

PITMAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BOND REFERENDUM

VOTE: TUESDAY,
JANUARY 28



HOW DID WE REACH THIS POINT?

1998

Community approves \$9.9 million referendum for renovations and space additions across the district

2005

District refinances bonds from the 1998 referendum & community approves \$4.2 million referendum for renovations

2009

Community approves referendum for \$2.1 million for roof replacement

2016

District refinances 3 separate bonds to secure better rates

2021

Strategic plan process brings together the community; Facility Committee of staff, administration, community members and parents toured buildings to identify most pressing needs

2023

Pitman begins leasing W.C.K. Walls amid state aid cuts

2024

Pitman begins leasing Kindle amid state aid cuts

January 2025

Referendum would secure 34% state aid and invest in the infrastructure of Pitman schools for decades to come

July 2025

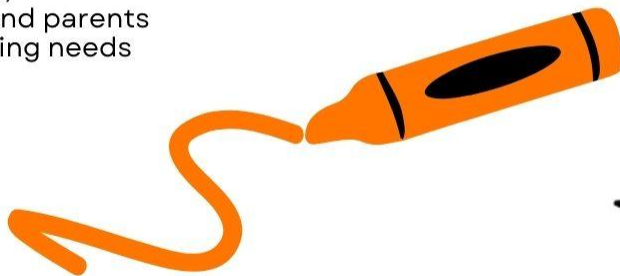
If referendum passes, new bonds would be issued

July 2026

If referendum passes, first payment on the new debt

August 2026

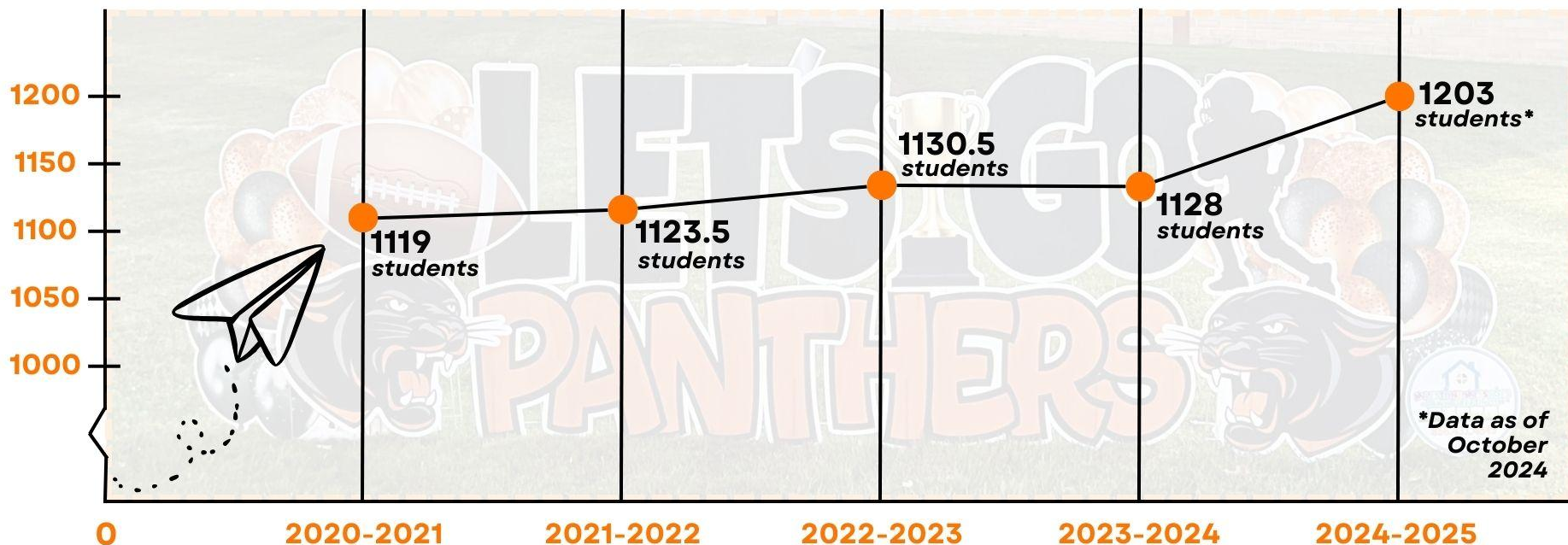
Last payment on the existing bond



HOW DID WE REACH THIS POINT?



