

Dear Canfield School Community,

Our district leadership and members of the community came together on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, for an informational meeting to discuss the School Building Improvement Project and address important topics.

Community-Driven Building Improvement Plan:

- The facilities committee has developed an updated plan addressing concerns about the previous facilities' bond issue.
- The plan includes the construction of a new middle school, a new consolidated elementary school, and renovations to Canfield High School.

Property Tax Adjustments:

- County Auditor Meacham has stated that due to the increased district valuation from the property reappraisal, we will not need to collect the originally approved 7.5 mills. The millage assessed to property owners will decrease to approximately 5.8 mills once approved by the Ohio Department of Taxation.
- The language on the ballot will still say the 7.5 mill value and \$263 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value.
- The new cost due to the property reappraisal will be approximately \$204 per year not the \$263 per year as stated on the ballot for a \$100,000 home.

Property Tax Inflation Protection:

- House Bill 920 safeguards property owners from experiencing an equal increase in property taxes with a rise in property assessed value.
- A potential 30% increase in your home's market value will not translate to a 30% increase in your property taxes.

Building Improvement Timing:

- The rising construction costs have prompted the facilities committee to recommend addressing the district's present and future needs as soon as possible.
- The community-driven building improvement plan includes three separate buildings situated within the City of Canfield on school-owned properties.
- This approach ensures accessibility and integration within our community while providing a modern, safe, and comfortable learning environment for our students.

Our goal is to maintain transparency about the upcoming bond issue and its implications for our schools and community. If you have further questions or need more information, please visit our website at www.canfieldschools.net or contact us at 330-533-3303.

Sincerely,

Joe Knoll, Superintendent