

# WAPS Referendum 2023



# The basics

- Two-question referendum
- Vote by April 11, 2023
- Question 1 - \$72.5 million
  - Classroom and building improvements across the district
- Question 2 - \$21.7 million
  - Additional gym and new locker rooms at WSHS
  - Question 1 must pass for Question 2 to pass

# A brief history lesson

- 2015 - School board starts intense study of district's elementary schools
- 2017 - \$82 million referendum failed
- 2018 - \$9.42 million referendum passed
  - Most dire safety, security, accessibility needs
  - Phase 1 of a larger plan
- 2021 - School board convenes a Community Task Force to begin work on Phase 2



# WAPS Community Task Force

- Community members and staff members
- Met 10 times over the course of four months
- Toured school buildings
- Vetted 12 different options
  - New construction
  - Consolidating buildings
  - Changing grade-level configurations
- Reached a consensus to invest in and improve the current fleet of buildings







FLEXIBLE FURNITURE  
ALLOWS FOR DIFFERENT  
CLASSROOM LAYOUTS

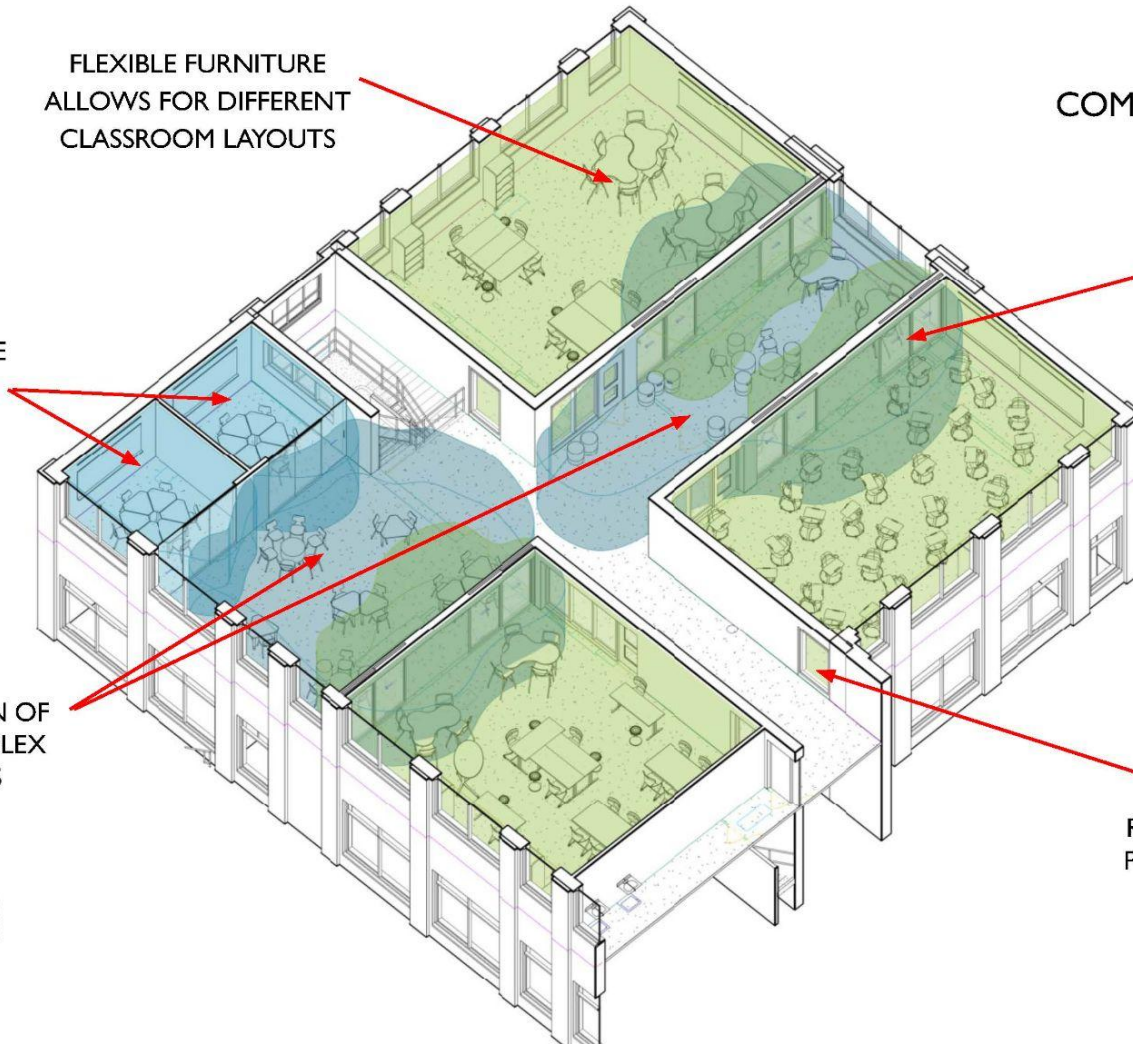
