

# New Valley Middle School & Grand Forks Public Schools Referendum



## Background

**FALL 2022** - GFPS and Local Consultants Conducted District-Wide Facility Assessment

- District-Wide Survey Sent to Aid GFPS in Facility Planning
- Results: 73% Support Building New Valley Middle School and Centralized Kitchen for \$61 Million
- 77.6% Support Implementing Safety & Security Upgrades for \$18 Million

**JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2023** - 60-Member Committee Participated in Design Workshop for a New Valley Middle School

**MARCH 2023** - GFPS School Board Sets Referendum for \$79 Million on May 16, 2023

## Challenges

### VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL & DISTRICT KITCHEN

- No air conditioning/dehumidification
- Boiler system is past its life expectancy
- Does not comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements
- Cafeteria & many general & specialized classrooms such as science, Career and Technical Education (CTE), music, art, & special education are undersized
- Lacks learning spaces to accommodate today's learning programs
- Residential setting is inefficient for loading & delivery needs of district kitchen
- Current student pick up/drop off location & food truck access creates a traffic safety issue

## SAFETY & SECURITY

- 15 of 16 District schools lack adequate, secure, and controlled entrances

## Proposed Solution

### BUILD A NEW VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL & RELOCATE THE CENTRALIZED DISTRICT KITCHEN

The new middle school and central district kitchen would be designed to:

- Accommodate middle school structure for grades 6 - 8
- Create new adequate classrooms & instruction spaces
- Meet all building & ADA accessibility codes
- Master planned on school land should long-term growth occur
- Improve traffic congestion & safety for students, families & neighborhood residents
- Allow for efficient loading & delivery logistics

## SAFETY AND SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS

- Construct controlled-access, secure entrances at the 15 out of 16 District schools

## Public Meetings



**Wednesday, March 22**  
at 6:00 pm at Valley  
Middle School  
Gymnasium



**Thursday, April 13**  
at 6:00 pm at Red  
River High School,  
Small Theatre



**Thursday, May 11**  
at 6:00 pm Grand  
Forks Central High  
School Theatre

## Childcare Available for Public Meetings



Scan QR code to  
RSVP for childcare

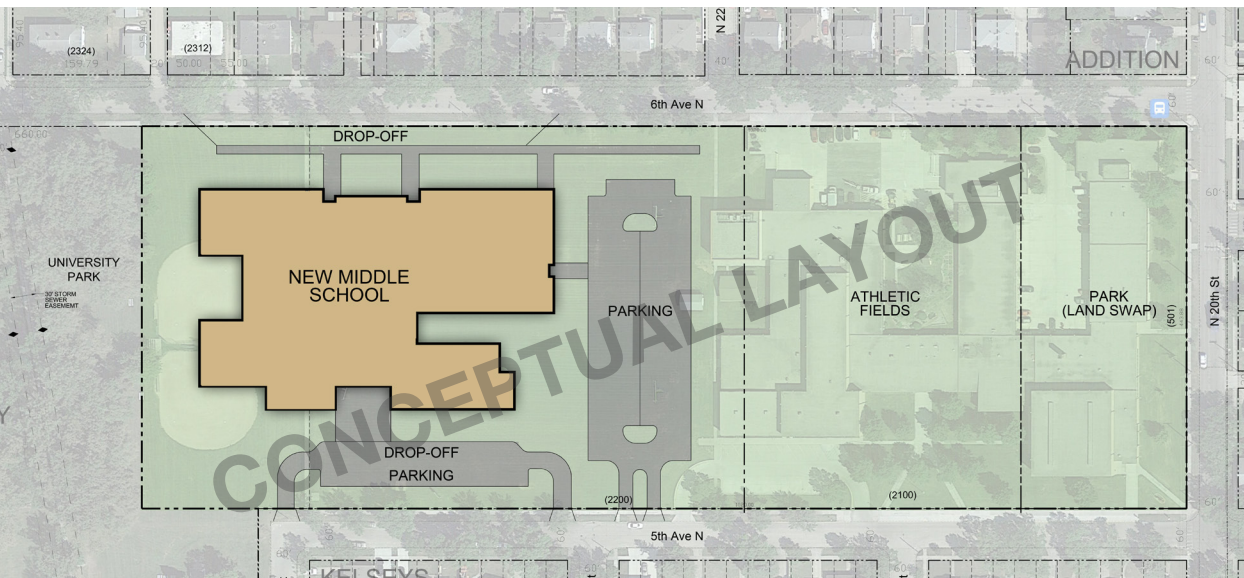


**Project Info**  
**Tax Calculator**  
**FAQ** at [gfschools.org/may16](https://gfschools.org/may16)

## Additional Questions or Requests

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## Voting



**IN PERSON**  
**Tuesday, May 16, 2023**  
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Alerus Center

## ABSENTEE BALLOT

Absentee voter applications are available from both Grand Forks County and Grand Forks Public School District and can be found on our website at [gfschools.org/may16](https://gfschools.org/may16)