

# SAVE OUR HISTORY STRENGTHEN OUR SCHOOLS REVITALIZE OUR COMMUNITIES



Vote October 27, 2021

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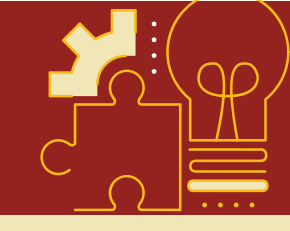
## COMMUNITY DRIVEN



In 2018, residents formed the Milford Middle School Committee and engaged with the community in a series of meetings to discuss the Milford Middle School building and property.

These well attended community meetings indicated there is strong support from the community to restore the Lakeview Avenue site for reuse as an educational facility.

## REVITALIZATION



The proposed plan renovates the 1929 historic section of the building as the centerpiece of the school with newly constructed wings added on for a modern student learning environment.

The location, a gateway to the City of Milford, is already owned by the District and requires no additional land purchase, revitalizing a vacant property.

The school will maintain a gymnasium, auditorium and outside grounds with athletic fields for community use.

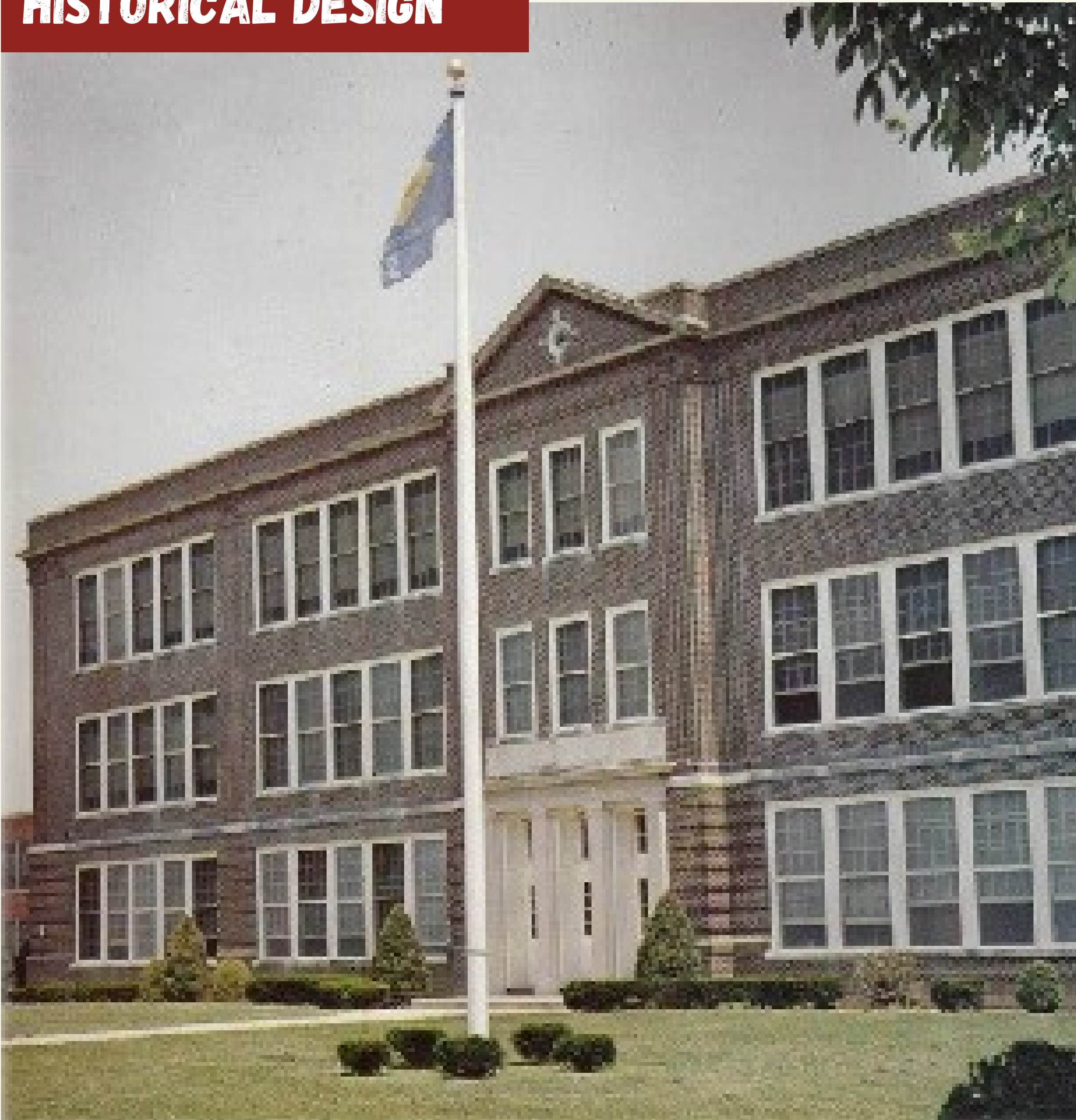
## HISTORY



The Milford Middle School site has served the Greater Milford community since 1929. Many residents attended school there, generating great pride and emotional attachment to the site.

The site's Historical Marker honors *The Milford 11* and signifies one of the first attempts to integrate students in a Delaware school for educational equality in 1954.

## HISTORICAL DESIGN



## MODERN CONCEPTUAL DESIGN



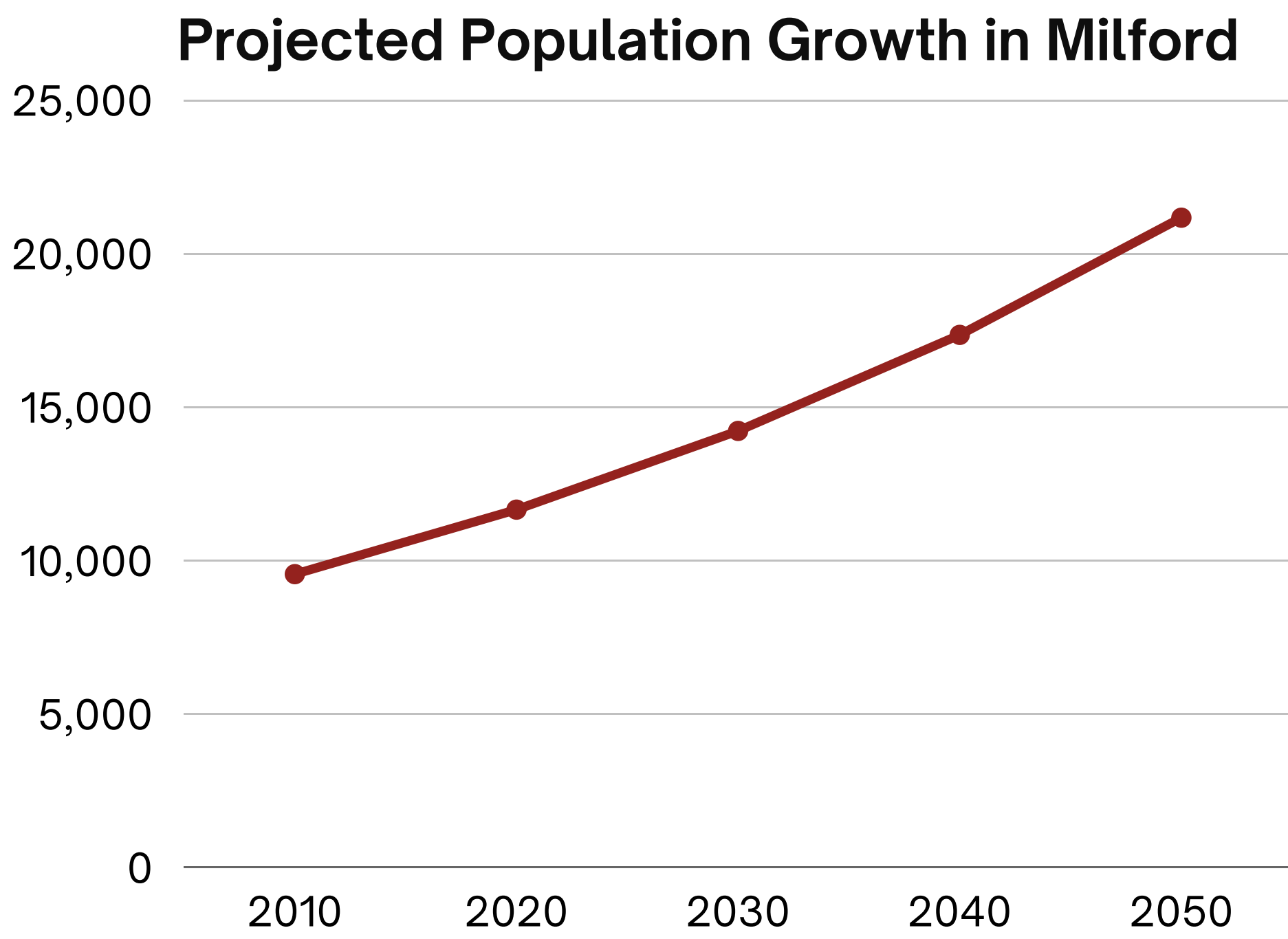
## WHY MILFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL



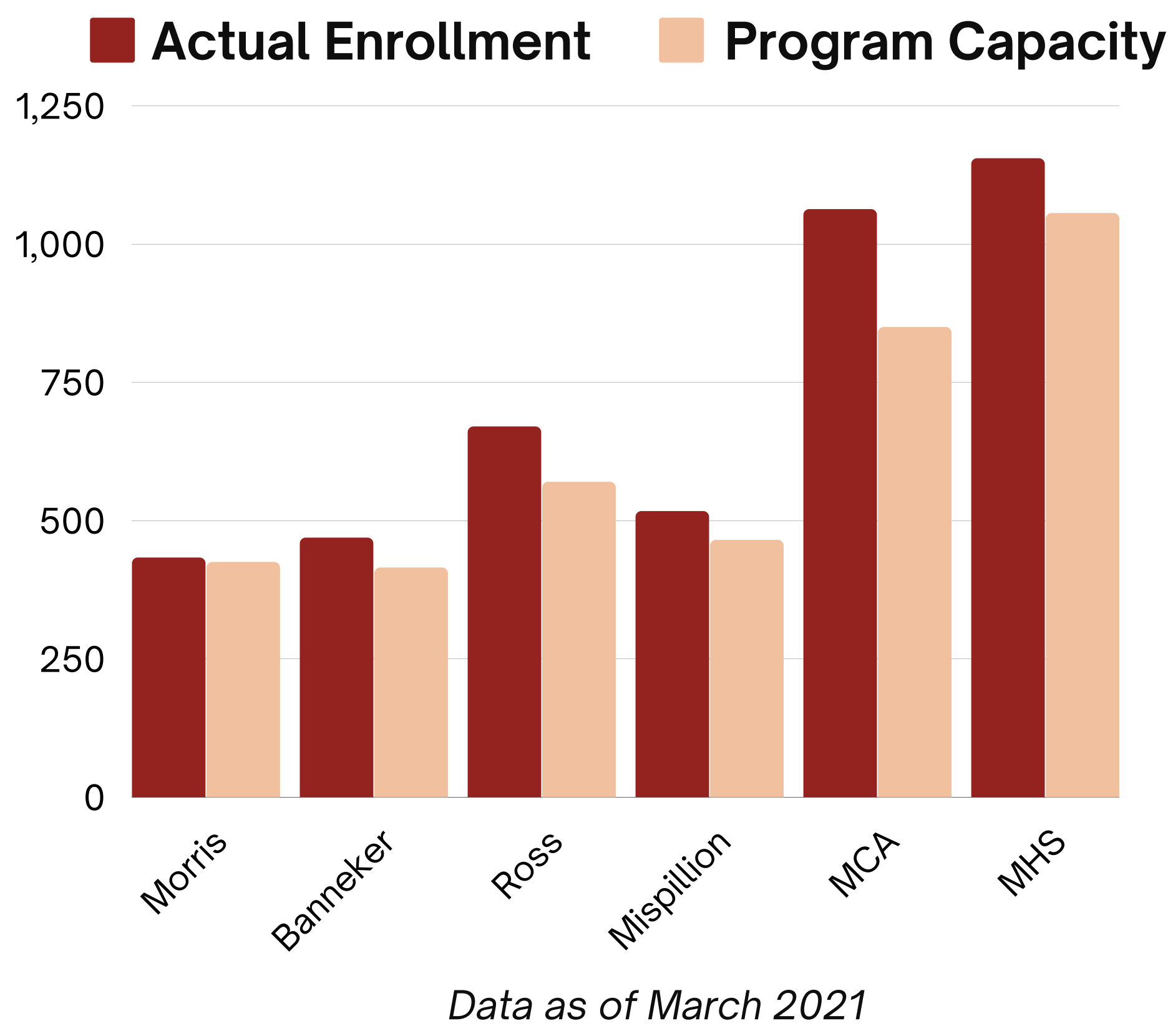
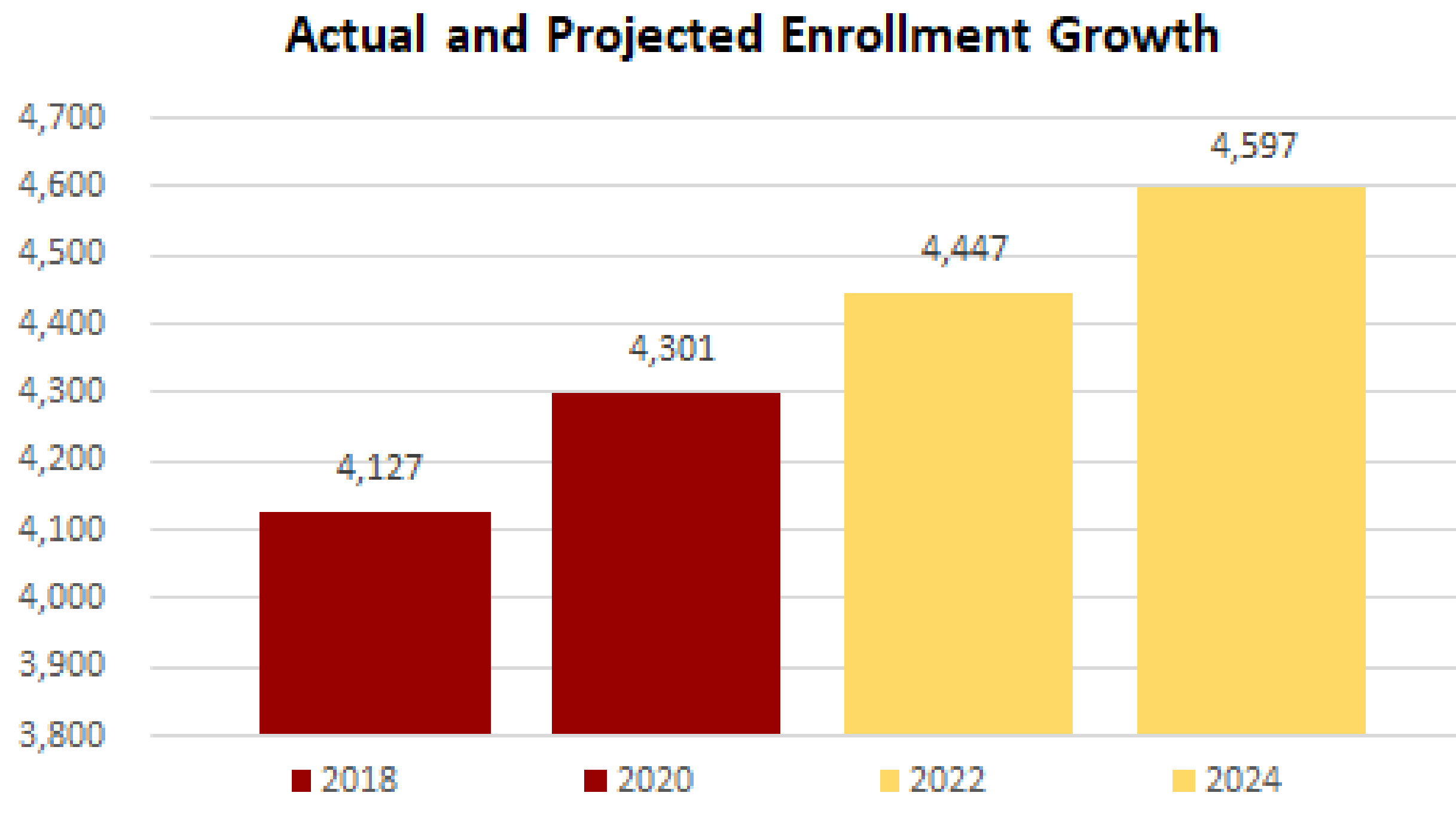
- The proposed plan will add additional space for 1,000 5th-6th grade students, alleviating pressures of growing enrollment at all schools, most prominently at Milford Central Academy and on the secondary campus
- Keeps the educational needs of the students at the forefront
- Utilizes and revitalizes existing district resources and property
- Supports developmental similarities between 5th-6th grade students
- Better serves the socio-emotional and learning needs of the middle level student and provides enhanced support for specific student needs during the transition to the middle level
- Merges all elementary feeder schools earlier and in a smaller environment
- Assists in meeting recommended school enrollment capacities throughout the district
- Creates space and flexibility for future growth across the district at all levels
- Minimizes disruptions to current learning environments
- Creates a community asset with open recreational space, large gymnasium, auditorium and playground
- Provides classroom space in the center of town for evening educational and workforce development partnerships



