



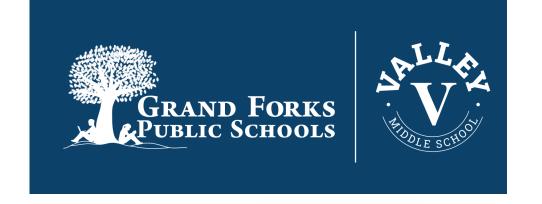
## Valley Middle School Referendum

Dr. Terry Brenner

Superintendent

April 2023

## How did we get here?



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Assessment

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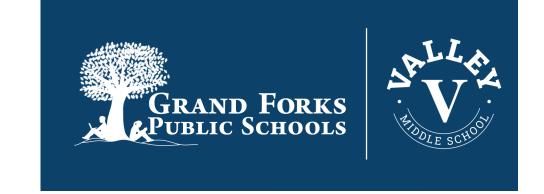


MARCH 2023 - GFPS School Board Sets Referendum for \$79 Million on May 16, 2023



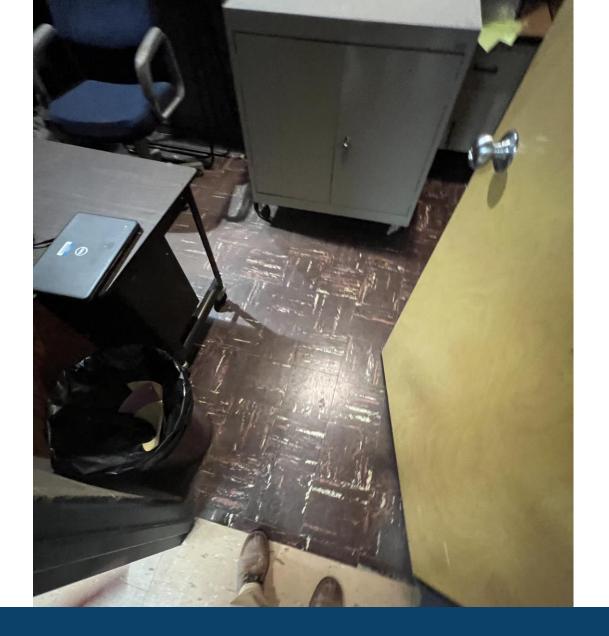


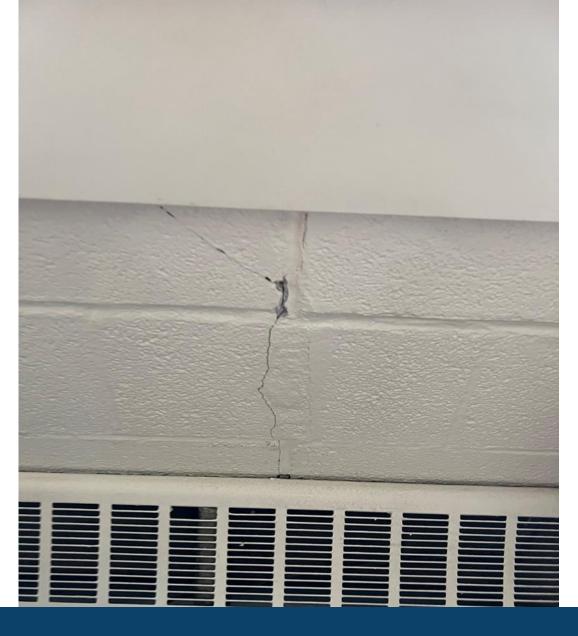
## **Current Challenges**



## **VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL & DISTRICT KITCHEN**

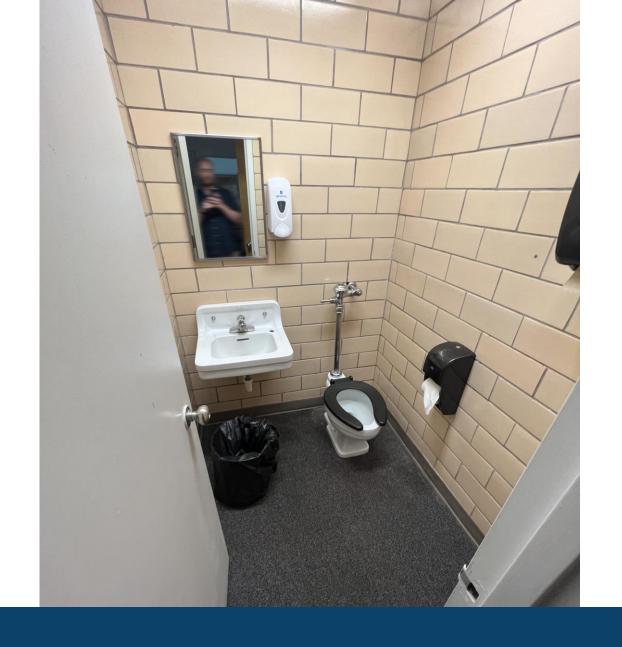
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- Lack of fresh air circulation in much of the building
- Boiler system is past its life expectancy
- Does not comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements
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- Special Education (IDEA, 1975) added 13 additional programming categories & medically fragile students
- Lacks learning spaces to accommodate today's learning programs

