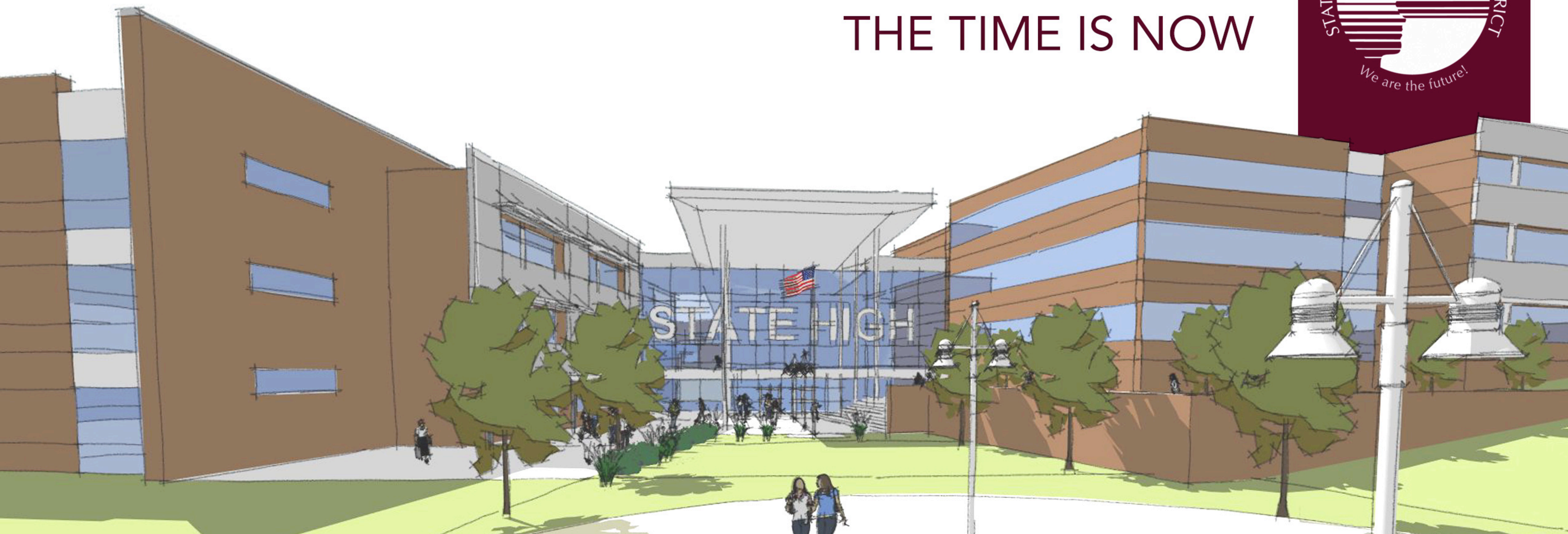


STATE HIGH PROJECT

THE TIME IS NOW



VOTE MAY 20TH ON THE STATE HIGH PROJECT FUNDING.

A Comprehensive Solution for All of Our Students

Update Aging & Deficient Facilities

- Provide an urgently-needed facility update.
- Incorporate efficient, sustainable, and flexible design.
- Maintain our community's infrastructure to support property values and economic growth.

WHY: Our nearly 60 year-old facilities do not meet current codes or ADA standards and have failing, obsolete mechanical systems.

Enhance the Educational Environment

- Provide flexible learning spaces for project-based learning and collaboration.
- Give a smaller-school feeling to our large high school and improve student-teacher relationships.
- Increase time spent learning; decrease time between classes.

WHY: An investment of this magnitude must provide a building design that better meets the educational needs of all our students.

Increase Safety and Security

- Consolidate all academic spaces into one building.
- Greatly reduce traffic in and out of the building.
- Reduce the number of building access points.

WHY: With two buildings on an open campus divided by Westerly Parkway, students currently walk through parking lots and across a major thoroughfare between class periods.



Your vote on May 20th matters.
ALL registered voters are eligible, including Independents.

A successful referendum vote is needed to fund the high school project.

Our community. Our children. Our future.