Declining enrollment is a thing of Pitman's past; over the last five years, Pitman's enrollment numbers have been gradually **rising**.



QUESTION ONE



Pitman Elementary

- Replace steam boilers with high-efficiency, gas-fired hydronic boilers
- Add new radiators, heaters, convectors and piping to provide a cohesive system for heating the schools
- Renovate 7 bathrooms to improve functionality and install age-appropriate fixtures

QUESTION ONE



Pitman Jr./Sr. High School

- Reconstruct the track to include new rubber surface, new asphalt paving, and new event striping and markings
- Fix underground drainage issues that are causing the area near the track and on the track to sink
- Fully reconstruct and repave the auditorium/event parking lot off Waverly Avenue, which will also address ongoing drainage issues
- Partially replace the roof to extend the life by at least another 30 years

QUESTION TWO



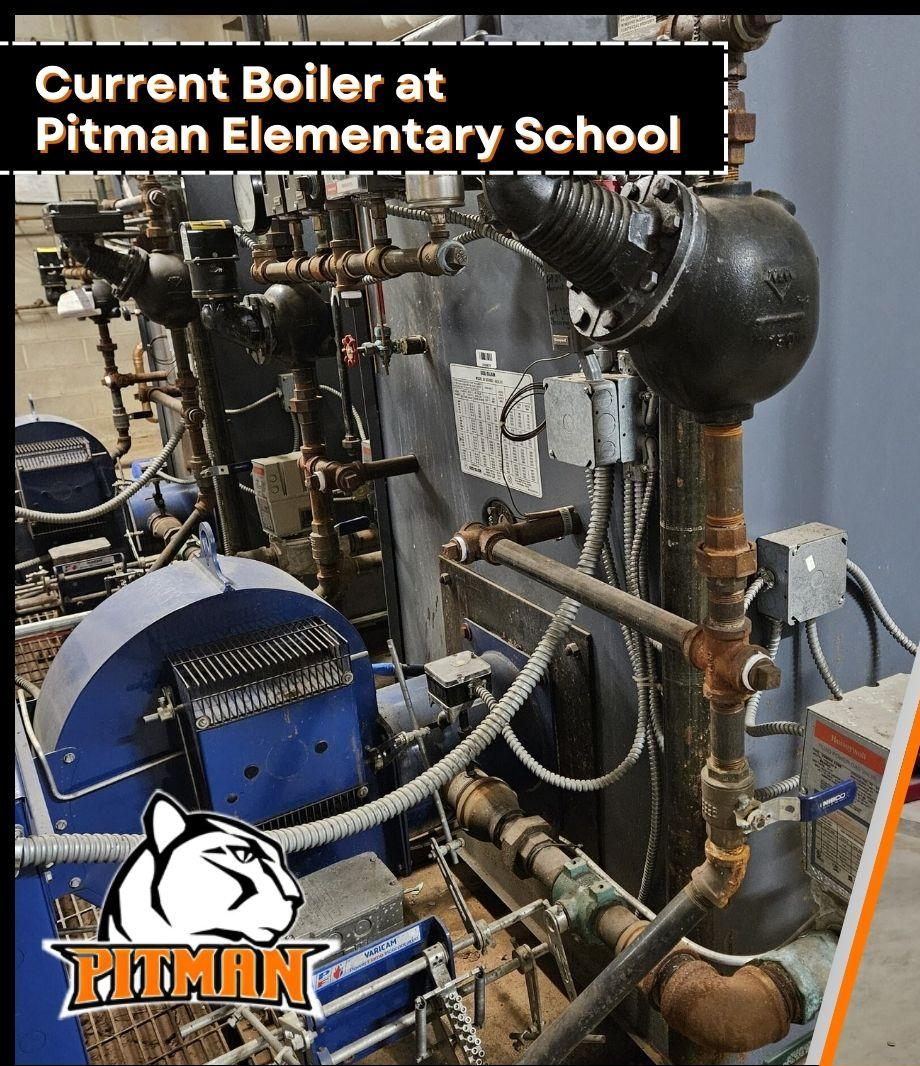
Pitman Elementary School

- New gas-fired heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) units to provide air conditioning for year-round comfort in the entire school

