

HOW THE \$46 MILLION REFERENDUM WOULD BE FUNDED?

A new school would be paid by the citizens of the school district through property taxes on residential, agricultural and commercial properties over the next 20 years. The district would levy an estimated additional 74.77 mills to fund a new school up to \$46 million. The estimated tax impact would be \$336.46 per every \$100,000 residential property and agricultural property would be \$3.60 per acre of land.

The estimated tax impact for residential properties could change in the next month if property tax relief is approved in the current legislative session ending in early May. A bill has been proposed that would increase the tax credit on primary residential homes, thus decreasing the tax impact of a new school. This information will be updated and shared with our citizens prior to June 10th.

CALCULATE YOUR ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT

Scan the QR Code or visit <https://www.hiliners.org/page/referendum>



INFORMATION (PUBLIC MEETINGS, Q & A SESSIONS, AND WEBPAGE)

We have committed to providing every citizen of the school district with factual, timely, and transparent information before the referendum vote on June 10th. Four public meetings and four Q & A sessions have been scheduled between April 22nd and June 5th. The district has also created a webpage with referendum-related information, including an FAQ page, informational videos, additional resources, etc.

VOTER INFORMATION

The referendum election will be held on Tuesday, June 10th at the Valley City Public School District Office at 460 Central Avenue, N, Valley City, ND 58072 from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM. An application for absentee voting is available by contacting the district office or visiting the district webpage at <https://www.hiliners.org/o/vcsd/page/voting-absentee>.

WHAT WILL OUR SCHOOLS LOOK LIKE IN 10, 20, AND 50 YEARS?

Today, modern school facilities are a key factor for families and businesses choosing where to relocate. Would a new school help reverse a student enrollment and population decline in Valley City? Would a new school lead to economic growth and development? If education is in fact a cornerstone of a community, what do we want our schools to look like in 10, 20, and 50 years from now?

WHAT IS THE EXACT QUESTION THAT WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT?

Shall Valley City Public School District No.2 of Barnes County, North Dakota, issue its general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$46,000,000.00 maturing within a maximum of 20 years, resulting in an estimated additional millage of 74.77 mills, equal to \$74.77 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation for the first taxable year, for the purpose of providing funds, together with any other funds available to establish a new school that will be connected to Jefferson Elementary School creating a combined K-12 school, ensuring student safety and security, modernizing educational spaces and providing ADA accessibility. This will include selling the District Office, Washington Elementary School, demolishing the original 1919 building and 1940s and 1950s additions of Valley City High School, thus eliminating the estimated cost (\$30 million) of deferred maintenance in these buildings, maximizing operational efficiencies including right-sizing the square footage in the new school building to changing enrollments and to otherwise improve, renovate, remodel, construct, and equip school property and make site improvement to school property. **Yes... or No...**

IF NOT NOW, WHEN? IF NOT US, WHO? IF NOT HERE, WHERE?

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

April 22, 2025, 6:30 PM - North Gym at VCHS

May 8, 2025, 6:30 PM - Washington Gymnasium

May 14, 2025, 6:30 PM - Jefferson Gymnasium

June 3, 2025, 6:30 PM - North Gym at VCHS

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Q&A SESSIONS

May 1, 2025, 8:30 - 9:30 AM - VCHS

May 15, 2025, 7:30 - 8:30 AM - Washington

May 28, 2025, 12:00 - 1:00 PM - Jefferson

June 5, 2025, 10:00 - 11:00 AM - District Office