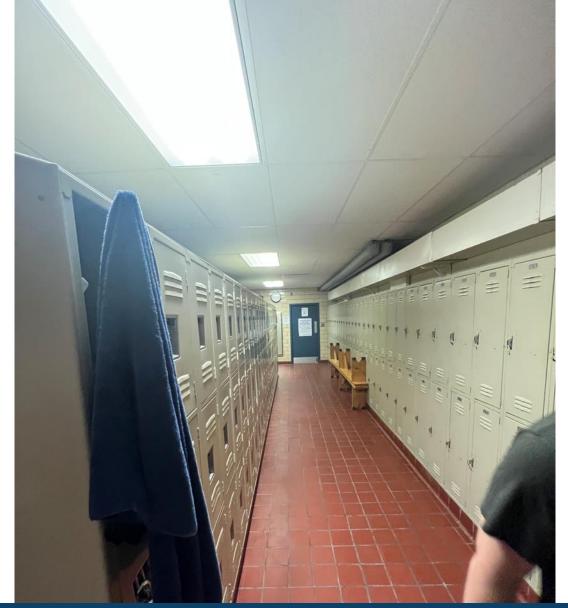




Original tile throughout the school that has reached its end of life.

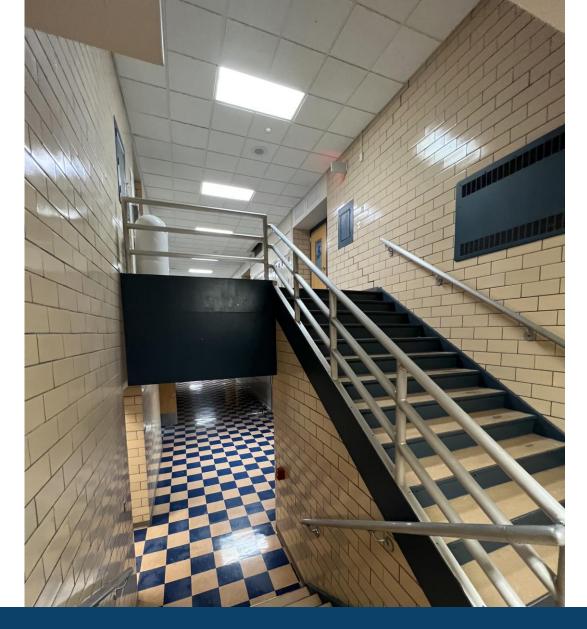
Building shifting and noticeable large cracks in concrete blocks.

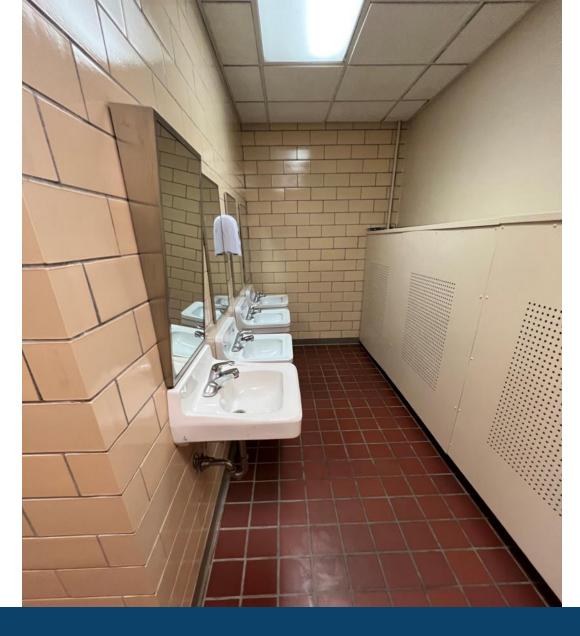




Adult restrooms are not accessible.

All locker rooms are not accessible.

