



Starmont
COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Statement from Starmont CSD Board President

ARLINGTON, IOWA — Starmont Community School Board President Julie Uhlenkamp has released the following statement today:

“As we enter the final days before the November 4 election, I encourage community members to focus on what matters most, which is the safety of our students and the continued success of the Starmont Community School District.

I want to thank everyone for their engagement on these important issues throughout the summer and fall. There have been many discussions about the bond referendum on the ballot and our proposal to make critical heating, ventilation, and air conditioning upgrades across our schools. Your questions are appreciated and your feedback is valuable.

At its core, the bond referendum is about protecting our children and providing them with a safe, comfortable, and well-equipped environment that supports their growth and success. Many generations of students have passed through our schools, and while these facilities have served us well for several decades, the reality is that basic improvements are necessary.

Taking action now will allow us to replace equipment that is more than 60 years old before it reaches the point of failure—preventing costly emergency repairs and allowing us to avoid learning disruptions.

Starmont’s current levy rate is one of the lowest in northeast Iowa, at \$10.77 per \$1,000 of taxable value. This rate ranks in the bottom 25% statewide and is below the state average for the current fiscal year.

The board has worked diligently to manage resources and keep property taxes stable. We have done this with the belief that when a major need surfaces, we could approach our residents and ask for their support. That time has now come, and we’re asking because it truly matters.

I want to thank everyone who calls Starmont home for their consideration of the bond referendum, and let you know that the board appreciates the history of support you have provided to the district and our students.”

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