

WHAT WILL BE ON THE BALLOT?



QUESTION 1

Initial resolution authorizing issuance of general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$164,000,000

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the Sun Prairie Area School District, Dane and Columbia Counties, Wisconsin, that there shall be issued, pursuant to Chapter 67, Wisconsin Statutes, General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$164,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of constructing a new high school; capital maintenance and improvements to the existing secondary schools; rebuilding Ashley Field as a district-wide athletic/multi-use facility; removing the current Prairie Phoenix Academy and the former Early Learning Resource Center buildings; and equipment acquisitions related to said projects.

Shall the foregoing resolution of the School Board of the Sun Prairie Area School District be approved?

QUESTION 2

Resolution to exceed revenue cap commencing with the 2019-20 school year by an amount of \$5,000,000

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the Sun Prairie Area School District, Dane and Columbia Counties, Wisconsin, that the final school district budget shall include an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 in excess of the revenue limits imposed by Section 121.91 of the Wisconsin Statutes each year beginning with the 2019-20 school year on a recurring basis for the purpose of paying staffing, operation and maintenance costs of the new high school; reducing capital project borrowing costs of the new high school; and improving teacher compensation.

Shall the School Board of the Sun Prairie Area School District be authorized to exceed the revenue limit under Section 121.91 of the Wisconsin Statutes by an amount of \$5,000,000 each year beginning with the 2019-20 school year on a recurring basis for the purpose of paying staffing, operation and maintenance costs of the new high school; reducing capital project borrowing costs of the new high school; and improving teacher compensation as provided in the foregoing resolution?

VOTER INFORMATION

Visit myvote.wi.gov to find your polling place or for more information on voter registration and photo identification requirements. Contact your local municipal clerk for in-person and traditional absentee voting information.



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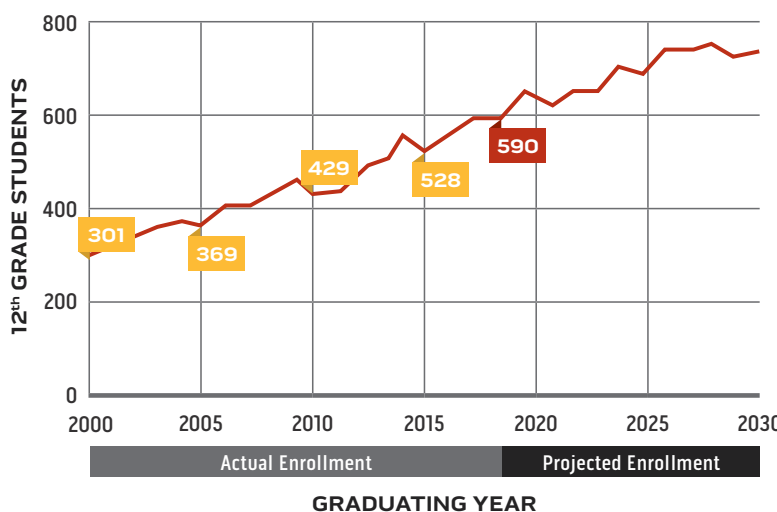
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DID YOU KNOW?

Actual and Projected Graduating Class Sizes*



The 2030 graduating class is projected to be over 750 students

The 2018 graduating class was 590 students

*Enrollment projections from MDROffers Consulting (Fall 2018)



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Si necesita ayuda en español favor de comunicarse con Isabel Simonetti 608.834.6522.

ATTEND THE FINAL REFERENDUM OPEN HOUSE



Wednesday, March 13 | 6:30 — 8:00pm
Meadow View Elementary School | 200 North Grand Avenue

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Referendum 2019 NEWSLETTER

March 2019



SUN PRAIRIE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Dear Sun Prairie Area School District Community,

It is hard to believe it is March already, spring will soon be here! We are happy to share additional information with you regarding next month's referendum. Enclosed you will find information on our solution for overcrowding at our secondary schools. This includes:

- Defining additional space needs.
- Planning for a long-term space solution.
- Communicating the components of the plan and the ballot questions.

It truly takes a community to educate the 8,500 students in our District. Because of you, our District is changing lives every day through the opportunities (both in and out of the classroom) our students are exposed to. We are enormously proud to represent the most amazing students and incredible staff who comprise our District. Without your support, none of what we do every day for every child would be possible.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about the upcoming referendum. Please vote April 2nd, or vote early if that is more convenient for you. This is your community and your voice matters! More information can be found on our website.

