

HOW CAN I VOTE?



Bond Referendum | May 9, 2023

STEP 1: REGISTER TO VOTE



- To vote, you must be a District 196 resident and registered to vote at your current district address.
- If you need to register to vote, or to update your registration, go to mnuvotes.org. Or register when absentee voting or at your polling place on election day, with proof of your name and current address.

STEP 2: SELECT YOUR VOTING OPTION



ABSENTEE AND EARLY IN PERSON | MARCH 24 - MAY 8

- District 196 District Office in Rosemount:
 - 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. M-F, March 24-May 5, and 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. May 8
- Dakota County Western Service Center in Apple Valley:
 - 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. M-F, March 24-May 8
- Dakota County Administration Center in Hastings:
 - 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. M-F, March 24-May 5; 10 a.m.-3 p.m. May 6, and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. May 8



ABSENTEE BY MAIL | MARCH 24 - MAY 8

- Complete and submit the absentee ballot application by mail.
- The absentee ballot will be mailed to you, along with instructions for completing and returning your ballot in the provided postage-paid envelope.



AT YOUR POLLING PLACE ON ELECTION DAY | MAY 9, 7 A.M. TO 8 P.M.

- Find your school district polling place at pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us



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BALLOT QUESTIONS

School District Questions	
To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "Yes" on that question. To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word "No" on that question.	
School District Question 1	
Approval of School Building Bonds Security, New Construction, Additions, Improvements	
Shall the board of Independent School District No. 196 (Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan), Minnesota be authorized to issue general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$374,430,000 for acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities including, but not limited to, safety, security and supervision improvements districtwide, construction of a new elementary school in Rosemount, land acquisition for and construction of new Rosemount Middle School, repurposing of existing Rosemount Middle School, renovation and classroom additions at Rosemount High School, Transition Plus restroom renovations, renovation and classroom additions at Dakota Ridge School, land acquisition for future elementary school, and furniture acquisitions, middle and high school science labs, and performing arts spaces districtwide?	
Yes	<input type="radio"/>
No	<input type="radio"/>
BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.	
School District Question 2	
Approval of School Building Bonds High School Activity Centers	
If School District Question 1 is approved, shall the board of Independent School District No. 196 (Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan), Minnesota be authorized to issue general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$119,315,000 for acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities including, but not limited to, high school activity centers?	
Yes	<input type="radio"/>
No	<input type="radio"/>
BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.	

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: When would the new elementary and middle school open?

A: Construction of these schools would be the highest priority because of current overcrowding and need for additional space. If Question 1 is approved, site work for the elementary school could be completed this season, making it possible to open the school in fall 2025. The new middle school would open in fall 2026.

Q: Why is the referendum being held May 9 and not in November?

A: May 9 is one of five dates that school districts are allowed to have elections in 2023. If the district waited until the November general election, it would delay the opening of the new elementary school and middle school by a full year each.

Q: How do tax rates in District 196 compare to other areas?

A: Of the 32 Minnesota cities with populations of 30,000 or greater, the 10 with the lowest total tax rates in 2022 include five cities in District 196: Eagan had the lowest tax rate; Apple Valley, second; Lakeville, fifth lowest; Burnsville, sixth, and Inver Grove Heights, ninth lowest. Rosemount would be on the list, but has just under 30,000 residents. Rates include total taxes (city, county and school district). *Source: League of Minnesota Cities' county net tax capacity reports*

Q: Didn't the district recently have a referendum election?

A: The last special election in District 196 was a levy referendum in November 2019 to provide operating revenue for additional classroom teachers and staff to address students' increased mental health needs. This is a bond referendum to address facilities and equipment needs. Levies for learning, bonds for buildings. The last bond referendum in District 196 was in 2015.



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