

**CITY OF PLYMOUTH
AGENDA
Special City Council
Medicine Lake Room
3400 Plymouth Boulevard, Plymouth, MN
July 28, 2026, 5:30 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. TOPICS

- 2.1** Robbinsdale Area Schools Bond Referendum Update
 - 1. Bond referendum press release
- 2.2** Set future study sessions and agenda topics
 - 1. Calendar

3. ADJOURNMENT

To: Dave Callister, City Manager

Prepared by: Jodi Gallup, City Clerk

Reviewed by:

Item: **Robbinsdale Area Schools Bond Referendum Update**

1. Action Requested:

Receive update from Robbinsdale Area Schools.

2. Background:

Robbinsdale Area Schools Superintendent Dr. Teri Staloch will provide the council with an update on the upcoming school district bond referendum scheduled for November 3.

3. Budget Impact:

Not applicable.

4. Attachments:

1. Bond referendum press release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Robbinsdale Area Schools Board of Education Approves Bond Referendum for November Ballot

NEW HOPE, Minn. – Facing a critical crossroads for its future, the Robbinsdale Area Schools Board of Education has approved three bond referendum questions to be placed before voters on the Nov. 3, 2026, ballot.

The ballot measures represent the next direct step in Reimagine Rdale: Vision 2030, a community-driven, board-directed roadmap designed to rightsize the district's aging facility footprint, stabilize its long-term financial health, and modernize learning environments for all students.

The district currently operates 60-year-old buildings in most cases, while navigating more than a decade of enrollment decline. Over the past three years, Robbinsdale Area Schools has made approximately \$26 million in budget reductions, which includes building consolidations.

District leaders emphasize that the referendum is necessary to set the district on a path toward financial sustainability. Without a significant change to the number of schools it operates, the district will face deep, systemic cuts to student programming and opportunities, which runs the risk of families choosing other districts and further reducing state revenue.

Superintendent Dr. Teri Staloch emphasized the significance of the upcoming bond referendum, stating, "This bond referendum is our opportunity to build a predictable, intentional path forward. By rightsizing our facilities, we can stop spending money on underutilized, ineffective, and inefficient spaces and invest directly in the programs and learning spaces our students want, need, and deserve."

Voters will consider three separate, interconnected questions. Question 1 serves as the foundational plan, while Questions 2 and 3 offer alternative or enhanced facility configurations that are contingent on the approval of Question 1. Specifically, Question 2 is contingent on the approval of Question 1, and Question 3 is contingent on the approval of Question 2.

Question 1: Foundational Rightsizing and a Unified High School Campus

If passed, this would consolidate the district's two traditional high schools into a single, comprehensive campus, and utilize remaining secondary schools more efficiently, while organizing elementary schools into more equitable neighborhood schools.

- One High School: Utilizes the current Cooper High School and the New Hope Learning Center site to construct a renovated and expanded unified high school campus serving 3,000 students. The Armstrong High School site would be repurposed to house Robbinsdale Spanish Immersion (K-5), Highview Alternative Learning Center (ALC), Adult Academic Programs & Community Education, and district IT and maintenance departments.
- Middle Schools & Pools: Renovates Plymouth and Sandburg Middle Schools to serve 1,100 students each. Sandburg's pool would be filled in to create a physical education and Developmental Adapted Physical Education space. Plymouth's pool would be expanded to 8 lanes, and the diving well deepened.
- Elementary Schools: Expands four elementary schools (Zachary Lane, Meadow Lake, Northport, and Forest) into 4-section schools. FAIR School Crystal would be converted into a PreK-5 neighborhood elementary school. SEA/Olson Elementary would expand its focus to include PreK and Special Education.
- District Services: Lakeview Elementary would no longer serve as a traditional school and become the new Educational Service Center and home for the Robbinsdale Transition program (ages 18-21).
- Discontinue Leased Spaces: In addition to embedding some of district programming that leases space at Crystal Learning Center, the district would construct a storage garage on existing district property to replace the leased warehouse. As the projects in Question 1 are being completed, the district would sell off all unused, surplus real estate.

Question 2: Middle School Reconfiguration and Performing Arts Focus

Contingent upon the approval of Question 1, this question alters the middle school layout to expand arts capabilities.