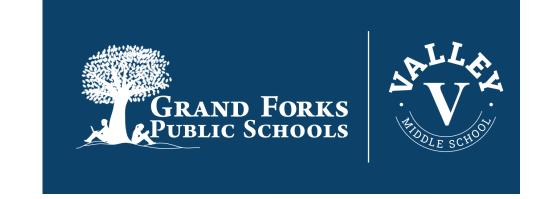




Stairwell lacking separate handrail from the guardrail and the spaces between the railings exceed the maximum 4 inches.

All public restrooms in the building are not accessible.

# **Current Challenges Continued**



## **District Kitchen**

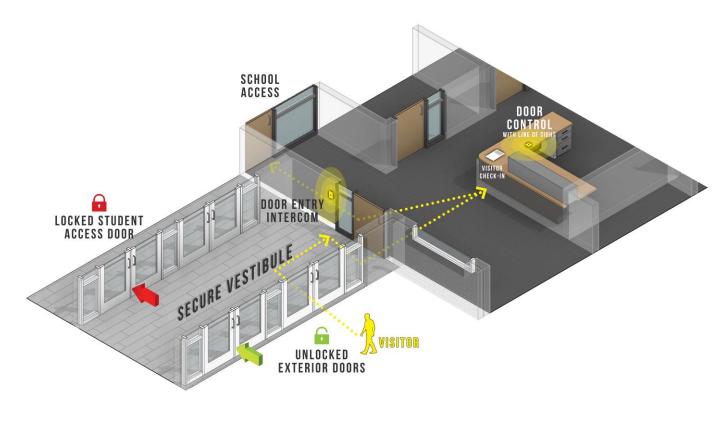
- Undersized space for production needs
- Residential setting is inefficient for loading & delivery needs of district kitchen
- Current student pick up/drop off location & food truck access creates a traffic safety issue

## **Safety & Security**

- Lack of physical controlled access secure entrances
- There is need for updated mass notification systems, fire panels, and security cameras
- All schools need ongoing emergency response plan updating and training.

## **Secure Entrance**



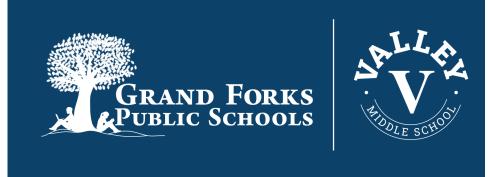


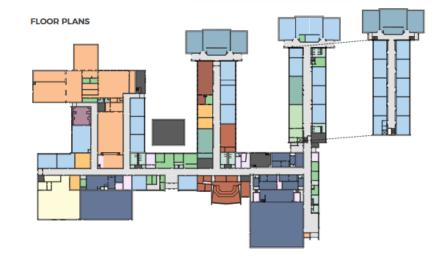
Current entrances lack safety and security.

**Secure Entrance floorplan.** 

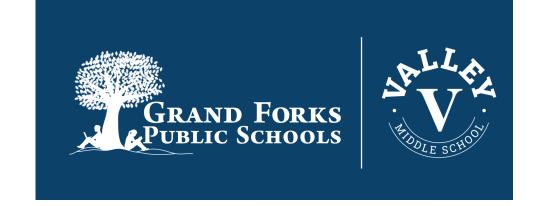
## Why not renovate?

- High cost to modernize electrical and mechanical systems without improving the school's ability to deliver education
- Old age and numerous additions have created a vast amount of accessibility and code compliance issues that are not remedied inexpensively
- Cost to renovate is 75% cost to build new (FEMA 50%)





## **Proposed Solution**

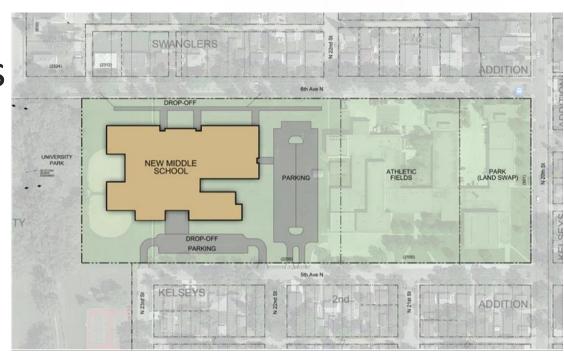


New Valley Middle School

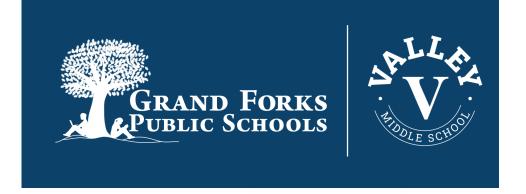
Relocation of Child Nutrition Center to

District Office (MSEC)

