



# Press Release

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On Tuesday, April 6 the Monroe School District is seeking approval for \$5,600,000 million to provide funding to repair and renovate Northside Elementary School. This referendum will address urgent maintenance items, indoor air quality, code compliance, and safety updates, as well as upgrading several items, such as replacing lighting with energy-efficient LED. These updates were identified by the District Facilities Committee findings during the facilities assessment completed by CG Schmidt Construction and Plunkett Raysich Architects (PRA) in 2018.

Following a thorough review of the mechanical systems in the school by representatives from the District, along with representatives from CG Schmidt Construction, Plunkett Raysich Architects, and North American Mechanical, Inc (NAMI); the current HVAC system and deteriorated watermain were identified among the most pressing issues. After a presentation in December 2020 by CG Schmidt and PRA on the maintenance needs facing Northside Elementary School and the recommendations to address the numerous concerns identified, the Monroe School District Board of Education, District Administration, community members, and other interested parties had an open dialogue on the proposed referendum.

Then, in January 2021, the Monroe School District's Board of Education voted unanimously (8 – 0) to adopt the resolution to pursue a facilities referendum asking District taxpayers to approve a general obligation bond to fund improvements and repairs at

Northside Elementary School. The referendum question below will be presented to district voters on the April 6 ballot.

“BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the School District of Monroe, Green County, Wisconsin that there shall be issued pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$5,600,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school facility improvement project at Northside Elementary School consisting of: HVAC, safety and site improvements; remodeling for ADA compliance; capital maintenance and building infrastructure improvements, including roof and water main replacement, and lighting and technology updates; and acquisition of related furnishings, fixtures and equipment.”

Members of the community are encouraged to “Get Out and Vote”. All eligible school district voters can vote at their regular polling place on April 6. For information on how to vote in person, please visit: [www.myvote.wi.gov](http://www.myvote.wi.gov). For more information on the referendum visit the district website at [www.monroeschools.com/district/northside-referendum.cfm](http://www.monroeschools.com/district/northside-referendum.cfm).

The proposed Northside Elementary project is part of the District’s Long-Range Master Plan for upgrading and maintaining their facilities. In 2018, district voters approved a similar referendum question to address urgent maintenance issues at Parkside Elementary and Monroe Middle School.

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