Paid for by the State College Area School District

<http://www.scasd.org/statehighfuture>



This project is a long-term solution for all students in grades 9-12. It will consolidate all academic spaces on the south side of Westerly Parkway, using a combination of renovation and new construction.

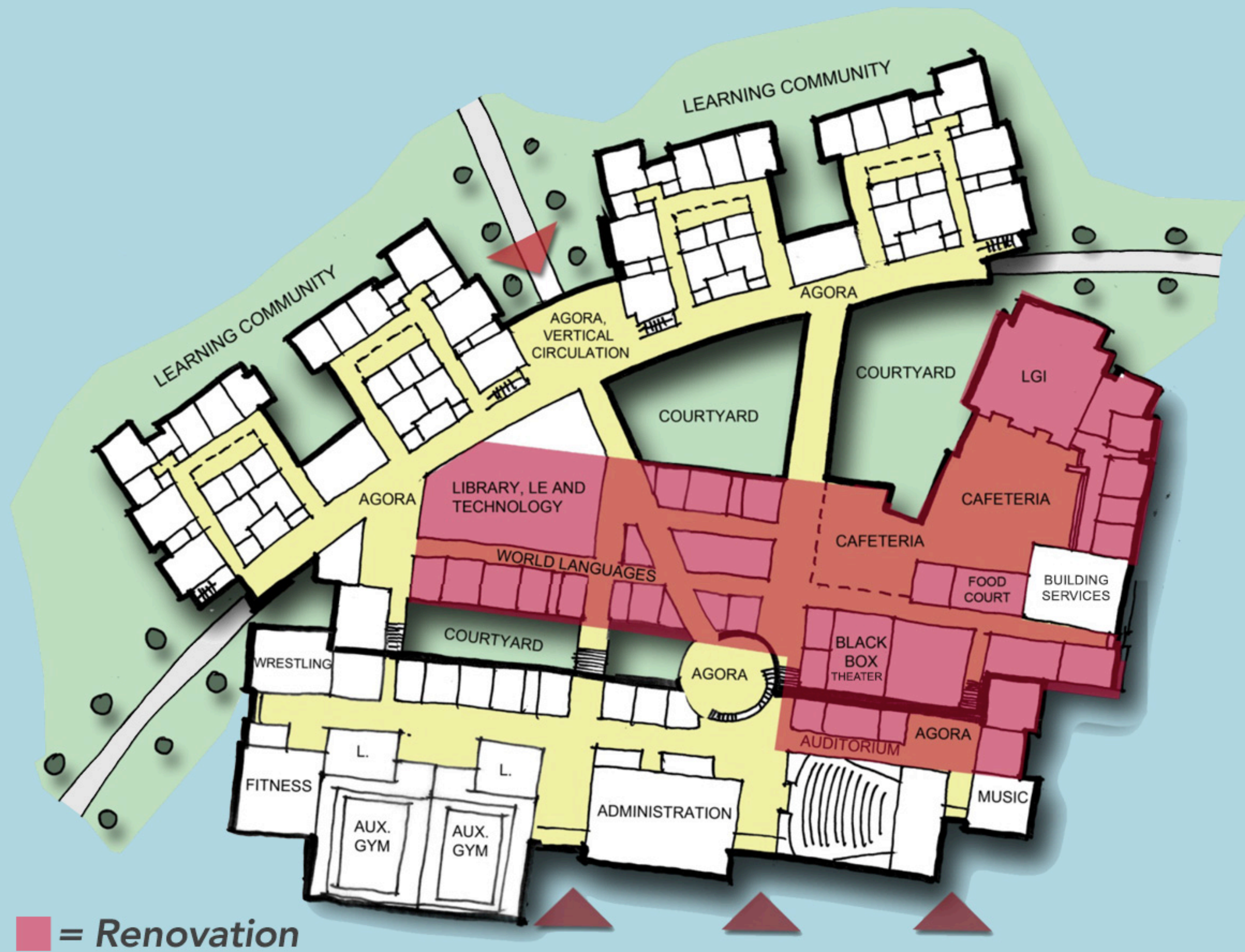
The natatorium and gymnasiums in the High School North Building will be retained for student and community use. A new wing will be built to house the Delta Program, and the existing career and technical education wing will be used for District operations. A new career and technical education center will be included in the building on the south side of Westerly Parkway.

