

# FAIRMONT AREA SCHOOLS VOCATIONAL EXPANSION PROJECT REFERENDUM VOTE: FEBRUARY 9, 2021

## CHALLENGES

- Vocational and technical programs require additional space to increase learning opportunities for students.
- More than 50 Fairmont area businesses have a significant need for skilled employees with technical and vocational training.
- According to the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce and the State of Minnesota, Minnesota will experience a shortage of nearly 239,000 workers involving every industry in all parts of the state beginning in 2022. Even with employer-funded customized training, there aren't enough workers to fill these good-paying jobs. 2021 marks the first time that the population of Minnesotans over age 65 will exceed the school-age population.

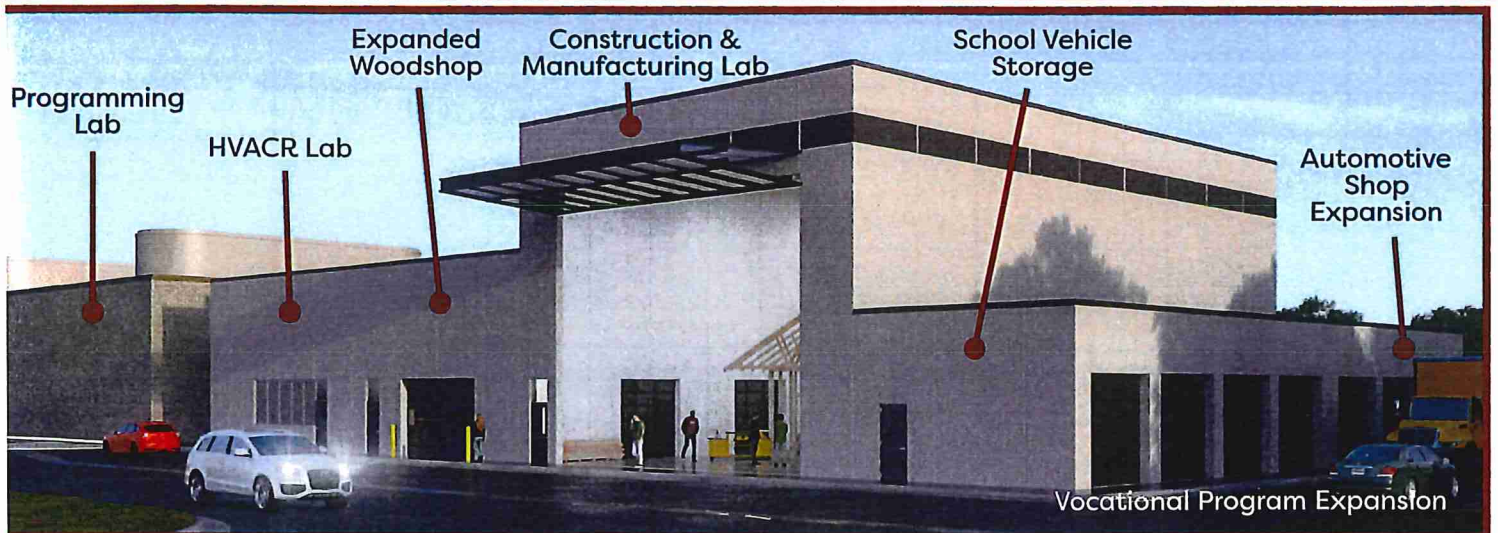
## SOLUTIONS

- Provide additional space at the Fairmont Area High School for vocational programs that increase students' opportunities to receive job/career training for immediate job opportunities in the Fairmont area.
- Attract and retain our own Fairmont talent for jobs. Preparing Fairmont area school students to fill these good-paying jobs required by our Fairmont area employers, several with starting wages over \$50,000 per year and, right in our own back yard, is a win-win solution to help our local employers attract and retain the skilled workers they need to compete.

## WHY NOW?

The need is immediate for skilled workers in the Fairmont area.  
Interest rates are at historical lows.

## BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE





CONCEPT  
DRAWING

BALLOT  
QUESTION

TAX IMPACT  
\$6,730,000 BOND COST



### SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS

Shall the board of Independent School District No. 2752 (Fairmont Area Schools), Minnesota be authorized to issue general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$6,730,000 for acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including but not limited to, a building expansion for vocational facilities?

BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

FLOOR PLAN

Property Type	Taxable Market Value	Estimated Annual Tax Impact	Estimated Monthly Tax Impact
Residential Homestead	\$75,000	\$7	\$0.58
	\$125,000	\$15	\$1.25
	\$175,000	\$23	\$1.92
Commercial/Industrial	\$100,000	\$22	\$1.83
	\$250,000	\$62	\$5.17
	\$500,000	\$136	\$11.33
Apartments (4 units or more)	\$75,000	\$14	\$1.17
	\$200,000	\$37	\$3.08
	\$500,000	\$92	\$7.67
Seasonal Recreational (Residential)	\$30,000	\$4	\$0.33
	\$45,000	\$7	\$0.58
	\$70,000	\$10	\$0.83
	Acres	Taxable Est. Market Value*	Annual Cost
Agricultural Homestead (Average value per acre of land and buildings)	160	\$800,000	\$23.52
	320	\$1,600,000	\$47.04
	640	\$3,200,000	\$132.30
Agricultural Non-Homestead (Average value per acre of land and buildings)	160	\$800,000	\$47.04
	320	\$1,600,000	\$94.08
	640	\$3,200,000	\$188.16

For a specific estimate of your tax impact, visit the tax calculator page on the District's website at [www.fairmont.k12.mn.us](http://www.fairmont.k12.mn.us)

\* Figures provided by Ehlers and assumes an average per acre of land and building of \$5,000.



### **EXPANDED WOODSHOP**

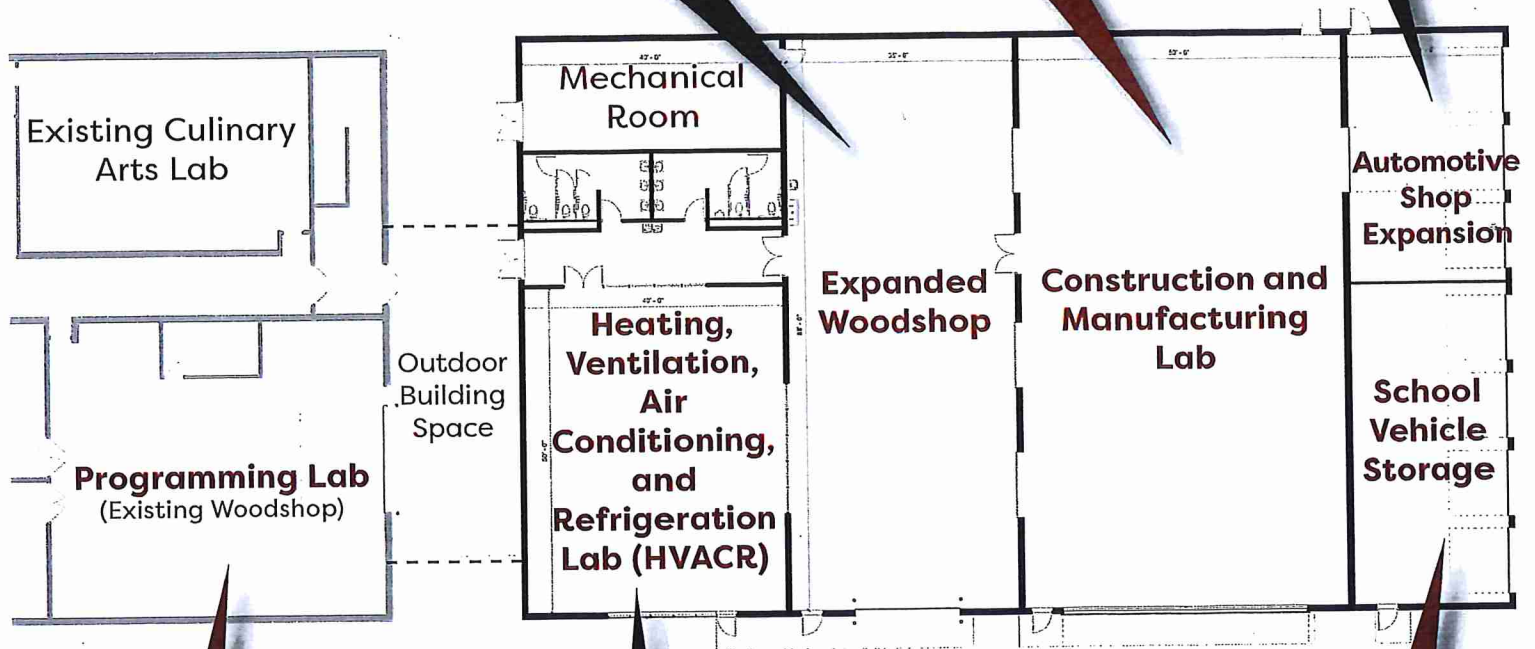
The current program has grown and requires additional learning space for students to continue to build a variety of cabinetry and woodworking projects.