Safety & Security Improvements



# **Proposed Safety & Security Solutions**



- Constructing physical secure entrances that would include updated push to talk system and utilize assigned electronic keys
- Relocating central offices to achieve a physical secure entrance
- Continued expansion of security cameras
- Improve the intercom system and identify mass notification communications options
- Install new fire panels
- Updated emergency response plans and training













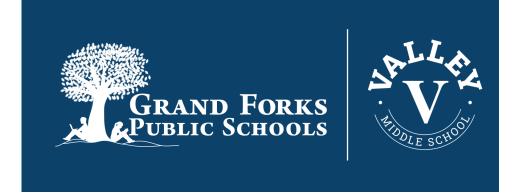




## **Tax Impact**

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Tax Calculator: gfschools.org/tax

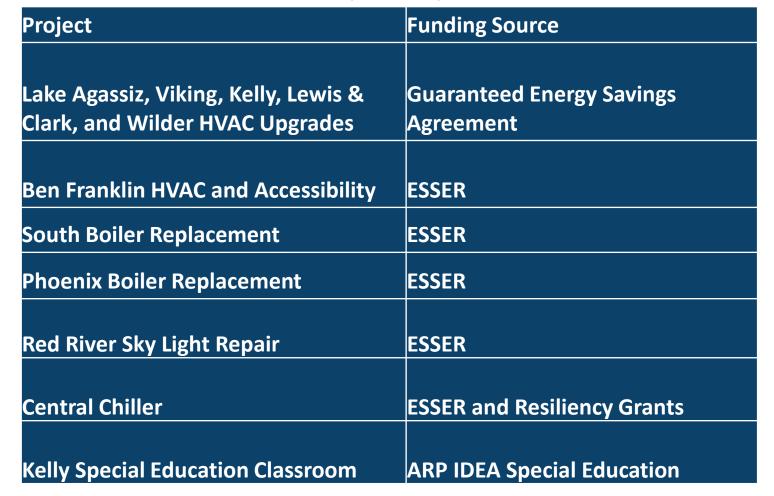


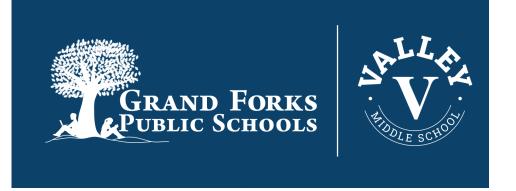
Grand Forks Public Schools - Tax Impact Estimate				
Referendum Amount	\$79,000,000			
Estimated Referendum Mills	21.54			
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\$100,000.00	\$96.93			
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*Tax impact formula provided by: PFM Financial Advisors LLC (PFM.com)  **Use Sample Tax Statement link to ensure the use of the correct property values.				

# Other Capital Improvements

\*All projects funded through building fund dollars leveraging federal dollars

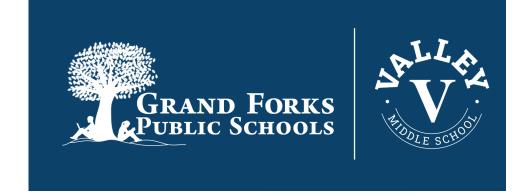
Total: \$24,770,858





**ESSER** - Elementary and Secondary School Relief **ARP** - American Rescue Plan **IDEA** - Individuals with **Disabilities Education Act HVAC** – Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning

# Scheduled Referendum Informational Presentations

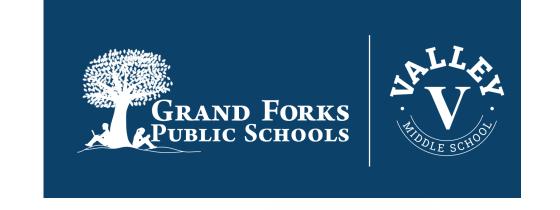


- Staff meetings at every school (18 plus MSEC)
- PTO meetings at every school (18)
- Video Message to Parents (5,400+)

## **Business meetings:**

- ✓ UND College of Education & Human Development
- ✓ Chamber BGEA
- ✓ EDC Advisory Board
- ✓ Builders & Traders
- ✓ GF Rotary Club
- ✓ Sertoma Club

## **Public Open House Presentations**



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

Wednesday, April 26 at 7:00 pm at Valley Middle School Gymnasium

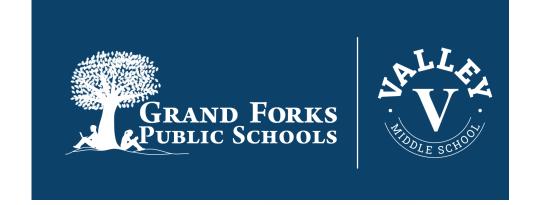
Thursday, May 11 at 6:00 pm at Grand Forks Central High School Theatre

