

LEGAL NOTICES

THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROPOSAL OF LAKE SUPERIOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT, ISD #0381-01

A review and comment must be provided on a school district construction project proposal before the district conducts a referendum, solicits bids, or issues bonds for the project.

- 1. The geographic area and population to be served: a. preschool through grade 12 student enrollment for the past five years, and b. student enrollment projections for the next five years.

- 2. A list of existing school facilities: a. by year constructed, b. their uses, and c. an assessment of the extent to which alternate facilities are available within school district boundaries and in adjacent school districts.

Description of Proposed School Construction Project

Lake Superior Public School District, ISD #0381-01, is proposing a two-question referendum on November 2, 2021. The first ballot question would authorize \$44,100,000 in bonding authority to finance districtwide facility upgrades.

Proposed projects would be scheduled for completion in the 2022-2023 calendar years. Cost estimates by project type and ballot questions are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Project Type, Cost. Includes Minnehaha Elementary, Renovations, Deferred Maintenance, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Project Type, Cost. Includes Two Harbors High School, Renovations, Deferred Maintenance, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Project Type, Cost. Includes Total Project Costs - Ballot Question #1, \$44,100,000.

Table with 2 columns: Project Type, Cost. Includes William Kelley School, Building Additions, Renovations, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Project Type, Cost. Includes Total Project Costs - Ballot Question #2, \$7,300,000.

The district realizes that artificial turf fields will require maintenance, along with the purchase of new equipment, to clean, monitor surface hardness, replenish rubber crumbs on the field and that the artificial turf surface will need to be replaced every 10-12 years at a cost of around \$500,000.

The district has supplied cost estimates to operate and staff the additional classroom space and it appears existing revenues will be sufficient to fund any associated operational cost increases.

If the bond referendum is successful and bonds are sold, the debt service on the bonds will be eligible for debt service equalization under Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.53, subdivision 3, if the bond schedule is approved.

Review and Comment Statement

Based on the department's analysis of the school district's required documentation and other pertinent information from sources of the Minnesota Department of Education, the Commissioner of Education provides a positive review and comment.

Additional Information is Available

Persons desiring additional information regarding this proposal should contact the school district superintendent's office.

Heather Mueller, Ed.D. Commissioner October 7, 2021

Northshore Journal: October 15, 2021

PROPERTY TAX DUE OCTOBER 15TH

Lake County has a drop-box available in front of the Law Enforcement Center Building at 601 3rd Ave., Two Harbors. There will be a sign on the drop box indicating that property tax payments are being accepted.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Monday, October 4, 2021 Inmate Population: 9 •0127 Deputy out with party on 7th Ave. Warn for expired driver's license.

Tuesday, October 5, 2021 Inmate Population: 9 •0748 Deputy at THHS for the start of the school day. •0831 Deputy and LCRS responds to medical on Stanley Rd.

Wednesday, October 6, 2021 Inmate Population: 7 •0656 Deputies on boat & water patrol in Ely area. •0710 Deputy and LCRS respond to medical on Airport Rd.

Thursday, October 7, 2021 Inmate Population: 7 •0030 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 61 at Cove Point Lodge Rd. Warn for no taillights. •0700 Deputies on boat & water patrol in Ely area.

Friday, October 8, 2021 Inmate Population: 8 •0443 Deputy, THPD assist ambulance/rescue with medical at TH residence. •0746 Deputies respond to report of property damage at rural TH residence.

Saturday, October 9, 2021 Inmate Population: 8 •0150 Deputy makes traffic stop on Hwy 1. Warn for speed. •0311 Deputy checks on residence on house watch list.

Sunday, October 10, 2021 Inmate Population: 8 •0121 Deputy makes traffic stop on 7th Ave near 13th St. Warn for speed. Cited for driving after suspension.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Lake County Residents: Education is the foundation of Democracy.

Please vote as we are a scant 2+ weeks away from the November 2nd referendum regarding two Lake Superior School District questions: Question #1 is seeking approval for \$44.1 million in bonding to make critical improvements to building infrastructure and ensure our schools meet state standards for education.

I'm voting absentee - Crystal Bay Township has no local site / apply for a ballot on the LSSD 381 website - in favor of #1 based upon thousands of days in Kelley High primarily and Two Harbors leading a community theatre, sub teaching, proud-parenting a 2009 Kelley grad.

There is an excellent October 8 online referendum story from the Ely Echo with detailed, tough-nosed/uncomfortable questions and straight-up/honest answers.

I also support our school district's handling of health related masking issues. They are reading health data and listening to health professionals as the virus attempts to spread itself.

Recent comments by a former Silver Bay mayor in the October 8 edition of the North Shore Journal are misleading, if not false and an insult to our school board. The "transparency" quote implies our school district is hiding something regarding masking policy, I guess.

At the Two Harbors August board meeting some attendees reportedly resorted to booing & interruption during health/masking discussions, not to mention interruptions & mic grabbing of a board member at a political/informational gathering.

Paul Deaner Crystal Bay Township, MN

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Cove Crossings logo and address: 4614 MN-61, Beaver Bay (218) 226-4036

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Cove Point Lodge logo and address: 218-226-3221 www.CovePointLodge.com

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