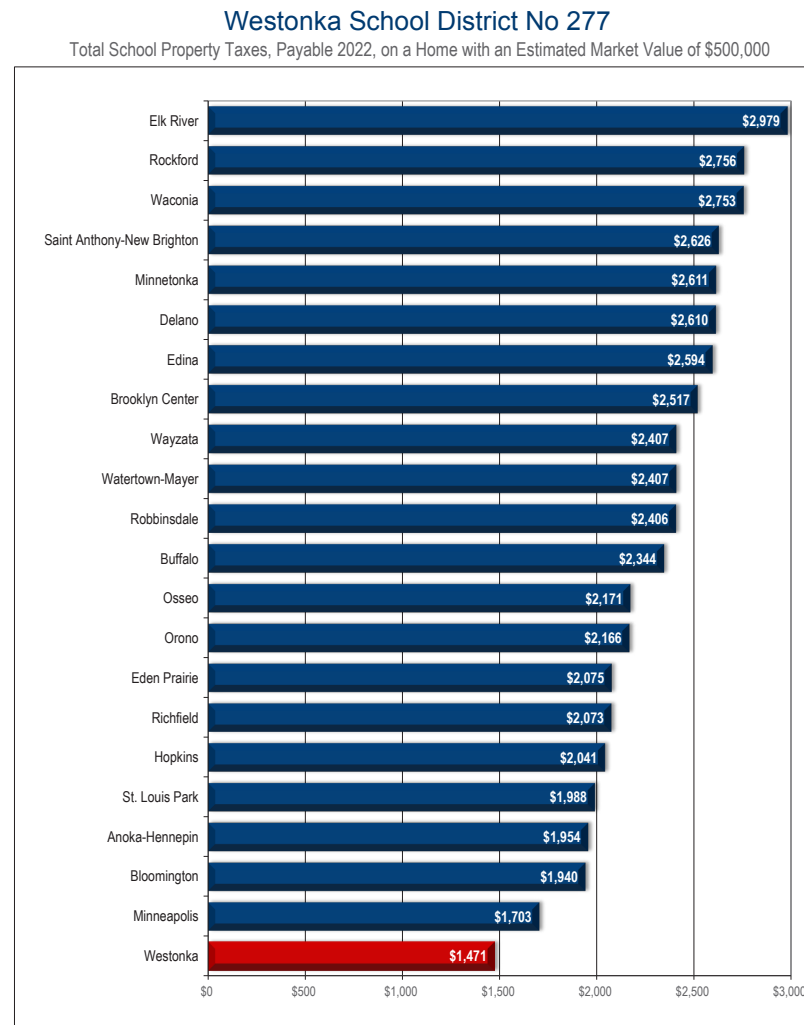


Thanks for your support!

With the **lowest total school property taxes in Hennepin County** and test scores consistently ranking among the top in the state, Westonka Schools continue to be a great return on your investment.

Fast Facts:

- Westonka Public Schools is ranked seventh out of 446 Minnesota districts by SchoolDigger
- Westonka students scored #5 in the state in reading and #10 in the state in math on the 2022 Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCAs)
- Grandview is the #5 “Best Middle School” in Minnesota, according to U.S. News & World Report
- Both Hilltop and Shirley Hills are National Blue Ribbon primary schools
- Even with a voter-approved operating levy increase that will go into effect in 2024, Westonka will still have the lowest school taxes in the county.



Comprehensive facilities review

Following over a year of research, a demographic study of the school district, a community survey and staff focus groups, the Westonka School Board Facilities Committee has identified three priorities with regard to facilities improvements:

1. districtwide **security enhancements** to incorporate best practice safety standards;
2. districtwide **deferred maintenance** improvements;
3. and a **redesign of Mound Westonka High School** to enhance the learning environment and improve functionality, safety and pride.

The committee would now like to provide an opportunity for everyone to share their input on the scope of these priorities. Our goal is to ensure the district’s direction with regard to future facility improvements aligns with that of Westonka parents, staff and community members.

Community Support

79% of residents support a property tax increase for safety/security improvements

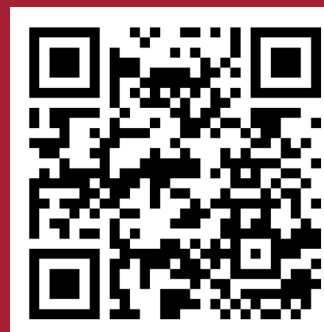
78% of residents support a tax increase to address deferred maintenance

74% of residents support a tax increase for a redesign of Mound Westonka High School

We look forward to your feedback

The Westonka School Board Facilities Committee looks forward to your feedback on the prioritized list of facilities improvements. The committee will review community feedback over the coming months and will adjust priorities as needed. Please provide input by **Sunday, March 19**, by scanning the QR code or by visiting www.westonka.k12.mn.us/facilitiesinput.