In Partnership,

Dr. Brad Saron, Superintendent

Dr. Steve Schroeder, School Board President

DID YOU KNOW?

EDUCATING
8,500
and counting students

14
SCHOOLS

Our boundaries
extend across
10
municipalities

1,895,340
square feet of facilities*
* 79 square miles

20,000
hours of
community
use of
facilities

WHAT IS THE NEED?

As the District is already over capacity at the 6th — 12th grade levels and projected to continue growing, the referendum questions would address **four major needs:**



Secondary Space Capacity



Aging Prairie Phoenix Academy Building

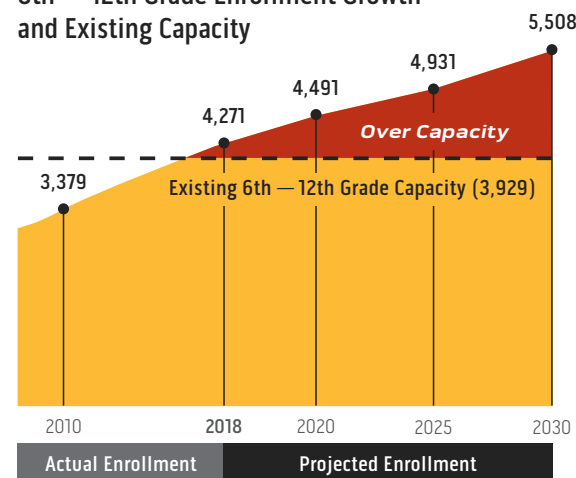


Outdoor Multi-Purpose Facilities



Operational Funding

6th — 12th Grade Enrollment Growth and Existing Capacity



- 2010 & 2018 enrollments are 3rd Friday counts
- Enrollment projections from MDROffers Consulting (Fall 2018)

We are projected to be more than
560 students over capacity in 2 years.

We are projected to be more than
1,200 students over capacity in 12 years.

For more information, visit sunprairieschools.org/ref2019



REFERENDUM QUESTION 1

Secondary Space Solutions

\$164,000,000

Address secondary space capacity (6th — 12th grades):

- Build a second high school with similar building features (fieldhouse, auditorium, pool, etc.) and programming as the current high school
- Reconfigure Cardinal Heights Upper Middle School (CHUMS) to serve as the third middle school (6th — 8th grades), and make minimal updates to secondary schools

Remove aging Prairie Phoenix Academy (PPA) building:

- Move PPA to a separate and dedicated space within the existing CHUMS building with its own entrance, gymnasium, cafeteria, library, and learning spaces

Add additional outdoor multi-purpose facilities:

- Build baseball/softball fields, tennis courts, track, etc. at the proposed second high school (similar to the current high school)
- Build a new multi-purpose stadium at the Ashley Field site for use by both high schools

REFERENDUM QUESTION 2

Operational Funding

\$5,000,000 Annually

First three years (beginning fall 2019):

- \$10 million: For construction and capital maintenance projects, which will decrease the District's total borrowing for Referendum Question 1 and **save \$6 million in interest**
- \$5 million: For salary alignment for teachers, which will help us bring salaries in line with the Dane County market

Fourth year and thereafter:

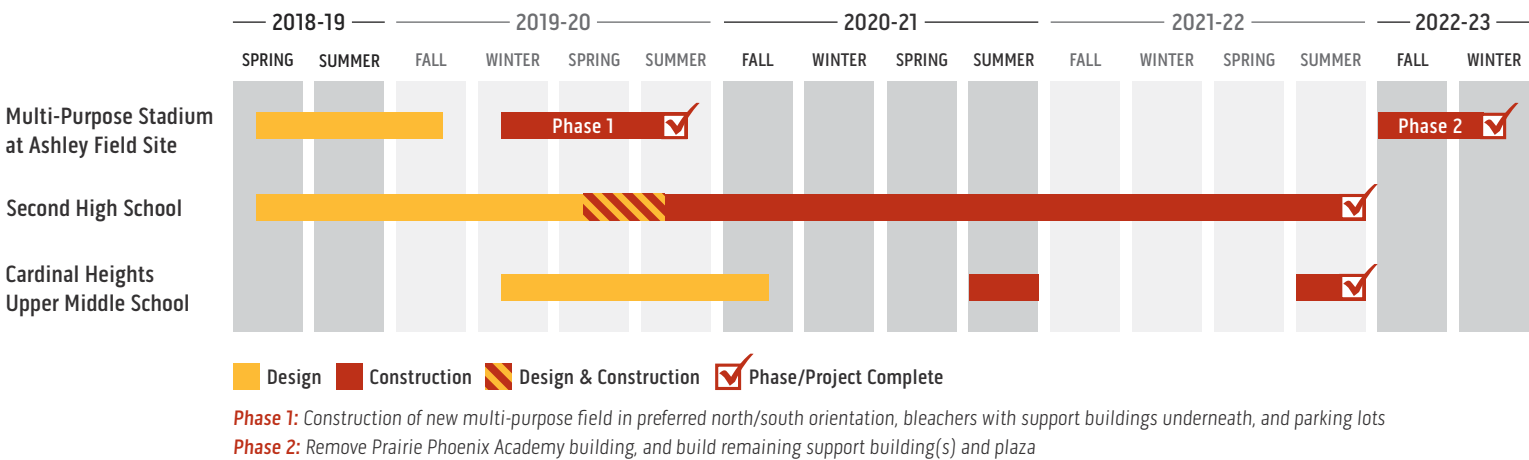
- \$5 million: Fund staffing, maintenance, utilities, and annual operating expenses associated with proposed second high school



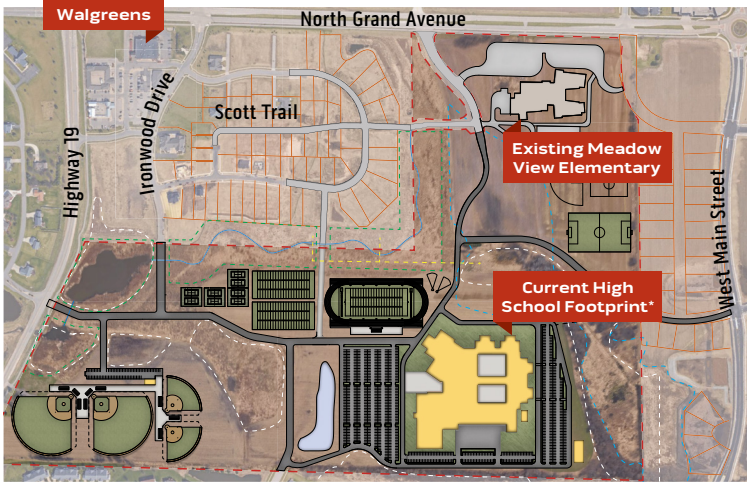
ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT	Secondary Space Solutions \$164,000,000		Operational \$5,000,000 per year		If Both Questions Are Approved	
	Yearly	Monthly	Yearly	Monthly	Yearly	Monthly
Per \$100,000 of Fair Market Property Value	\$56.00	\$4.67	\$72.00	\$6.00	\$128.00	\$10.67

Assumptions | 20-year bonds (phased in over 3 years): 4.75% — 5.25% projected interest rate; 2% — 8% annual property value growth for 5 years, 1.00% thereafter.
Information provided by Robert W. Baird.

PRELIMINARY DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE



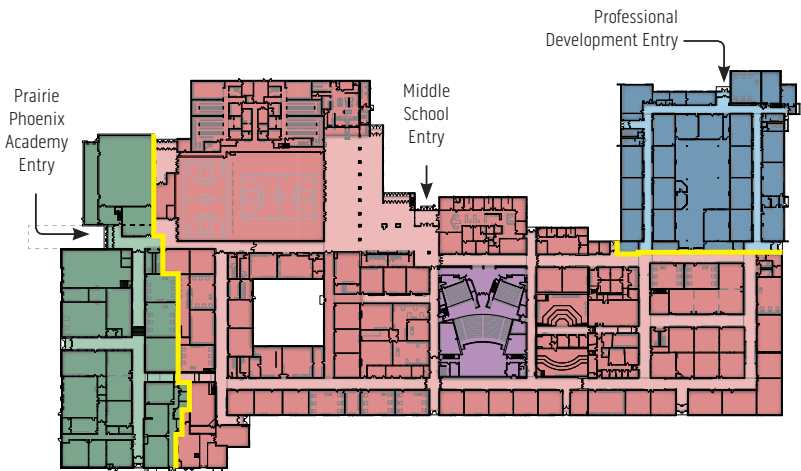
MAJOR COMPONENTS OF REFERENDUM



Conceptual Site Plan for Proposed Second High School

The District purchased this 90-acre property in 2005. It has five access points (three more than the existing high school), which makes this a good location for a second high school. This site would include baseball/softball fields, tennis courts, track, etc. (similar to the existing high school).