## COMMUNITY TASK FORCE DIAGRAM

BARN DOORS ADD  
FLEXIBILITY TO  
CLASSROOM FUNCTION

CONFERENCE  
ROOMS

CREATION OF  
SHARED FLEX  
AREAS

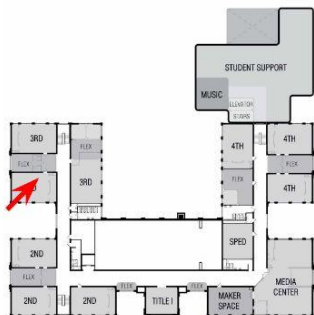
BORROWED LITES  
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PROVIDING VISUAL RELIEF  
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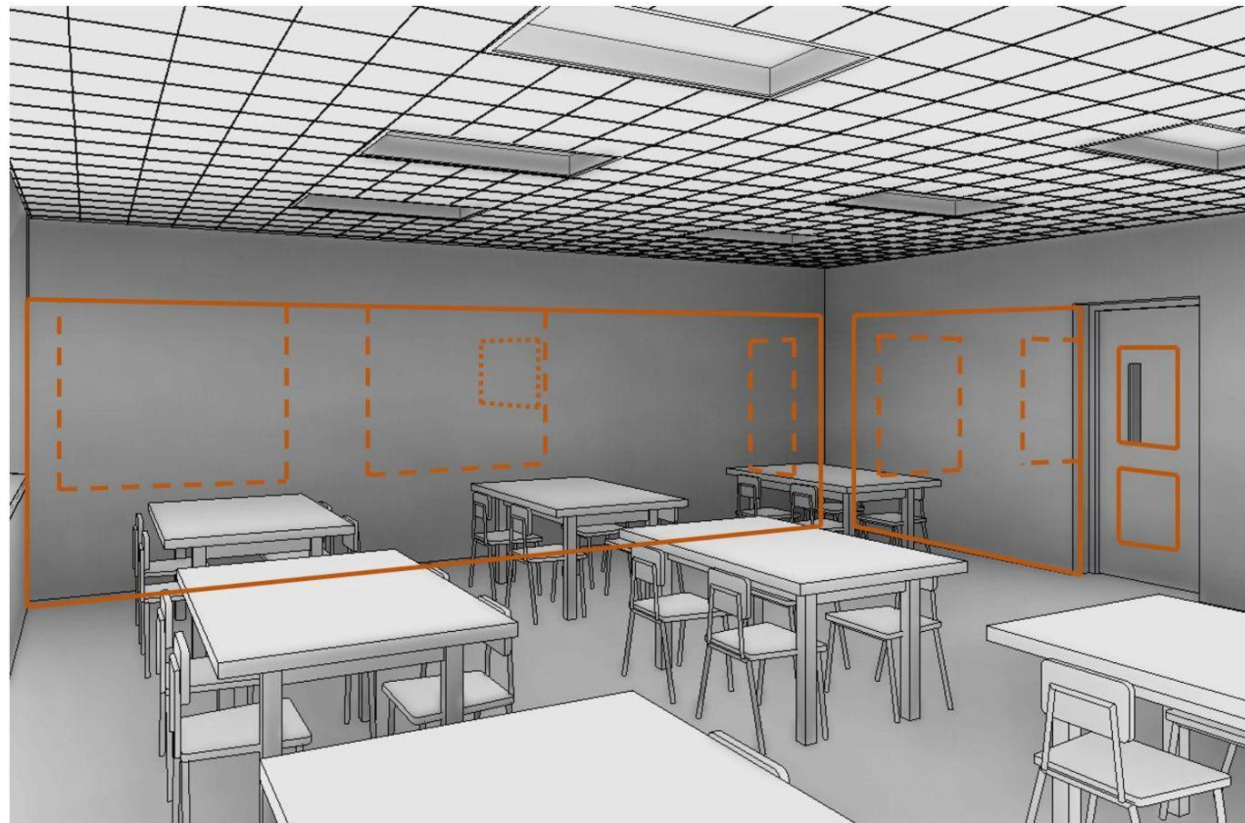
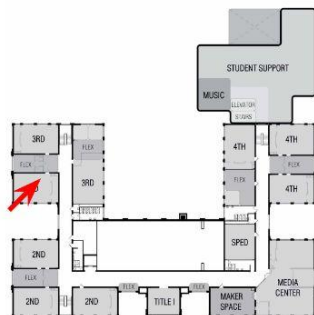
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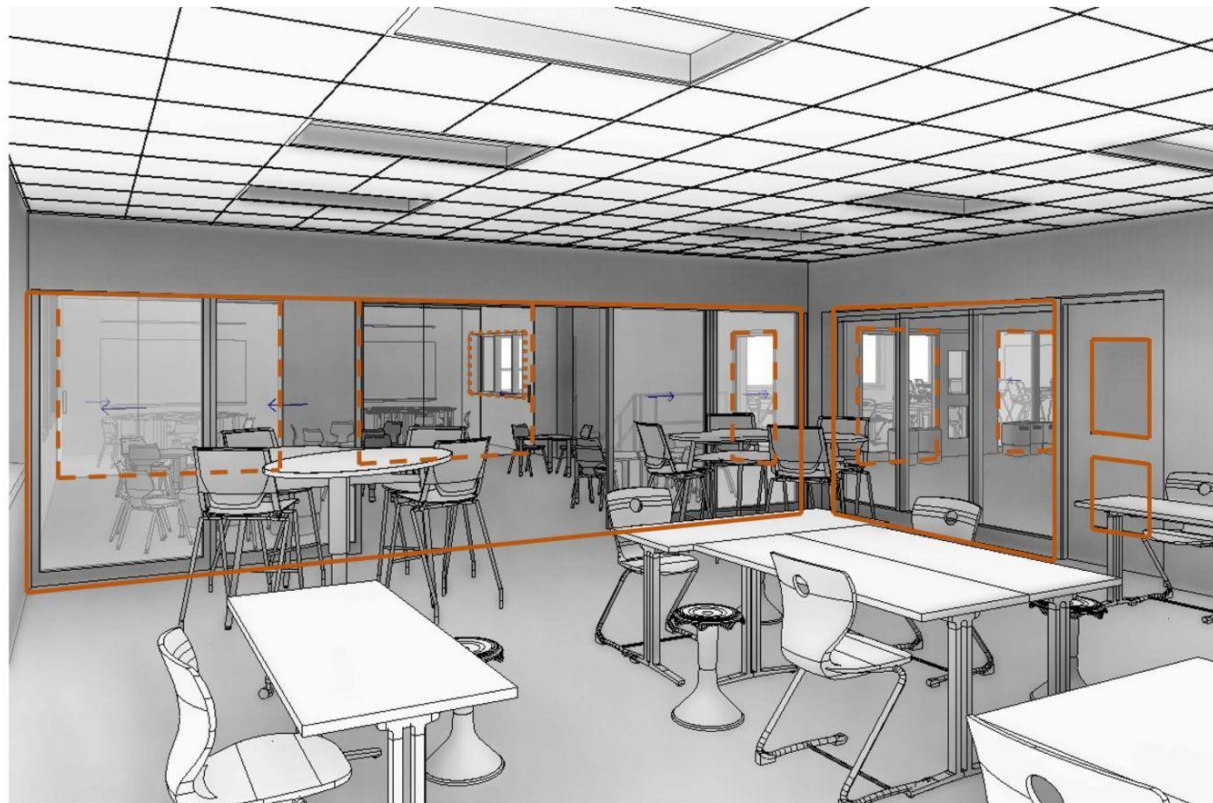
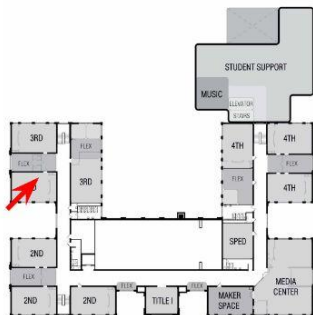