- Alternative Middle School Plan: The current Armstrong site would be remodeled as a 1,100-student middle school to serve as Plymouth Middle School (while also housing Highview ALC, district IT and maintenance departments).
- The current Plymouth Middle School would then be repurposed to house Robbinsdale Spanish Immersion (K-5) and the Robbinsdale Transition program, with the addition of elementary-appropriate playgrounds.
- Theater in the Round: Instead of gym space, the filled-in pool space at Sandburg Middle School would be converted into a 400-seat Theater in the Round performing arts space.

Question 3: New Elementary Construction and District Alignment

Contingent upon the approval of Question 1 and Question 2, this question introduces new construction to optimize the district's footprint.

- New Elementary School: Builds a new elementary school at the current Robbinsdale Middle School site.
- District Support Services: The district would determine the best location for district-wide services and programming.

The proposed investments are built around community input during the district's Reimagine Rdale: Vision 2030 community planning process.

- **Our students:** Delivering high-quality educational experiences that spark creativity and innovation; strengthens student success through comprehensive college, career, and future-ready pathways; ensures private, safe, ADA-accessible restrooms; and creates environments that support overall student well-being.
- **Our staff:** Designing flexible classrooms that transition easily between collaborative projects, large-group instruction, and small-group interventions for high-quality instruction. Creates programming and work spaces that attract and retain top talent.
- **Our schools:** Creating welcoming, inclusive environments that balance safety, security and accessibility with flexible learning spaces that support how students learn today.
- **Our community:** Responsibly managing taxpayer resources by consolidating underutilized square footage, creating long-term operational efficiencies, and maintaining active community hubs for public events and lifelong learning.

The district will host a series of informational community meetings leading up to the election on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2026. Detailed project breakdowns, tax impact, and voting information will be available on the district's website at www.rdale.org.

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To: Dave Callister, City Manager

Prepared by: Jodi Gallup, City Clerk

Reviewed by:

Item: **Set future study sessions and agenda topics**

1. Action Requested:

Schedule future study sessions and agenda topics.

2. Background:

A. Pending study session topics (at least three council members have approved the following items on the list):

- Grass, lawn management and native plantings discussion
- Education session on construction worker classification, labor trafficking, wage theft, tax fraud and insurance fraud and discussion on values around construction responsible contracting
- Memo on Flock cameras

B. Council requests for study session topics:

- None at this time.

C. Staff requests for study session topics and/or changes:

- The long-term financial forecasting agenda item previously scheduled for July 28 will be covered during scheduled budget study sessions.

3. Budget Impact:

Not applicable.

4. Attachments:

1. Calendar

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1 7:00 PM PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING Council Chambers CANCELED	2	3  INDEPENDENCE DAY OBSERVED CITY OFFICES CLOSED	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 4:00 PM SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING Belterra Apartments Tour-The Boulevard The Boulevard project update/ Redevelopment discussion Medicine Lake Room 7:00 PM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Council Chambers	15 7:00 PM PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING Council Chambers	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 7:00 PM HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING Council Chambers	24	25
26	27	28 5:30 PM SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING Update from Robbinsdale Public Schools Medicine Lake Room 7:00 PM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Council Chambers	29	30	31	

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9	10	11  PRIMARY ELECTION Polls Open 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM	12 7:00 PM ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE MEETING Medicine Lake Room	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 7:00 PM PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING Council Chambers	20	21	22
23 30	24 31	25 5:00 PM SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING Data Center discussion/Capital Improvement Plan study session #1 Medicine Lake Room 7:00 PM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Council Chambers	26	27 7:00 PM HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING Council Chambers	28	29



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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1 5:00 PM SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING City Center developer meeting Medicine Lake Room	2 7:00 PM PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING Council Chambers	3	4	5
6	7  LABOR DAY CITY OFFICES CLOSED	8 5:00 PM SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING Budget/Capital Improvement Plan study session #2 Medicine Lake Room 7:00 PM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Council Chambers	9 7:00 PM ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE MEETING Medicine Lake Room	10 6:00 PM PARKS & REC ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING Council Chambers	11	12
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