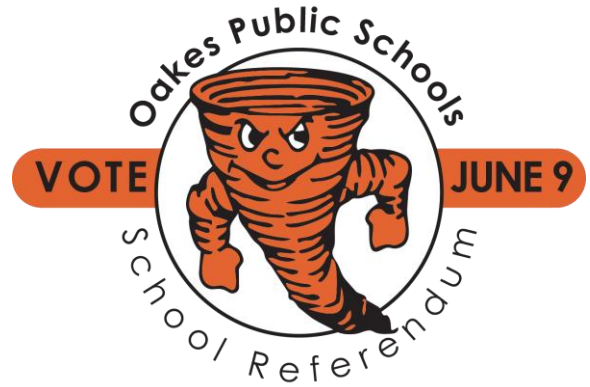


FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Q: What is the proposed referendum?

A: The proposed referendum would fund critical improvements to Oakes Public Schools, focusing on two urgent needs:

- Replacing the aging high school HVAC system
- Remodeling and expanding the elementary school kitchen

These improvements will help ensure the school can continue to provide a safe, comfortable, and functional learning environment for students and staff.

Q: How is this plan different from the one voters saw in the last referendum vote?

A: The proposed plan is **smaller and more focused** than the previous proposal.

It addresses **only the most urgent facility needs**, reducing the overall cost while still tackling issues that most directly impact daily school operations.

Q: Will this referendum fully repair the school?

A: No.
This referendum addresses two of the most pressing needs:

- High school HVAC replacement
- Elementary school kitchen expansion

Q: How much will the project cost?

A: The total estimated cost of the project is **\$6.3 million**.

Q: What would the tax impact be?

A: Estimated tax impact based on **\$100,000 of true and full property value**.

Residential Property

- \$84.70 per year
- \$7.06 per month

Commercial or Agricultural Property

- \$94.11 per year
- \$7.84 per month

Q: How do I find my property's true and full value?

A: Your property's **true and full value** can be found on your **property tax statement**. This value is used to estimate the potential tax impact of the proposed bond.

Q: How long will the bond be repaid?

A: The project would be funded through a **multi-phase borrowing plan repaid over approximately 20 years**.

Q: When the bond is paid off, does the tax go away?

A: Yes. Once the bond is paid in full, **the additional tax levy will expire**.

Q: If the referendum passes, how long would construction take?

A: Project planning and design would begin shortly after approval. Construction timelines will depend on scheduling and contractor availability, but the district will work to complete the improvements as efficiently as possible to minimize disruption to students and staff.

Q: Who can vote in the referendum?

A: All **eligible voters who live within the Oakes School District** are allowed to vote.

Q: When is the election?

A: The referendum election will be held on: **Tuesday, June 9, 2026**

Q: Where do I vote?

A: Polling locations vary depending on your **county of residence**. Please review the locations and polling hours listed below.

Dickey County

Oakes Armory

124 5th Street S
Oakes, ND 58474
OR

Ellendale Church of the Nazarene

112 5th St N
Ellendale, ND 58436
Polling Hours: **8:00 AM – 7:00 PM**

Ransom County

Ransom County Expo Center

612 7th Ave W
Lisbon, ND 58054
OR

Enderlin City Auditor Office

411 Railway St
Enderlin, ND 58027
Polling Hours: **9:00 AM – 7:00 PM**

Sargent County

Forman City Hall

349 Main St S
Forman, ND 58032
Polling Hours: **8:00 AM – 7:00 PM**

LaMoure County

Edgeley National Guard Armory

508 1st Ave W
Edgeley, ND 58433
OR

Bank North Mall – Community Room

100 1st Ave SW
LaMoure, ND 58458
Polling Hours: **9:00 AM – 7:00 PM**

Q: Can I vote absentee?

A: Yes. Absentee ballots are available for voters who cannot vote in person on election day. Contact your **county auditor's office** for absentee ballot information.

Q: Who can I contact with questions?

A: Residents are encouraged to contact the **Oakes Public School District office** with questions regarding the referendum or facility needs.



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