

# WHAT IF the Referendum Does Not Pass?

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## MSDWC WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE QUALITY EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR STUDENTS

Regardless of whether the referendum passes or not, MSDWC schools will continue to be great places for students to receive their education, for families to be a part of a community, and for employees to work.

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## TAXES WILL BE RAISED TO FUND BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

MSDWC has had one of the lowest school tax rates in the area for a long time. If the referendum does not pass, the school tax rate must be raised in order to fund the necessary improvements to our current buildings. These decisions can be made through a school board vote and without a referendum.

Public schools receive NO FUNDS from the state for building maintenance, repairs, or improvements. These necessary funds come from the local taxpayers.



The estimated cost to update all five buildings to today's standards at current rates is \$70,000,000. These projects would take place over several years while costs continue to escalate, meaning the end total would be even greater. Meanwhile, maintenance costs for all five buildings would continue without any improvements to efficiency.

### Without Referendum



2024 Planning for the next 60 years → 2084

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## LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS WILL BE DISRUPTED

The process of updating the five buildings could not be done all at once. While taking place over an extended period of time, disruptions to the learning environments would be inevitable. Students could be displaced to outside trailers while classrooms are being renovated.

*\*\*Although renovations are a part of the referendum plan, the stages of transitions would allow very limited disruptions to the learning environments.\*\**



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## BUILDINGS WILL POTENTIALLY BE REARRANGED TO ACCOMMODATE FOR ONE HIGH SCHOOL

All five buildings could be kept in their current configurations, but this will not help any efficiencies or student programming challenges. If building a new high school is not passed, the district will consider combining grades 9-12 at one of the current buildings, most likely Northfield Jr/Sr High. Other rearrangements of grade levels would be examined to reduce buildings over time. These decisions can be made through a school board vote.

**Neither of these options meet all of the strategic plan priorities and will not sufficiently enhance efficiency.**

### Retain All Schools



#### Student Achievement

Develop and enhance quality programs to improve student achievement



#### Recruitment & Retention

Attract and retain students to increase enrollment



#### Financial

Ensure fiscal responsibility and stability



#### Facilities & Technology

Provide safe and efficient learning environments

### Shuffle Grade Levels



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## PUBLIC REJECTION OF PROGRESS COULD AFFECT FAMILIES CHOOSING WABASH COUNTY

If the referendum is not passed, this will result in a public rejection of plans to move our community forward, to plan for future growth and development and to offer Wabash County and surrounding areas as a place for future residents and younger families.

# BUT IF the Referendum Does Pass...

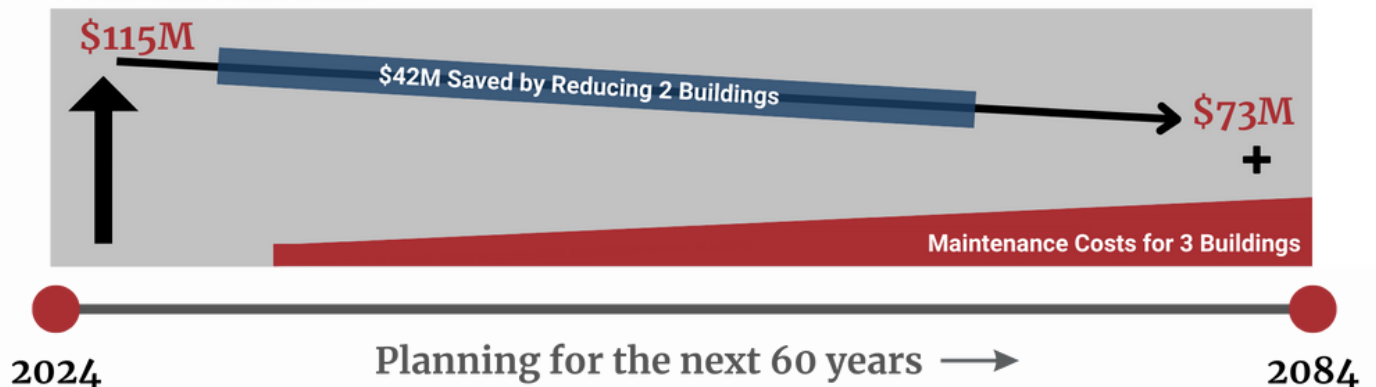
We will demonstrate that our community is forward-thinking: preparing for the future while maintaining the school culture and our community values. This project will offer this and future generations an outstanding educational facility that will benefit the entire MSD of Wabash County community. We will ensure that the Strategic Plan priorities will be fully accomplished and implemented.

We will also spend relatively the same or less money over the course of 60 years, but will have provided our students with an enhanced learning environment for those decades.

### New High School

- Student Achievement**  
Develop and enhance quality programs to improve student achievement
- Recruitment & Retention**  
Attract and retain students to increase enrollment
- Financial**  
Ensure fiscal responsibility and stability
- Facilities & Technology**  
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## With Referendum



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We want to provide our voting community with answers to their questions. Please let us know if you have further questions or would like more information.

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