If you have other thoughts, ideas or questions about the facilities review process, please feel free to contact Superintendent Kevin Borg at borgk@westonka.k12.mn.us or (952) 491-8001.



1. Districtwide Security Enhancements

The following prioritized security enhancements incorporate best practice safety standards:

All School Buildings

- Security zone separation
- Perimeter door monitoring (propped door alarms)
- Hardening of glass at entrances and select areas
- Visual alerts (strobes)

Grandview Middle School

- Secured entrance addition, which includes remodeling the former main office area into flexible learning space and a media center renovation

Mound Westonka High School

- Redesign of main entrance and north entrance to be more secure/prominent, which includes the creation of a Student Services Center on the north end of the building

96% of Westonka Public Schools staff agree that the district has prioritized security improvements appropriately

2. Districtwide Deferred Maintenance Improvements

The Westonka School Board Facilities Committee has identified the top maintenance priorities at each building not addressed in the 2011 bond. Significant maintenance items by building include the following:

Hilltop Primary School

year built: 1964

grades K-4 enrollment: 466

- Piping replacement
- Interior door/hardware replacement
- Boiler replacement
- Multiple air handling unit replacement
- Gym dehumidification
- Electrical upgrades (panels, feeders, fans, etc.)
- Locker replacement

Shirley Hills Primary School

year built: 1951

grades K-4 enrollment 439

- Piping replacement
- Interior door/hardware replacement
- Exterior facade repairs
- Makeup Air Unit (MAU) replacement
- Computer Room Air Conditioner (CRAC) replacement

District Transportation Building

year built: 1970

- Misc. tuckpointing
- Site lighting
- Electrical panel replacement

Grandview Middle School

year built: 1958

grades 5-7 enrollment: 527

- Piping replacement
- Interior door/hardware replacement
- Locker replacement
- Small gym flooring replacement
- Kitchen air handling unit addition

Mound Westonka High School

year built: 1971

grades 8-12 enrollment: 947

MWHS building and campus maintenance would be addressed comprehensively as part of the redesign.

- 1970s steam boiler replacement
- Aging air handling unit replacement
- Piping (water/sewer) replacement
- Electrical upgrades (panels, feeders, fans, etc.)
- Gym bleachers, curtains and sound system replacement
- Dehumidification of pool area
- Gym roof replacement
- Track and interior field reconstruction
- Tennis court reconstruction
- Field #10 (JV baseball) maintenance

98% of Westonka Public Schools staff agree that the district has prioritized deferred maintenance improvements to the school buildings and campus appropriately

3. High School Redesign

The last time the educational spaces at Mound Westonka High School were comprehensively addressed was 30 years ago, following a 1993 bond. The high school redesign would involve a complete renovation of the building and an approximately 32,000 square foot addition.

Enhance the Learning Environment

Redesign educational spaces to advance learning and engagement

- Enlarge undersized classrooms to allow for more differentiation and collaboration
- Add classrooms and flexible educational spaces to align with current instruction and accommodate program needs
- Renovate all educational wings with the exception of the business ed. classrooms, the Transition Plus program and the locker rooms/pool

Address special education and student services needs

- Add special education program space and consolidate staff to support learning and collaboration and create efficiency
- Create a new Student Services Center to accommodate growth of in-school services; consolidate staff and separate services from administration to honor privacy; and create a calm and welcoming environment for students

Accommodate growing athletic training needs

- Build a new weight room/training facility to support the growing White Hawks Performance Program, which currently overflows into the hallway

Expand vocational opportunities

- Add two new vocational programs (machining and nursing/emergency response) and expand woods program to incorporate carpentry

Improve Functionality, Safety and Pride

Address building maintenance and safety needs

- Comprehensively address maintenance items as part of the redesign
- Create more prominent/secured entrances on east and north sides of the building

Address space constraints on cafeteria, parking and storage

- Expand the cafeteria
- Expand north student parking lot to current location of tennis courts
- Replace and add general and athletic storage

Provide a comprehensive maintenance solution for dilapidated tennis courts, track and turf

- Reconstruct track and interior field, including synthetic turf and stadium additions
- Relocate and expand tennis courts across Sunnyfield Road E with added parking

88% of MWHS educators believe additional classroom space would improve their students' ability to learn