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Williamsburg CSD Residents Can Vote Early at Satellite Sites

Voters may cast their ballots absentee during two events at the elementary school

WILLIAMSBURG, IOWA — The Williamsburg Community School District will host two satellite voting opportunities ahead of the November 5 general election.

Registered voters can cast their ballot early on October 23 and October 24, from 2 to 8 p.m. at Mary Welsh Elementary School during parent-teacher conferences. Eligible voters may also register at the satellite location.

The ballot at the satellite station will be the same one used on November 5.

“We wanted to give our parents and community members more opportunities to cast their ballot or register to vote as we approach the November election,” said Dr. Chad Garber, Superintendent. “For some people, voting on election day can be a challenge, and we hope the satellite voting station will provide some extra convenience.”

The [November ballot](#) will feature a \$22.3 million general obligation bond referendum for Williamsburg CSD, known as Public Measure LA. If it receives at least 60% voter approval, the district would move forward with the improvement and expansion of academic spaces at both of its schools.

At Mary Welsh Elementary, bond revenue would allow for the creation of a 5th and 6th grade addition and the renovation of existing classrooms to meet modern practices in teaching and learning, including designating space for small group/collaborative learning. The proposal includes upgrades to heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems, new energy-efficient LED lighting, additional space for band and general music, and relocating the media center to serve as a central hub for the building. Additional parking would also be created at the school.

At Williamsburg Jr./Sr. High School, an approved bond would result in the creation of a Career and Technical Education Center to provide [more educational space](#) for students to gain hands-on training and experience, preparing them for a future in the skilled trades while targeting agriculture education and industrial technology. The proposal includes renovating existing space to improve programming in family and consumer science and other education spaces, and improving mechanical systems.

Improvements would also occur in the instrumental music space and the food service and cafeteria area, along with a combined lunchroom/commons area.

The district’s current debt service levy is \$0.87 per \$1,000 of taxable property value and the maximum amount it could levy with an approved bond referendum in November is \$2.70. At a maximum, property taxes could increase [\\$1.83 per \\$1,000 of taxable value](#) for debt service, which amounts to \$13.39 per month on a home with an assessed value of \$200,000.

More information about the bond referendum, including answers to frequently asked questions, can be found at www.williamsburgbond.org.

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