* The final site and building plan for the second high school will be determined upon a successful referendum.

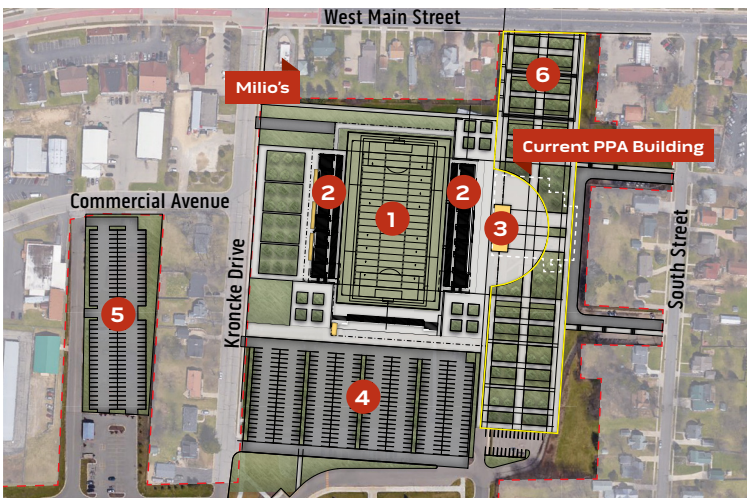


Conceptual Building Organizational Plan for Cardinal Heights Upper Middle School (CHUMS)*

The proposed plan would reconfigure CHUMS to serve 6th — 8th grades (in addition to Prairie View and Patrick Marsh Middle Schools), move Prairie Phoenix Academy (PPA) to a separate and dedicated space within the building, and provide professional development space.

* This is the existing building floor plan and does not show any renovations that will be made. It depicts the current floor plan with three separate and distinct areas.

Wall separation between dedicated spaces
6 — 8 Middle School
Professional Development
Prairie Phoenix Academy
Community Auditorium



Conceptual Site Plan for New Multi-Purpose Stadium at Ashley Field Site*

- 1 Multi-Purpose Synthetic Turf Field
- 2 New Bleachers
- 3 New Concession Stands & Restrooms
- 4 Additional Parking
- 5 Potential Additional Parking
- 6 Potential Plaza Development (not currently included in budget)

* The current Ashley Field has an east/west orientation. The proposed solution constructs the multi-purpose stadium in the preferred north/south orientation.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why was the Ashley Field site selected as the solution for the referendum versus a competitive stadium at both high schools?

This is the option that was supported by citizens on the community survey. This will allow Sun Prairie to continue to feel like one united community and save money by investing in one competition stadium. Both schools will still have a variety of outdoor co-curricular spaces for games and practices. A second competitive stadium would have added another \$17 million to the referendum.

Why not expand the current high school to accommodate the growth?

The current high school site was explored as an option. Traffic challenges, site concerns, and school size (the number of students in one location), caused this solution to be rejected by the Secondary School Space Planning Committee. In addition, remaining as one high school would continue to limit the opportunities available to our students.

If our current high school housed grades 9-12, the enrollment would be 2,447 students. Per WIAA information, 2,447 students would be the largest school in the state by nearly 200 students. The projected enrollment for the Sun Prairie Area School District is expected to be nearly 10,000 students in 10 years. Every district with larger student populations than the SPASD has two or more high schools.

Why is an operational referendum also being proposed to provide additional funding for the proposed second high school?

Wisconsin's school district revenue cap formula does not increase with the opening of a new school. The District's expenses will naturally increase due to the additional space needed to serve a larger student population (primarily due to staffing, equipment, supplies, utilities, and other operational costs). Therefore, the funding amount stays the same unless voters also approve an operating referendum to exceed the revenue cap for operational funding. If the additional funding is not secured, money needed to staff and operate the new school would need to come from existing resources, meaning deep cuts would be needed to balance the budget. The state requires separate questions for operating and capital referendums.

For more FAQs, please visit sunprairieschools.org/ref2019