

Goodridge Forward: How to cast your vote

**from Tomas Loberg
Superintendent**

Last week, Goodridge Public School held an ice cream social to help communicate additional information about the referendum and provide a dedicated time to provide feedback and ask questions. On Tuesday, Nov. 7, district residents will decide whether to invest \$21.35 million to address various challenges facing the district.

Early voting for the Goodridge Forward bond referendum is now open. District residents can vote early in one of two ways — either by mail or in person. Residents can also vote in person on Election Day. Here's how:

- **Vote early by mail:** Residents can request an absentee ballot by visiting GoodridgeForward.org/vote or by calling their respective county auditor/treasurer's office in either Pennington or Marshall County. Completed absentee ballots must be returned to your respective county's auditor/treasurer's office no later than 8 p.m. on Election Day — Tuesday, Nov. 7.

- **Vote early in person:** Residents may vote early in person by visiting the Auditor-Treasurer's Office in the Government Center, 101 Main Ave. N., Thief River Falls. Residents can visit Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. except for holidays. Extended in-person early voting hours will be available between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4, and between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 6.

- **Vote in person on Election Day:** All district residents will cast their vote at a combined polling location on Election Day — the Goodridge Senior Center, 307 Vaughn Main St. E. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

For more information, visit GoodridgeForward.org/vote. The estimated tax impact on a \$100,000 residential home in the district would be approximately \$35 per month starting in 2024. The estimated tax impact on an acre of agricultural homestead property valued at \$2,500 per acre is \$2.21 annually or \$0.18 per month. Those with questions or suggestions should contact Superintendent Tomas Loberg at tomas.loberg@goodridgeisd561.org or 218-378-4134.