

RPS 205 10-YEAR FACILITIES MASTER PLAN **HIGHLIGHTS**



This guide provides a snapshot of the community's investment in Rockford Public Schools, its students and the future.

It briefly illustrates the renovations and construction in Rockford Public Schools – outlined in a 10-year \$279M master plan – designed to bring RPS 205 facilities into the 21st century and address significant deterioration and deferred maintenance.

Thank you to the Rockford community, RPS 205 taxpayers, the Rockford School Board and administration for supporting this work.



10-YEAR TIMELINE

2011

OCTOBER: Rockford Public Schools Board of Education requests out a detailed physical assessment of its educational facilities: four high schools, seven middle schools, 31 elementary schools, three Early Childhood centers and one adult education building.

Buildings range in age from 1907-1999; the average age of RPS 205 facilities is 68 years.

2012

AUGUST 14: Rockford School Board approves a resolution calling for a referendum on the Nov. 6, 2012 ballot to issue general obligation bonds to fund RPS 205 facilities improvements.

NOVEMBER 6: 65% of voters approve the bond referendum, allowing the district to issue \$139M in general obligation bonds to fund districtwide renovations.

2013

SPRING: Renovations and construction begin.

2014

AUGUST 12: Rockford School Board approves a resolution calling for a question on the Nov. 4, 2014 ballot, "to acquire one or more sites and to build one or more schools."

NOVEMBER 4: 74% of voters approve the referendum, allowing the construction of one or more new schools, using proceeds of the \$139M bond issuance that voters approved in 2012.

2016

WINTER: Construction crews break ground on Cherry Valley Elementary School, an \$18.3M, 86,000-square-foot school for K-5 students.

2017

FALL: Construction crews break ground on Constance Lane Elementary School, a \$19.8M, 86,000-square-foot school for K-5 students.

2018

SUMMER: Construction finishes on Cherry Valley Elementary School.

AUGUST: Students and staff at Cherry Valley Elementary School enter their new school for the first time — the first new school to open in RPS 205 since 1999.

2019

SUMMER: Construction finishes on Constance Lane Elementary School.

SEPTEMBER: Students and staff at Constance Lane Elementary School enter their new school for the first time.

2021

AUGUST: Renovations, construction and updates from the 10-year facilities master plan are complete. Buildings range in age from 1922-2019; the average age of RPS 205 facilities is 50 years.

ALL RPS 205 SCHOOLS RECEIVED MUCH NEEDED RENOVATIONS



\$47.8M

Cafeteria & gymnasium additions that include several new classrooms at 18 schools



\$42M

Field houses, gymnasium upgrades & new classrooms at Auburn, East, Guilford and Jefferson high schools



\$38.2M

New schools: Constance Lane Elementary School & Cherry Valley Elementary School



\$30.8M

Mechanical, electrical and plumbing at 25 schools



\$19.7M

Interior finishes – painting, flooring & carpet – at 34 schools



\$16.5M

New windows at 21 schools



\$16.2M

Previous deferred maintenance at 30 schools, including electrical, masonry, HVAC renovations and roof replacement



\$3.1M

Eliminating 9 obsolete buildings

BY THE NUMBERS

\$139M

General
Obligation
Bonds

\$50M

Reserve
Pledge

\$18M

Health/
Life-Safety
Bonds

\$9M

CPPRT*

\$25M

CPPRT*
Qualified School
Construction
Bond

\$9M

Health/
Life-Safety
Operation &
Maintenance

**corporate personal property replacement tax*

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For more information on the 10-Year Facilities Master Plan visit:
rps205.com/about-rps-205/facilities-master-plan

