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## **Indianola CSD to Host Community Meetings on September 13 Bond Vote**

INDIANOLA, IOWA — The Indianola Community School District will host several upcoming community engagement events ahead of the September 13 bond vote.

During two “Coffee and Questions” events, community members can stop by and ask questions about the bond vote and proposed facility projects at Indianola High School. The first meeting will take place Wednesday, August 10, at Crouse Cafe (115 East Salem Ave.), from 8 to 10 a.m. The second will be Monday, August 15, at the Indianola YMCA (306 East Scenic Valley Ave.), from 9 to 11 a.m.

The district will also host community meetings on Wednesday, August 17, and Tuesday, September 6, in the Indianola High School Library. Both events will run from 6 to 7 p.m.

“Throughout this process, our district and board have focused on engaging our community into the facility needs at Indianola High School and potential options to address those needs. As a result, the board has been able to propose a sound, community-driven solution on the ballot in September,” said Ted Ihns, Superintendent. “Now, we look to continue this engagement by hosting a series of upcoming events to ensure our community members have all the information they need ahead of election day.”

If voters approve the \$70 million bond issue, Indianola CSD would move forward with a community-developed plan known as “Replace in Place” to address facility needs at Indianola High School. The plan would retain the parts of the school that are working well and where the district has most recently made investments.

At the same time, the district would add a new commons area to link the gym, auditorium, and academic area, creating a new “heart” for IHS. There would also be a new two-story academic wing built to the west and an athletics and career-technical expansion to the north, along with increased parking and improved traffic flow.

An approved bond would not lead to a property tax rate increase, as the current levy rate would simply be extended.

The Replace in Place plan was developed by a community-led Facility Task Force, which spent several months examining the needs at IHS and considering numerous potential solutions.

For more information on the high school facility needs and the proposed solution that will appear on the ballot September 13, visit [www.indianolacsdpplanning.org](http://www.indianolacsdpplanning.org).

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