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As our community looks ahead to the April 7 election, we want to share important information about a \$3 million bond issue that will appear on the ballot for voters in the Lawson R-XIV School District.

This \$3 million bond will **NOT** require an increase to the district's current debt service levy, but it **WILL** position our district to make strategic investments that directly benefit students today and into the future.

A key focus of this bond is **expanding our hands-on learning opportunities**. This initiative is especially important to meet the ongoing increase in graduates choosing to enter the workforce directly out of high school. Since 2020, we have seen a steady rise in students choosing this path, with +40% of our graduating seniors choosing it in each of the last three years. This trend continues, and we are committed to meeting the needs of students who are eager to expand their skills and prepare for a successful future.

If approved, this bond will support initiatives centered on:

- **Hands-On Learning**
- **Career Readiness**
- **Workforce Development**
- **Leadership Growth**

These priorities reflect our commitment to preparing students not only for graduation, but for postsecondary success, whether that path includes college, technical training, military service, or direct entry into the workforce. Investments made through this bond will expand real-world learning opportunities, strengthen career and technical education programs, and provide students with meaningful experiences that connect classroom instruction to high-demand careers. In partnership with the FFA, FCCLA, FBLA, Robotics, and other career-focused programs, we will continue building pathways that develop both technical expertise and essential leadership skills.

Lawson has a proud tradition of excellence. This proposal represents a responsible step forward, maintaining our current tax rate while investing in opportunities that create endless possibilities for our students and community.

In the coming weeks, we will share additional details so our community can make an informed decision on April 7. Thank you for your continued support of Lawson R-XIV Schools and the students we serve.

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