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2006 BOND
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How to get more information.

How to get your questions answered.



**Spring Lake Park School District 16
Bond Referendum
February 28, 2006 Special Election**

A BOND REFERENDUM TO FUND MUCH OF THE DISTRICT'S LONG-RANGE FACILITIES UTILIZATION AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN. SERVING STUDENTS IN BLAINE-SPRING LAKE PARK-FRIDLEY.

Following a year-and-a-half of study by architects, engineers, and a community-staff task force, the School District 16 School Board unanimously authorized a February 28, 2006 special election vote on a bond referendum.

"BOND IS FOR BUILDING." (Bricks and mortar). **"LEVY IS FOR LEARNING."** (Instruction, staffing, the classroom). The most recent School District 16 bond referendum was 11 years ago, in 1995. The bond referendum prior to that was 25 years earlier. This will be only the third bond referendum in 36 years.

Proudly serving Blaine, Spring Lake Park, and Fridley

**At A Glance:
The Facilities
Improvement
Plan Would:**



- provide for the long-range educational facilities needs of this and the next generation of students
- add classrooms at all schools, address a projected 20 percent enrollment growth
- include renovation and new construction to address deferred maintenance needs of 35 to 50 year-old facilities
- meet all state and federal guidelines, address issues of safety and security
- build a new K-3 elementary school, near Highway 242 and Cloud Drive in Blaine

Find Out More

District Website

Visit www.springlakeparkschools.org and select Facilities Improvement Plan/February 28 Bond Referendum. This site has one-year's worth of information that details every aspect of the process leading up to the School Board decision to have a vote on a bond referendum.

Have Your Questions Answered

You will receive a response (within two work days whenever possible) if you leave your question on one of the Hotlines below. Please include a name, address, and phone number with your question.

E-Mail Hotline: 2006BondReferendum@district16.org

Phone Hotline: 763-795-5195

Community Information Meetings

By the end of January, there will have been 11 evening meetings/tours and daytime tours, and another 40 meetings with groups including parents of preschool children, city councils, and area service groups. More will be scheduled whenever there is an interest or an audience. We'll come to your home, a coffee shop, or wherever to meet with you, your friends, or neighbors. Call Kathy at 763-785-5513 to arrange a meeting.

Mailings, Newspapers

Look for a detailed mailing on the referendum from the school district in February and continuing coverage in the Blaine-Spring Lake Park Life, SunFocus, Blaine Banner, Minneapolis StarTribune, and St. Paul Pioneer Press.

View a Series of Online Facilities Videos

Visit www.springlakeparkschools.org to view an 11-minute video on the findings and recommendations of the community-staff Facilities Task Force, or two 6-minute videos offering a "virtual tour" of facilities needs and improvement plans at each site.

Cable Television

Informational programming on facilities needs and the bond referendum are available on the school district's cable channel as well as seven additional channels.

Comcast, serving Blaine and Spring Lake Park

- Channel 19: Spring Lake Park School District 16
- Channel 14: North Metro Community Access
- Channel 15: North Metro Media
- Channel 16: City of Spring Lake Park Government
- Channel 16: City of Blaine Government

Time-Warner, serving Fridley

- Channel 15: City of Fridley Public Access
- Channel 16: Fridley Education Channel (Wed. evenings)
- Channel 17: City of Fridley Government

An Important Investment in the Blaine, Spring Lake Park, and Fridley Communities and in the Needs of This and the Next Generation of Students.

Cost to Taxpayers? Average of less than \$16/month.

The cost of the bond referendum would be less than \$16/month, for 20 years, for the owner of a home with the average taxable market value (\$200,000) in the district.

\$150,000	\$11.75/month	\$141/year
\$200,000	\$15.66/month	\$188/year
\$250,000	\$19.66/month	\$236/year
\$300,000	\$23.58/month	\$283/year

Your Property Tax Impact Calculator

Find out how the bond referendum would affect your property taxes. A "property tax impact calculator" is available on the District 16 web site: www.springlakeparkschools.org

Election Day

Tuesday, February 28, 2006

7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

- School district residents living in Blaine vote at Westwood Elementary School, 701-91st Ave NE, Blaine.
- School district residents living in Spring Lake Park or Fridley vote at Woodcrest Elementary School, 880 Osborne Rd, Fridley.
- Call 763-785-5513 to request an absentee ballot application form or download a form by going to www.springlakepark-schools.org.
- More detailed voting information is also available on the web site above.