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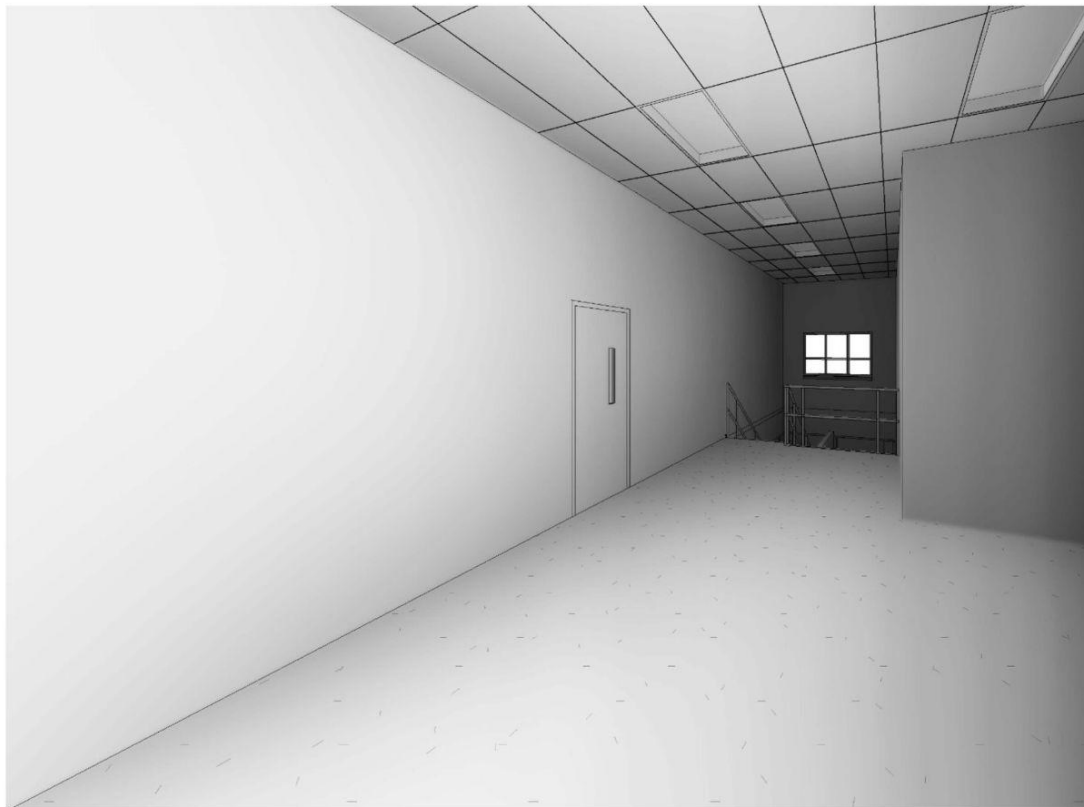