A portion of the North Building will be demolished to improve storm water management and to provide athletic field space.

OUR COMMUNITY'S SOLUTION

Six Concepts (Jan 2013) → Community Survey → First Down-select → Two Concepts Detailed Evaluation → Second Down-select

"Concept D, Option 2"
The State High Project on Westerly Pkwy



PROJECT FUNDING



\$85 MILLION
REFERENDUM DEBT,
PENDING VOTER APPROVAL¹

\$20 MILLION
NON-REFERENDUM DEBT

\$10 MILLION
CAPITAL RESERVES

\$0
STATE REIMBURSEMENT²

The School Board approved a \$115 million maximum project cost in October 2013.

¹ Referendum-funded borrowing: Up to \$85 million of the total project cost will need to be funded by new tax revenue. State law requires voter approval.

² The Commonwealth has declared a moratorium on all school construction reimbursement.

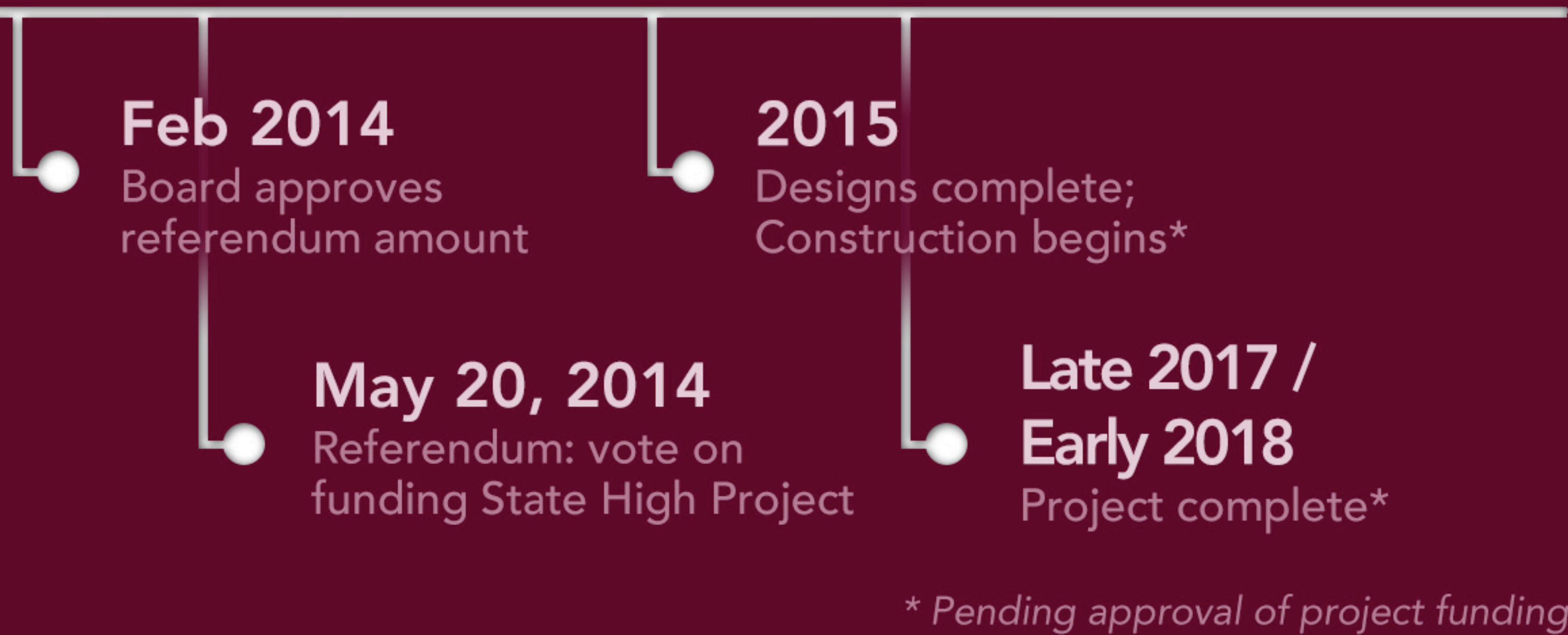
PROPERTY TAX IMPACT

- On May 20th, we are asking voters to approve a referendum question that will allow the district to borrow up to \$85 million specifically to fund the renovations and additions to the State College Area High School.
