



Edina School Board and City Council Joint Meeting Agenda Edina City Hall

Date: July 21, 2026

Focus: Strategic Alignment for a future, potential Bond and Community Partnership

I. Welcome, Introduction and Vision: (10 Minutes)

- **Welcome and Introductions**
- **Edina as a Destination District**
- **The School-Community Link:** Discussion on how the premier reputation of Edina Public Schools serves as the primary draw for families moving to the city.
- **Meeting the Moment:** "State-of-the-art" opportunities are essential to ensure graduates remain competitive and prepared.

II. The Changing Face of Edina Families: Trends & Data (15 Minutes)

- **The Two-Working-Parent Reality:** Addressing the growing need for flexible, high-quality programming and childcare options to support modern household structures.
- **Waitlist Trends and Response:**
 - Review of the **childcare requests** and trends.
 - Analysis of how the District has historically expanded capacity to meet steady growth.
- **Early Learning as the Foundation:** Re-affirming that the commitment to education must begin at birth to maintain the district's "premier" status.

III. Financial Stewardship & Comparative Analysis (10 Minutes)

- **Overall Financial Stewardship:** An overview of the district's financial health, strategic efforts to minimize the tax burden on taxpayers, and recognition at both the state and national levels for exemplary fiscal stewardship.
- **Benchmarking Success:** A comparative look at Edina's bond frequency versus neighboring "peer" districts.
- **Capital Levy Dollars:** Analyzing Edina's capital levy investment relative to other public school districts to demonstrate fiscal responsibility and the need for future investment.

IV. Navigating Barriers: Land, Infrastructure, and Safety (10 Minutes)

- **Logistical Constraints:** Current barriers to expansion:
 - **Land Acquisition:** Scarcity of available parcels within city limits.
 - **Utility Restrictions:** Technical challenges related to sewer capacity and infrastructure.
- **Thoughtful Planning:** Overview of how the District considers things such as but not limited to traffic patterns and safety to ensure any new facility is a seamless addition to the neighborhood.

V. Strategic Dialogue: The Spring 2027 Bond Pillars (25 Minutes)

- **Interactive Discussion:** School Board and City Council dialogue regarding the three-part bond structure and potential partnership opportunities:
 1. **Safety and Security:** District-wide upgrades.
 2. **Facility Enhancements:** Ensuring dynamic and innovative learning environments.
 3. **The Early Learning and Family Center (ELFC):** Discussing the vision for a dedicated space for early learners, intergenerational connection, and flexible community programming.
- **Partnership Opportunities:** Identifying specific ways the City and District can partner.

VI. Conclusion and Collaborative Next Steps (5 Minutes)

- Summary of shared interests and agreement on public messaging.
- Timeline for continued coordination and next steps