Goodridge Forward: How the proposed plan impacts education

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A new school year quickly approaches for Goodridge Public School, and on Tuesday, Nov. 7, district residents will make a decision about whether to invest in improving learning environments for students and staff throughout the facility.

The \$21.35 million bond referendum proposes

investments in a variety of areas across the building — Technical and Education (CTE), additional space to support Special Education and flexible collaboration, additional classroom space, and gymnasium space to support physical education, athletics, and other activities. In addition, the bond would invest in improving heating and ventilation, safety and security, bathrooms, and accessibility. The proposed improvements would provide adequately-sized spaces serve all students, improve security to ensure the safety of students and staff, prohands-on learning opportunities and expose students to potential careers, increase the indoor air quality in the school, right-sized create spaces to support physical education and athletics.

If you haven't seen the district's dedicated referendum website yet, you can visit GoodridgeForward.org to learn more about the plan, voting and the challenges facing Goodridge Public School. If approved, the estimated tax impact on a \$100,000 residential home in the district would be \$35 approximately month starting in 2024. Residents can find their tax impact by visiting Goodridge Forward. Early voting org/cost. begins Friday, Sept. 22, and residents can vote early

either in person or by mail. Goodridge Public School is also hosting an ice cream social Wednesday, Sept. 20, from 7 to 9 p.m. This informal event will take place at the Goodridge Community Center, and facility tours will be provided at 7:05 p.m., 7:35 p.m. and 8:05 p.m. The district welcomes all residents to attend and more about upcoming bond referendum. Those with questions or suggestions should contact Loberg Tomas tomas.loberg@goodridgeisd 561.org or 218-378-4134.