- To repay these bonds, a referendum tax will be gradually phased in over several years. This tax **will gradually decrease over time** as the debt is spread across a growing tax base. It will end when the bonds are repaid.
- When the borrowing is fully phased in, the estimated annual cost to individual taxpayers is 2.7 mills, or about 7% of your current school tax bill.

For example, a property owner with the average **market value** of \$250,000 would see taxes increase by \$190/year or about \$16/month.

- Property taxes are based on **assessed value**. To estimate your individual tax impact, locate your **assessed value** on your most recent tax bill, divide by 1000, then multiply by 2.7. Assessed value is **about 28%** of market value.

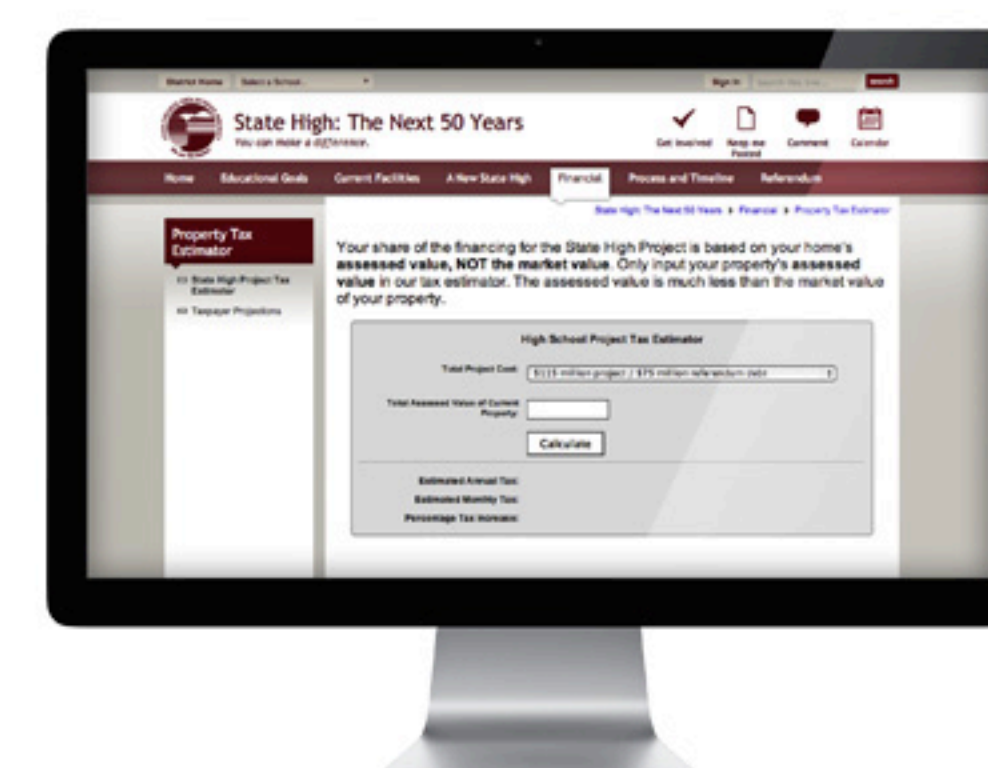
NEXT STEPS



We want to meet with your local neighborhood or community group to discuss this project!

Please contact Julie Miller at jl51@scasd.org or 814-272-8600 to schedule a meeting or a tour.

Please send questions or comments to the School Board by email at all-board@scasd.org or call the SCASD office at 814-272-8600.



The project website has detailed financial information and a tax estimator at <http://www.scasd.org/taxcalculator> to calculate your individual estimated tax impact.