
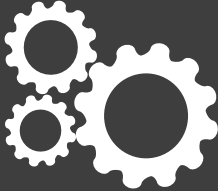




REFERENDUM INFORMATION



SOUTH SHORE SCHOOL DISTRICT is seeking voter approval to authorize borrowing \$14.75M to update our school facility. This essential investment aims to address **critical capital maintenance** needs, enhance **safety and accessibility**, and provide **updated learning environments** for our students. The comprehensive plan is created to ensure that our school continues to offer high-quality education in a safe and efficient setting supporting both current students and future generations. As a community and a school district, together we are unstoppable. **TOGETHER WE CAN SOAR TO EXCELLENCE.**

Key Project Components

 COMMUNITY	 BUILDING SYSTEMS	 SAFETY & ACCESSIBILITY	 EDUCATIONAL SPACES
<p> CHALLENGE: The cost to address the District's needs exceeds what the District can cover within the annual operational budget, requiring the District to ask residents to vote on a facilities referendum.</p> <p> SOLUTION: The District was committed to finding a solution that addressed the most immediate needs and was rooted in community feedback. Over the past year, over 300 community members have provided feedback through the Focus Group and community-wide survey.</p>	<p> CHALLENGE: Many of our critical building systems used to operate our school such as the heating, ventilation, electrical and plumbing systems are original to the 1977 building. These systems have significantly outlived their useful life, do not run properly, are not energy efficient, do not meet current air-exchange requirements and are at a risk of failure.</p> <p> SOLUTION: Updating and replacing the building systems will better the learning environments by bringing in fresh, clean air, consistent temperatures and increasing our energy efficiencies.</p>	<p> CHALLENGE: Accessibility requirements have changed since our building's construction, meaning it doesn't meet today's standards. The office lacks a secure entrance with double doors and clear sight lines, while the site also struggles with traffic congestion and drainage issues.</p> <p> SOLUTION: A new central office will establish a single, secure entrance, enhancing control over visitor access and ensuring a safer environment. Additionally, traffic modifications, ADA improvements, and upgraded notification systems will further enhance safety and accessibility throughout the building.</p>	<p> CHALLENGE: The way education is facilitated today is immensely different than it was when the building was built, the current space lacks flexibility for individualized learning or small group instruction. Additionally, as the District continues to maximize the use of existing space, it has forced us to separate grade levels, disrupting continuity and collaboration among students and staff.</p> <p> SOLUTION: Reorganizing the building will enable the District to create modern learning spaces that align with today's teaching methods. Organizing grade levels into "neighborhoods" will promote collaboration and strengthen the sense of community throughout the school.</p>

For More Information



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Survey Results

57%

of non-parent, non-staff respondents to the community-wide survey indicated

support for a capital referendum to address facility needs. Respondents prioritized building systems, ADA accessibility and safety and security updates.

How We Got Here

300+

South Shore School District residents gave feedback throughout the process

of identifying building needs, developing solutions, and prioritizing taxpayer feedback to form this referendum solution.

Information Sessions



Thursday, **SEPTEMBER 19**
2:00-3:30 PM
Bell Community Center

Tuesday, **OCTOBER 1**
5:00-6:30 PM
South Shore School

Thursday, **OCTOBER 17**
2:00-3:00 PM
& 5:00-6:00 PM
South Shore School

JOIN US for

Referendum presentations
Tours of the building
Q&A with our consultants

Tax Impact:

The District's mill rate has **decreased more than 27%** in the last seven years, while the District has still been able to save significant money in fund balance to offset the referendum impact to taxpayers.

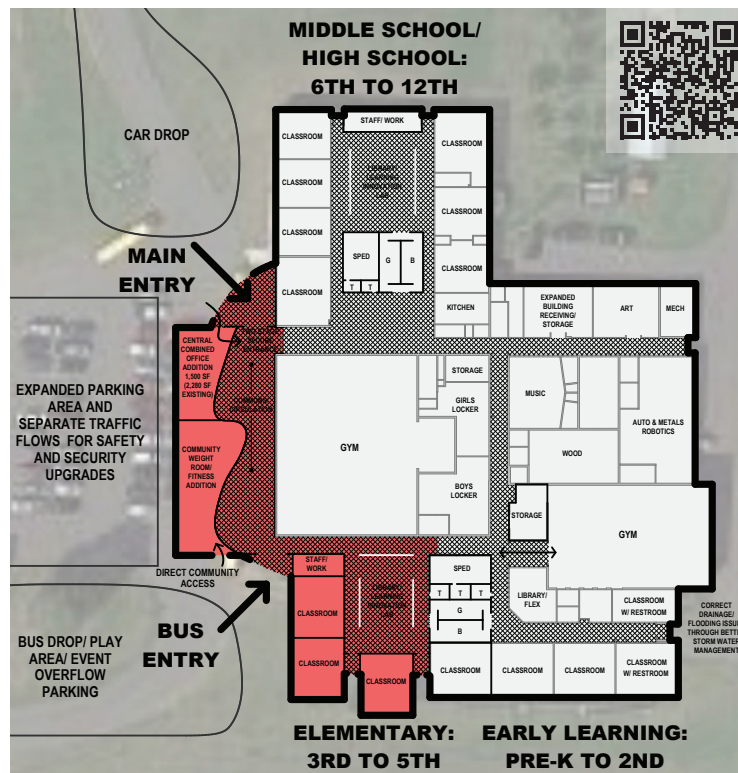
ESTIMATED SCHOOL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

FAIR MARKET PROPERTY VALUE	ANNUAL	MONTHLY
\$100,000	\$196/year	\$16.33/month
\$200,000	\$392/year	\$32.67/month
\$300,000	\$588/year	\$49.00/month

Visit the District's website to learn financial assumptions associated with the estimated impact of the fair market property value on your home. *Prepared by Robert W. Baird & Co Incorporated.*

The Proposed Referendum Plan

This plan includes renovations to the existing school to improve building organization by creating grade-level neighborhoods, ensuring that all grade levels are grouped in the same area. The proposed floor plan also incorporates flexible spaces designed for small group instruction and individualized learning, enhancing the educational environment. Additionally, the design creates a central core area for student common spaces, fostering a sense of community and collaboration among students.



For more information about the process, needs, plan, and referendum, please visit the District's website.

INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATES

- Update original heating and ventilation system throughout building that address a system that is double its life expectancy. In the winter, temperatures in classrooms can vary from 60 to 85 degrees.
- Update electrical and lighting systems throughout to be more energy efficient and meet current building and educational needs.

	CIRCULATION/ COMMON CORE SPACE		BUILDING ADDITION		EXISTING RENOVATED BUILDING WITH INFRASTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT AND FINISH UPGRADES
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