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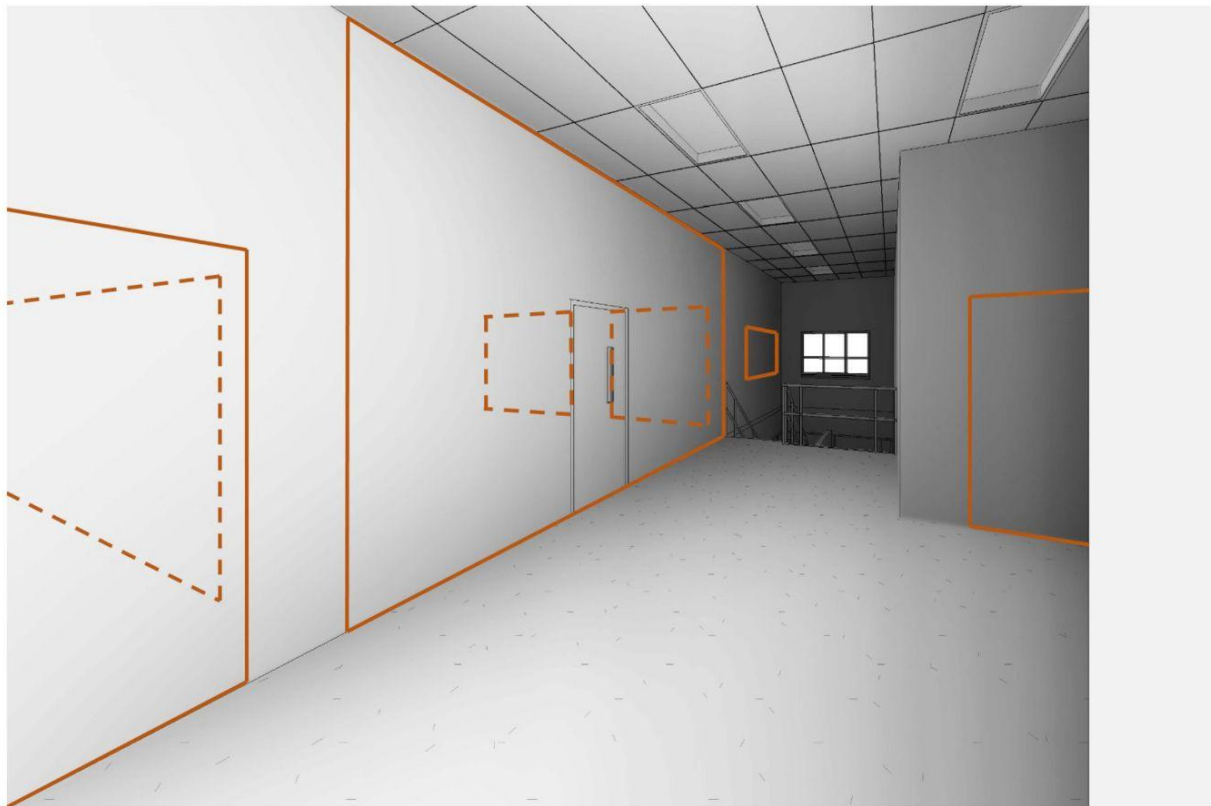
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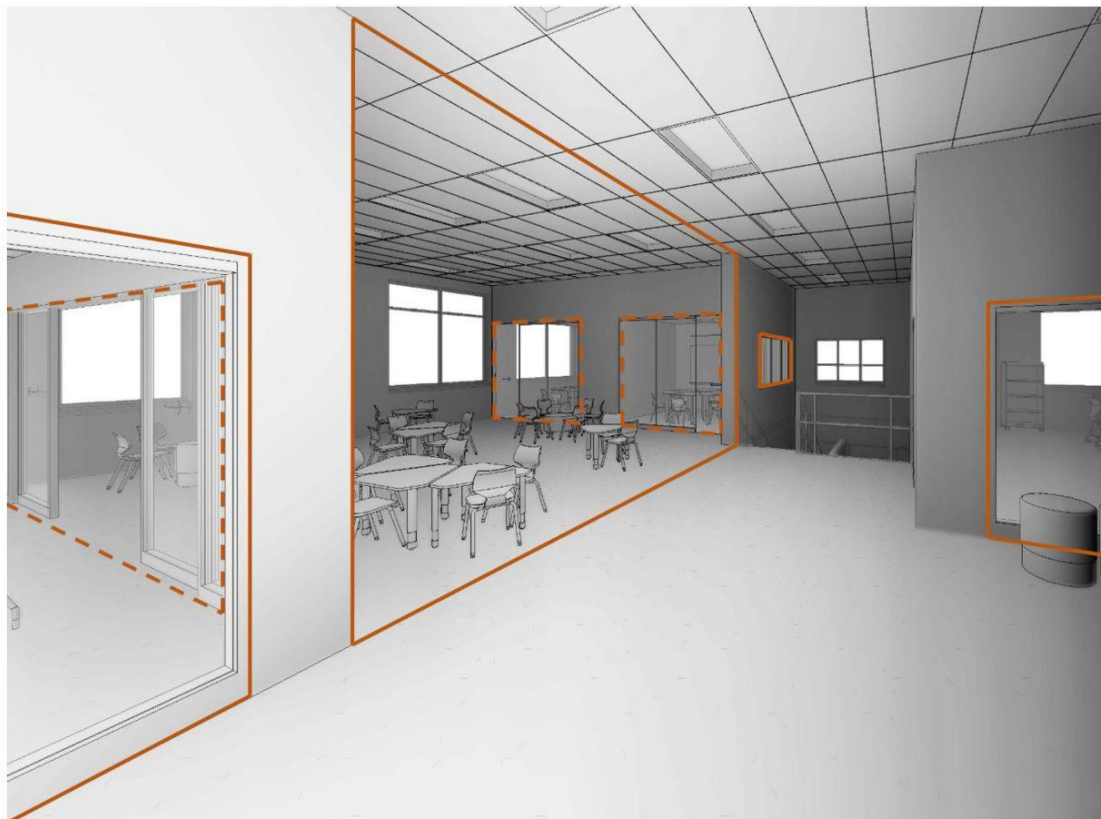
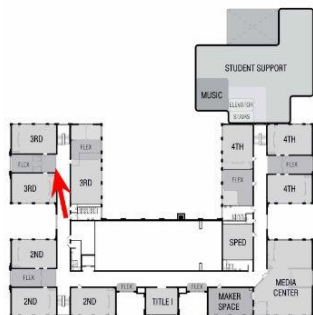
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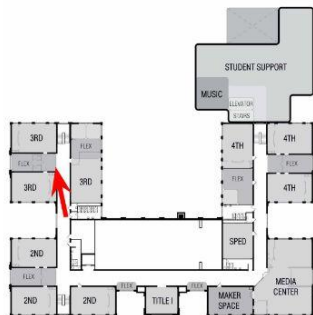