COMMUNITY & ENROLLMENT GROWTH



Source: City of Milford



COST




The estimated total cost of the project is \$57,270,453. The Local share of the total cost is \$14,890,318. If approved, the district will leverage the State share of \$42,380,185.

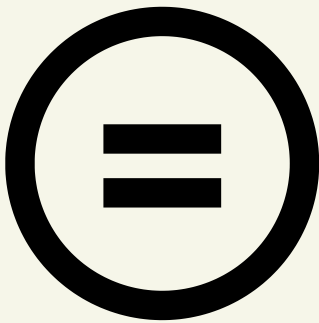
Proposed Community Member Tax Impact Examples*				
Kent County Assessed Property Value Examples	\$29,250	\$57,934	\$86,478	\$114,457
Sussex County Assessed Property Value Examples	\$10,350	\$20,500	\$30,600	\$40,500
Increase/(Decrease) - Year 1	(\$3.09)	(\$6.11)	(\$9.12)	(\$12.07)
Increase/(Decrease) - Year 2	\$29.74	\$58.90	\$87.92	\$116.36
Increase/(Decrease) - Year 3	\$3.70	\$7.33	\$10.94	\$14.48
Increase/(Decrease) - Year 4	(\$3.50)	(\$6.94)	(\$10.35)	(\$13.71)
Increase/(Decrease) - Year 5	(\$3.39)	(\$6.72)	(\$10.04)	(\$13.28)


\*Projected Increase/Decrease in Annual Tax Rate as a result of this proposed project

Assessed Value Comparison



House 1  
Kent County  
Assessed Value\* \$57,934





House 2  
Sussex County  
Assessed Value\* \$20,500

*\*Sussex County property assessments were last completed in 1974 generally assessing the value lower than Kent County assessments which were last completed in 1986*

- The proposed project only impacts the debt service component of the total overall tax rate
  - With the expiration of a current bond obligation in 2023, the debt service tax component will decrease in Year 1 of the project
  - The debt service tax component will increase in Years 2 and 3 of the project before gradually declining over the remainder of the 20-year bond schedule
- For the estimated tax rate in cents per \$100 of assessed value, visit the referendum section on our website
  - To check your assessed property value in Kent or Sussex County visit:  
[www.milfordschooldistrict.org/PropertyAssessment](http://www.milfordschooldistrict.org/PropertyAssessment)
  - Seniors are eligible for the Senior Property Tax Credit. For more information:  
[www.milfordschool.org/SeniorPropertyTaxRelief](http://www.milfordschool.org/SeniorPropertyTaxRelief)

VOTING



Date: October 27, 2021  
Time: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

- Polling Places:
- Benjamin Baneket Elementary
  - Lulu M. Ross Elementary
  - Milford High School
  - Morris Early Childhood Center

Who is eligible to vote?  
All residents of the Milford School District who are U.S. citizens and at least 18 years of age. Residents do not have to be property owners to be eligible to vote.

Do I need to be a registered voter?  
No. However, you must reside within the boundaries of the Milford School District, be at least 18 years of age, be a U.S. citizen and provide identification at the polling place. By state law, you do not have to be a property owner to be eligible to vote.

Questions?  
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