### **CONSTRUCTION AND MANUFACTURING LAB**

The construction and manufacturing lab will enable students to build residential homes, garages, fish houses, and tiny houses that can be moved to a site within the community upon completion. Students learn framing, electrical, plumbing, roofing, sheetrocking, windows installation, trim work, and siding.

### **AUTOMOTIVE SHOP EXPANSION**

The current automotive shop requires additional space for current and future projects to expand the program and provide appropriate learning space for vehicles, engines, and equipment.



### **PROGRAMMING LAB**

The former woodshop space will be repurposed as an equipment programming lab that our mechatronic class and robotics students will utilize. The area will include 3D printers, wood/metal/glass engravers, flight simulators, and Computer Numerical Control (CNC) equipment, which will allow students to design and program equipment to perform tasks at local industry standards.

### **HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR CONDITIONING, AND REFRIGERATION LAB (HVACR)**

In this new program, students will learn the skills needed to work on the mechanical systems and equipment in commercial buildings, including heating, ventilation, air conditioning, refrigeration, and digital control systems. This program will connect with local Fairmont area businesses, engineering schools, technical colleges, and experts in the building industry to provide a high-quality learning experience that reflects where the industry is today and where it is going in the future. This program will allow our students to obtain college credits and technical certifications during High School, so they are eligible for apprenticeships, internships, or jobs.

### **SCHOOL VEHICLE STORAGE**

The Maintenance and Grounds Department needs additional space for school vehicles currently at the school maintenance shop. The existing four-stall garage at this location will be relocated near the new vocational building to allow staff access to vehicles to transport 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>-grade students to school activities throughout the day.





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**VOTE EARLY STARTING NOW  
IN PERSON OR BY MAIL**

- OR -

**VOTE ON ELECTION DAY  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

Hours: 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM

In Person	
Where	Martin County Courthouse, Attn: Auditor's Office 201 Lake Avenue, Fairmont, MN 56031
Hours	Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM - and - Saturday, February 6 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Deadline: Monday, February 8 at 5:00 PM	

Absentee Ballot By Mail	
You may request an application for an absentee ballot via any of the following ways:	
Phone Call	Martin County Auditor's Office - 507-238-3211
Online	<a href="http://www.co.martin.mn.us/index.php/elections-voter">www.co.martin.mn.us/index.php/elections-voter</a>
Email	<a href="mailto:elections@co.martin.mn.us">elections@co.martin.mn.us</a>
Fax	Martin County Auditor's Office - 507-238-3259
You will then be mailed an application for an absentee ballot. Complete the application and either return your application via email, fax, mail, or in person to Martin County Courthouse, Attn: Auditor's Office, 201 Lake Avenue, Fairmont, MN 56031.	
Next, you will be mailed an official absentee ballot to vote early. Complete the official absentee ballot and return it by mail to the Martin County Auditor's Office.	
Deadline: Must be received in the mail no later than Tuesday, February 9 at 8:00 PM or drop off at the Martin County Auditor's Office, or picked up and returned by an agent, no later than Tuesday, February 9 at 3:00 PM.	

Precinct 1	
CITY / TOWNSHIP	POLLING PLACE
City of Fairmont	Knights of Columbus 920 East Tenth Street Fairmont, MN 56031
City of Northrop	
Fairmont Township	
Pleasant Prairie Township	
Rolling Green Township	
Rutland Township	
Silver Lake Township	

Precinct 2	
CITY / TOWNSHIP	POLLING PLACE
City of Ceylon	Old City Hall 112 Main Street Ceylon, MN 56121
Lake Belt Township	
Lake Fremont Township	
Manyaska Township	
Tenhassen Township	

To vote in Minnesota, you must first register to vote. You can register when you vote early or in person at your polling location on Election Day.

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## INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

Date: Tuesday, January 12

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Fairmont High School -  
Performing Arts Center

Date: Tuesday, January 26

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Fairmont High School -  
Performing Arts Center