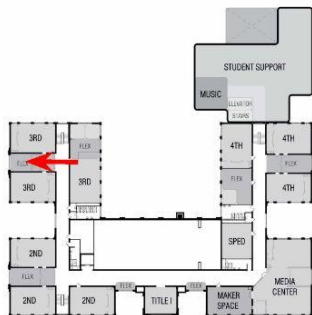
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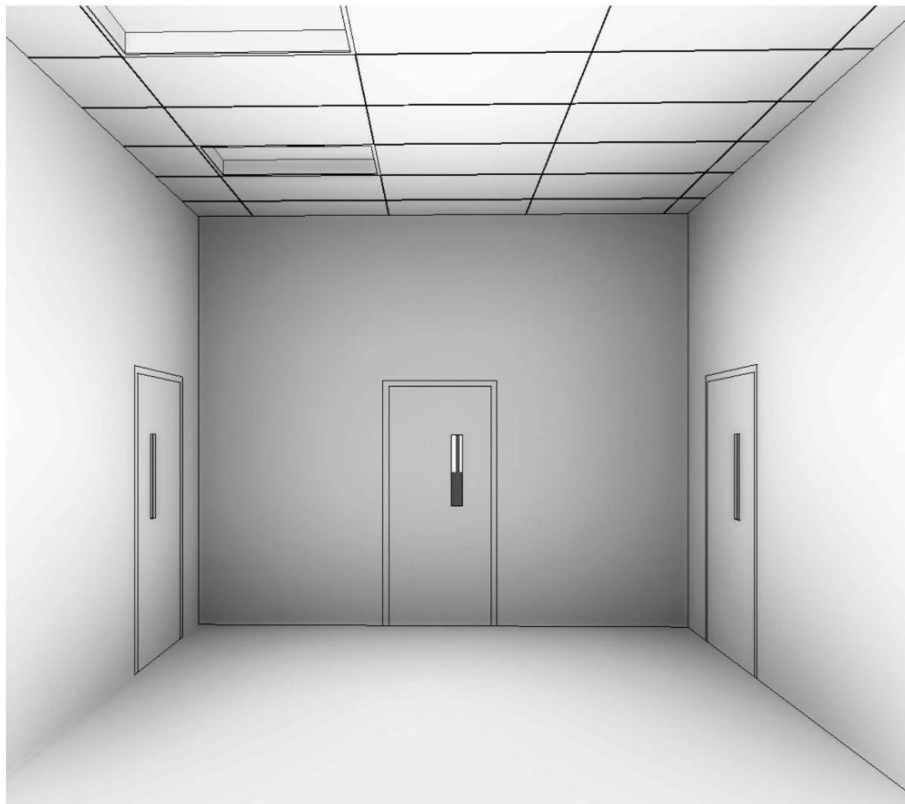