Childcare Available for Public Meetings

Scan QR code to RSVP for childcare

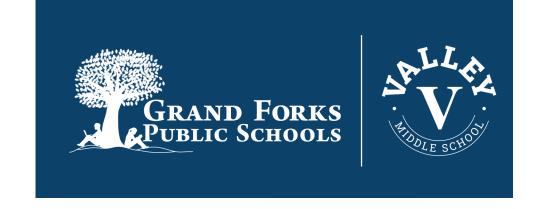






# Forthcoming FAQs on our website, www.gfschools.org

## **Polling Site**





## Alerus Center 42nd Street, Grand Forks, ND

May 16, 2023 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

## New Valley Middle School & Grand Forks Public Schools Referendum





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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

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#### 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

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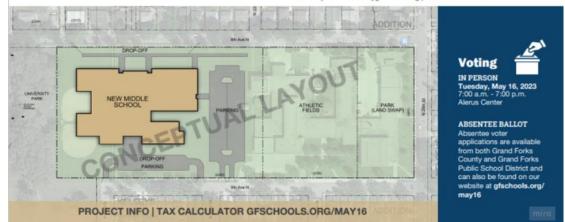


Project Info Tax Calculator FAO at gfschools.org/may16

#### **Additional Questions or Requests**

Contact Cindy Johnson

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**10 Challenges** 

Valley Middle School

Air Quality: The lack of fresh air circulation has decreased the air quality of the building.

Electrical and Heating System: Electrical system is at capacity and cannot support the additional capacity needed for modern learning technology. The heating (boiler) system is past its life expectancy.

**Restroom Maintenance:** Restrooms often need maintenance due to outdated plumbing.

ADA Compliance: Several areas such as doorway width, restrooms, and locker rooms throughout the building do not comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.

**Undersized Spaces:** The cafeteria, general classrooms, and specialized classrooms such as science, career and technical education (CTE), music, art, and special education are undersized according to the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (DPI). In total, the school is over 48,000 square feet smaller than what is recommended by the DPI.

Valley Middle School Outdated Spaces: Valley Middle School lacks the appropriate learning spaces. Lacks learning spaces to accommodate today's learning curriculum. Special Education Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) was passed in 1975 adding 13 additional programming categories & medically fragile students.

**District Kitchen Location:** The location in a residential setting is inefficient for the loading & delivery needs of the District Kitchen. The current student pick up/drop off location and food truck access create a traffic safety issue.

**District Kitchen Systems:** Many systems need to be upgraded while other recently updated systems can be relocated to a new facility.

Secure Entrances: District schools lack physical controlled access secure entrances.

**Safety and Security:** There is need for updated mass notification systems, fire panels, and security cameras. All schools need ongoing emergency response plan updating and training.









## **Safety & Security**

District schools need ongoing security updates and safety training. The safety of students, staff, and their families is a high priority for the district.

Secure Entrances: Physical secure entrances would be constructed to allow office staff to control building access. Visitors would enter a secure vestibule and then be granted access to the school itself. Construction of physical secure entrances would be made possible by relocating central offices.

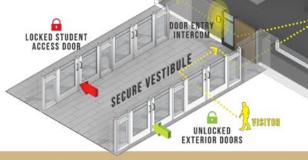
Additional Safety Measures: Safety and security measures need continual updates to ensure the safety of students, staff, and visitors at all times.

While each school has individual needs, the following is a list that encompasses the security measures needed by our District schools:

- · Constructing physical secure entrances
- · Relocating central offices to achieve a physical secure entrance
- Update push-to-talk door intercom systems
- Improve door access security using assigned electronic keys
- · Continue expansion of security cameras
- Improve the building intercom systems
- Install fire panels

 Ongoing updates to emergency response plans

What could a Secure Entrance look like?



ACCESS

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT GFSCHOOLS.ORG/MAY16 To learn more about current district safety & security, scan here:



Current Valley MS Entrance



### **New Valley Middle School & Grand Forks Public Schools Referendum**

#### **Tax Impact**

What is the tax impact?

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#### When will the tax impact be reflected in my taxes?

The tax impact will be effective January 1, 2024. You will receive your first tax statement reflecting the change in the Fall of 2024.

### **Current Levy**

Total mill levy: 111 mills

· General Fund: 86 mills

· Building Fund: 20 mills

Special Assessment Fund: 2 mills

Special Reserve Fund: 3 mills

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#### 2022 Grand Forks County Real Estate Tax Statement

(From your tax statement, use the full and true value in Cell B8 and/or the taxable value in Cell B11 when using the Tax Impact Calculator)

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