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## **Mequon and Thiensville Voters Approve \$55.7 Million School District Referendum**

MEQUON, WI — Voters in the Mequon-Thiensville School District approved a \$55.7 million referendum to address facility needs across the Mequon-Thiensville School District by a margin of 58% yes to 42% no.

The voter-approved referendum comes after an 18-month facility planning process that included comprehensive enrollment studies, the development of a Long-Range Master Plan for facilities, a Community Task Force comprised of individuals who represented a spectrum of opinions and perspectives related to the school district and community, and the input of stakeholders via a community-wide survey.

The facilities plan was developed to improve safety and security across the school district and to address building capacity and enrollment growth. Two recently completed studies predict significant enrollment growth at the elementary level in the coming years. With each of MTSD's 3 elementary schools operating near or over its ideal capacity, MTSD does not have adequate classroom and core learning space to accommodate elementary school students.

Construction projects to accommodate needs related to building capacity and projected enrollment growth will include:

- Creating additions and renovations at three elementary schools to increase space available for core classrooms, art, physical education, music, and special education to accommodate projected enrollment growth
- Expanding cafeterias at the elementary and middle schools
- Renovating targeted spaces at the middle schools, including music and specialist classrooms to support current needs

In addition, construction projects to accommodate needs related to safety and security will include:

- Improving traffic circulation and parking lot queuing space at all schools
- Making restrooms and playgrounds more accessible for those with mobility impairments
- Creating a more identifiable main entrance at Homestead High School and making district-wide improvements to control visitor access
- Connecting to municipal water and enhancing fire suppression and alarm systems at the elementary and middle schools

"This bold step forward by our community will serve our school district and all residents well into the future," said MTSD Superintendent of Schools Matthew Joynt, Ph.D. "We are pleased to add to the vitality of our community through our strong public schools. The engagement throughout this process reaffirms our community's support and desire to grow with us."

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## ADD ONE/VOTERS APPROVE \$55.7 MILLION SCHOOL DISTRICT REFERENDUM

The district will now begin developing plans and timelines for construction projects. Because construction will touch every building and program in some way, projects will be phased to cause as little disruption to students as possible.

“Thank you to Mequon and Thiensville residents for your investment in our youth, public schools, and collective future!” said Joynt.

School funding is a partnership between the state and federal governments and local taxpayers. When schools need additional funding for major building projects or to support operating expenses, they must turn to voters for their approval. More background on this referendum is available at [www.mtsd.k12.wi.us/facilities](http://www.mtsd.k12.wi.us/facilities).

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