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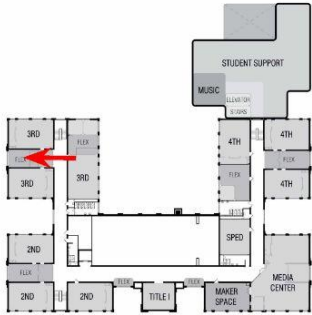


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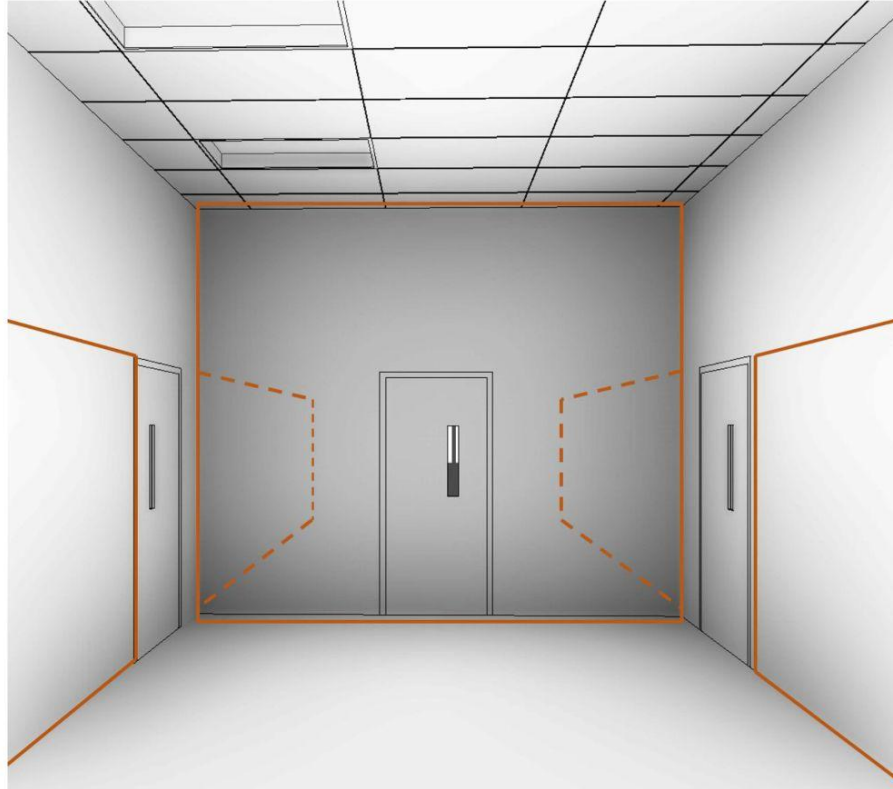




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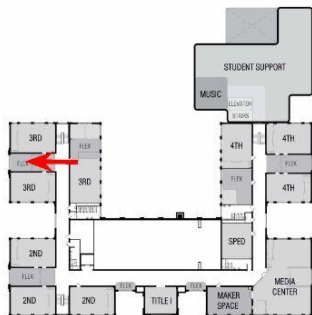
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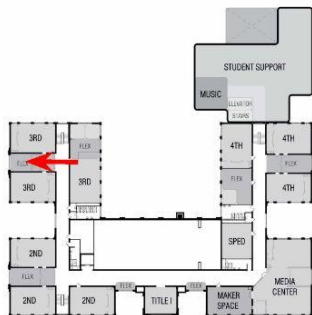


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# Read the full Task Force report

- Meetings overview
- Charge questions
- Common themes
- Needs statements
- Options discussion
- Building diagrams



[waps.pub/taskforcereport](https://waps.pub/taskforcereport)



# WAPS School Board

- Nov. 2021 - Approved geothermal dehumidification projects
- May 2022 - Scientific survey of community
  - 56 percent support recommendation
- July 2022 - Accepted task force recommendation as the basis of a Master Facilities Plan
- Jan. 2023 - Modified referendum scope to account for inflation concerns



# What is in the referendum?

## QUESTION 1 \$72.5 million

- Flexible learning spaces
- Addressing accessibility
- CTE upgrades at WSHS
- Small additions to Jefferson, W-K
  - New cafeteria
  - More student support spaces
  - No more classes in the basement
- Fitness space at WALC
- Deferred maintenance across the district

