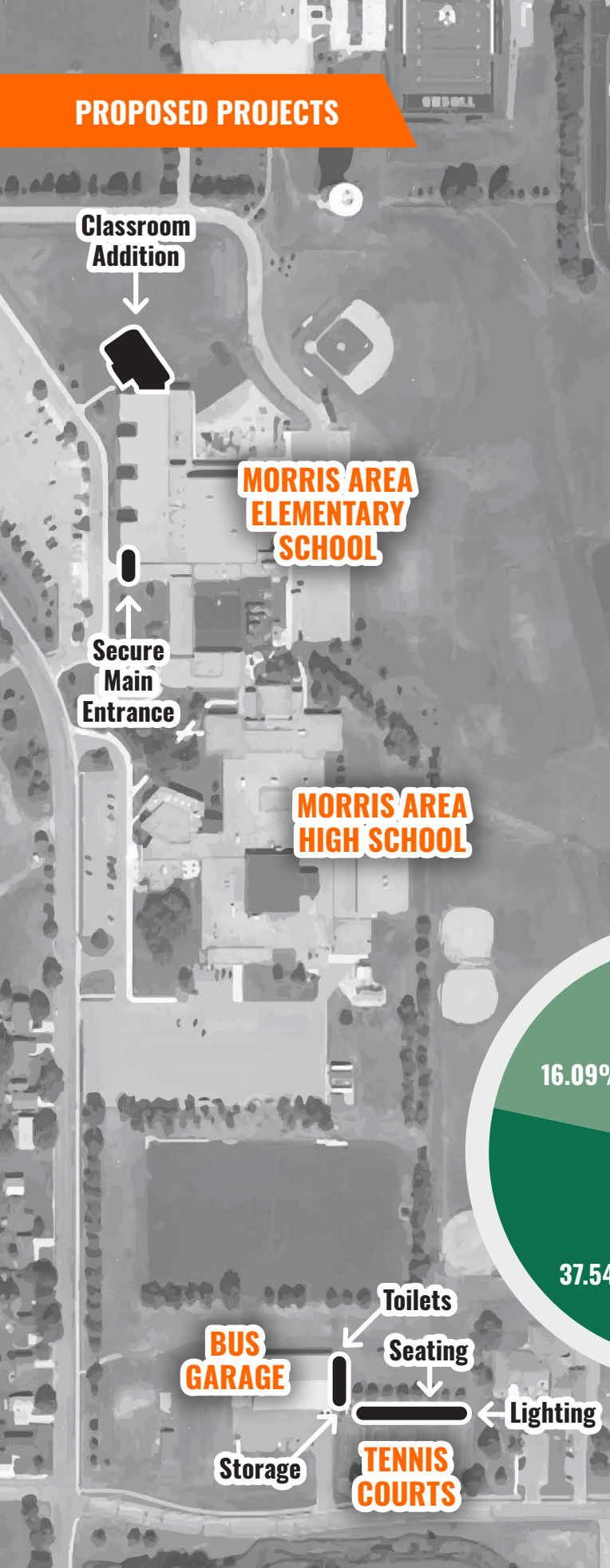
Elementary School Media Center
151 South Columbia Avenue
Morris, MN

Tuesday, July 9, 2024
4 TO 5 P.M.

Virtual Meeting
Link to join found at

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN VIRTUAL MEETING](#)

PROPOSED PROJECTS



TAX RELIEF MEASURES

There are tax relief measures that can reduce the impact of the bond for Minnesota residents.

Regular Residential Property Tax Refund

Annual Refund for Eligible Households
A homeowner with a household income of up to \$135,410 is eligible for a property tax refund of up to \$3,310. A renter with a household income of up to \$73,270 is eligible for a property tax refund of up to \$2,570.

Special Residential Property Tax Refund

If you are a homeowner, you may be eligible for a special property tax refund. This refund has no income limit and the maximum refund is \$1,000. You may qualify if your net property tax increased by more than 12% between 2022 and 2023, and the increase is at least \$100.

Ag2School Building Bond Tax Credit

The School Building Bond Agricultural Tax Credit (Ag2School) is a **70% tax break on the cost of existing, proposed, and future construction bond issues** automatically applied to your agricultural property bill. The bill has strong bi-partisan support. In fact, efforts have been made to further increase the tax credit.

WHO PAYS FOR A VOTER APPROVED BOND?

- Residential 29.89%
- Commercial/Industrial 10.77%
- Ag2School Credit 37.54%
- Agriculture 16.09%
- Other 5.71%

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:

REVENUE.STATE.MN.US

WHAT WILL THE BOND COST ME?

Ballot Question

Shall the School Board of Independent School District No. 2769 (Morris Area School District), Minnesota be authorized to issue general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$12,720,000, for the purpose of providing funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities?

The table below shows the tax impact for the bond question on various types and values of properties.

Type of Property	Estimated Market Value	Estimated Annual Referendum Tax Impact	Estimated Monthly Referendum Tax Impact
Residential Homestead	\$50,000	\$10.50	\$0.88
	\$75,000	\$15.75	\$1.31
	\$100,000	\$25.13	\$2.09
	\$200,000	\$63.28	\$5.27
	\$250,000	\$82.36	\$6.86
	\$300,000	\$101.44	\$8.45
	\$400,000	\$139.59	\$11.63
Commercial/Industrial	\$100,000	\$52.50	\$4.38
	\$200,000	\$113.76	\$9.48
	\$500,000	\$323.77	\$27.00
Ag Homestead* <i>Average value per acre</i>	\$5,000	\$0.26	\$0.22
	\$7,500	\$0.39	\$0.33
	\$10,000	\$0.53	\$0.44
Ag Non-Homestead** <i>Average value per acre</i>	\$5,000	\$0.53	\$0.44
	\$7,500	\$0.79	\$0.66
	\$10,000	\$1.05	\$0.88

*Ag homestead examples include house, garage, and one acre which has the same tax impact as residential homestead property.

**The Ag2School Property Tax relief bill passed in May 2019 provides debt service levy tax relief of 70% for taxes payable in 2023 and beyond for qualifying agricultural and timber properties.

TAX IMPACT CALCULATOR

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW TAX IMPACT CALCULATOR](#)

WHERE TO VOTE TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Morris Precinct 1
Evangelical Free Church
901 Scotts Avenue, Morris, MN

Morris Precinct 2
National Guard Army
722 Iowa Avenue, Morris, MN

Morris Precinct 3
Federated Church of Morris
200 South Columbia Avenue, Morris, MN

Swan Lake Township*
Swan Lake Town Hall
Morris, MN
**Polling hours at this location only are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.*

Stevens County Courthouse Auditor-Treasurer Office**

400 Colorado Avenue, Suite 303, Morris, MN

**The courthouse is open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on election day to drop off mail-in ballots and absentee ballots

EARLY + ABSENTEE VOTING

Friday, June 28 through August 11, 2024

WEEKDAYS - 8 A.M. TO 4 P.M.
Stevens County Courthouse Auditor-Treasurer Office
400 Colorado Avenue, Suite 303
Morris, MN

Monday, August 12, 2024
8 A.M. TO 5 P.M.

Stevens County Courthouse Auditor-Treasurer Office
400 Colorado Avenue, Suite 303
Morris, MN

Saturday, August 10, 2024
9 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

Stevens County Courthouse Auditor-Treasurer Office
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Morris, MN