## QUESTION 2 \$21.7 million

- Second gymnasium at WSHS
- Additional locker rooms at WSHS
- Remodeled music areas at WSHS

\*Question 1 must pass in order for Question 2 to pass



# Goodview Elementary



- Remodel classroom areas to modernize learning spaces
- Provide new flexible furniture
- Deferred maintenance
  - Code upgrades
  - Boiler plant
  - Upgrade existing HVAC
  - Replace classroom casework
  - Replace gym floor
  - Replace exterior windows
  - Replace plumbing windows
  - Provide water softener
  - Remodel EC and gym toilets
  - Improve site drainage





# Jefferson Elementary



- Remodel classroom areas to modernize learning spaces
- Small addition for cafeteria and student support spaces
- Provide new flexible furniture
- Deferred maintenance
  - Code upgrades
  - Replace gym doors
  - Replace playground
  - Remodel toilet rooms
  - Replace exterior windows
  - Add data and electrical outlets
  - Provide accessible path to Paul Giel Field
  - Repair exterior stairs
  - Provide water softener



# W-K Elementary



- Remodel classroom areas to modernize learning spaces
- Small addition for cafeteria and student support spaces
- Provide new flexible furniture
- Deferred maintenance
  - Code upgrades
  - Replace gym doors
  - Replace exterior windows
  - Add data and electrical outlets
  - Repair exterior stairs
  - Provide water softener



# Winona Middle School



- **Deferred maintenance**
  - Replace toilet partitions
  - Refurbish and update boiler plant
  - Install high efficiency water heaters
  - Increase chiller capacity
  - Replace roof



# Winona Senior High School

## Question 1 projects



- Create flexible learning spaces
- Remodel industrial tech wing for Career & Technical Education spaces
- Remodel to accommodate Setting III EBD program
- Provide new flexible furniture
- Deferred maintenance
  - Meet ADA accessibility requirements



# Winona Senior High School

## Question 2 projects

- Remodel general classrooms
- Remodel existing locker rooms
- Remodel music area
- Addition for one new gym station and new locker rooms







# Winona Area Learning Center

- Remodel existing space for activity and fitness room
- Deferred maintenance
  - Replace lighting
  - Improve controls on geothermal system
  - Provide supplementary boiler
  - Add perimeter radiation



# Paul Giel Field



- Deferred maintenance
  - Remodel toilets
  - Bleacher upgrades for code



# Key messages

- A community plan to invest in our students, improve our educational and activity spaces to inspire lifelong learning for generations to come.
- Our students deserve welcoming spaces that accommodate and inspire their diverse learning needs.
- Renovating the CTE space at the high school will provide hands-on learning opportunities for all students and inspire partnerships with local businesses, keeping our graduates in our community.



# Key messages

- A gymnasium addition at the high school and accessible, equitable locker rooms will improve access for student and community use.
- Renovation of the high school music area will provide audition and performance spaces worthy of our school's outstanding tradition in fine arts.



# Why not build a new elementary school?



- New construction costs 30% to 40% more
- Lack of available land in Winona city limits
- Access to utilities outside of the city is limited
- Survey indicated little support for a new elementary
- Task Force did not think public would support a new elementary with 700 students





# Tax impact



Estimated Market Value	Estimated Impact of Monthly Taxes Payable in 2024		Estimated Impact of Yearly Taxes Payable in 2024	
	Question 1	Question 2	Question 1	Question 2
<b>\$100,000</b>	\$5.83	\$2.33	\$70	\$28
<b>\$200,000</b>	\$14.75	\$5.83	\$177	\$70
<b>\$300,000</b>	\$23.58	\$9.33	\$283	\$112
<b>\$400,000</b>	\$32.50	\$12.92	\$390	\$155





**82%  
agree,**

**our community  
receives a good  
value for its  
investment in local  
public schools!**



# How to vote



- Early voting begins Feb. 24
  - 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
  - District Office, 903 Gilmore Ave.
- Election Day - April 11
  - Combined polling places
  - Find your polling place: [winonaschools.org/vote2023](https://winonaschools.org/vote2023)





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A photograph of a classroom with several children sitting at desks. Many of the children have their hands raised, suggesting an interactive activity or a Q&A session. The image is covered with a semi-transparent orange filter.

# Questions

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