Pitman Jr./Sr. High School

- Create a dedicated security vestibule for the secure screening of visitors before they enter the school

**Current Boiler at
Pitman Elementary School**



**Proposed Boiler for
Pitman Elementary School**

**Current Bathroom at
Pitman Elementary School**

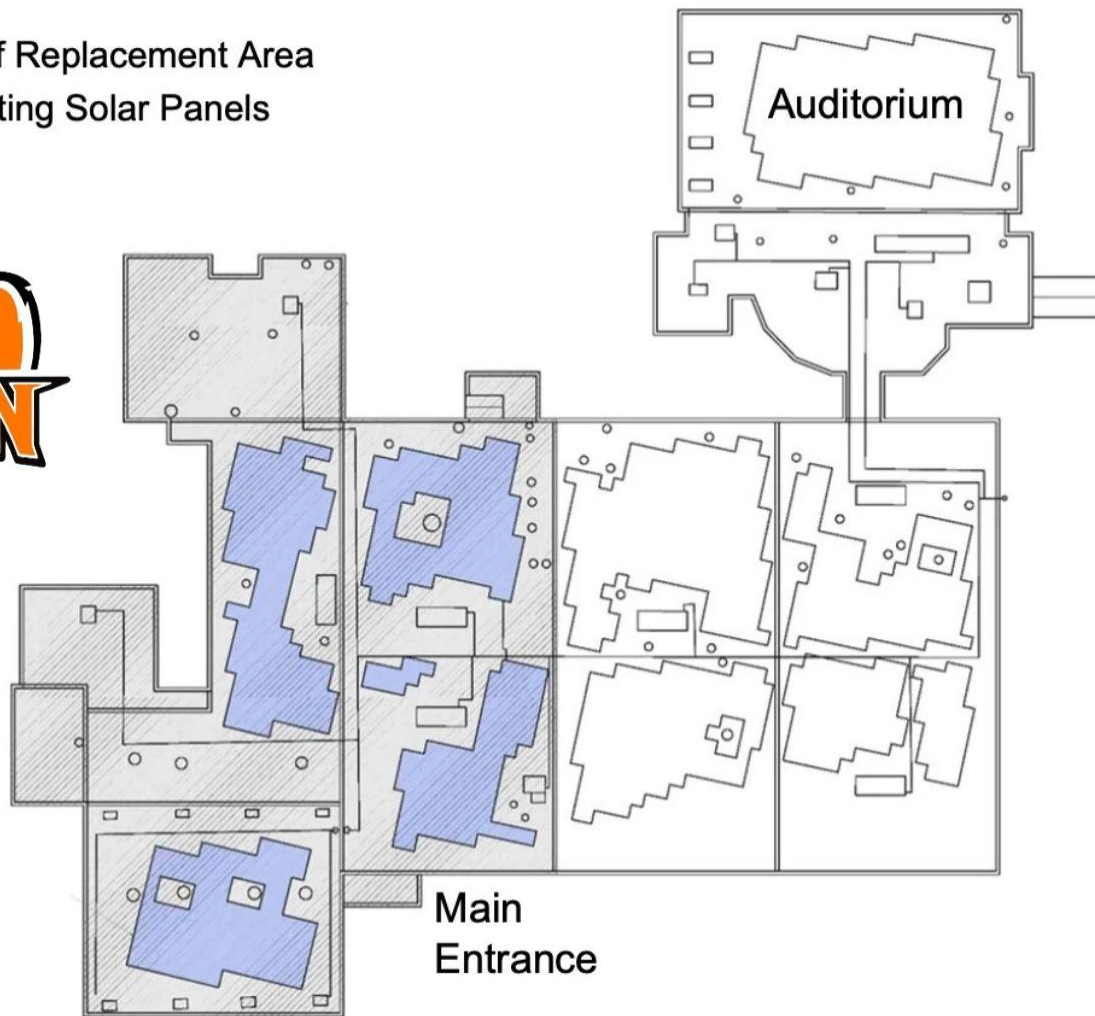


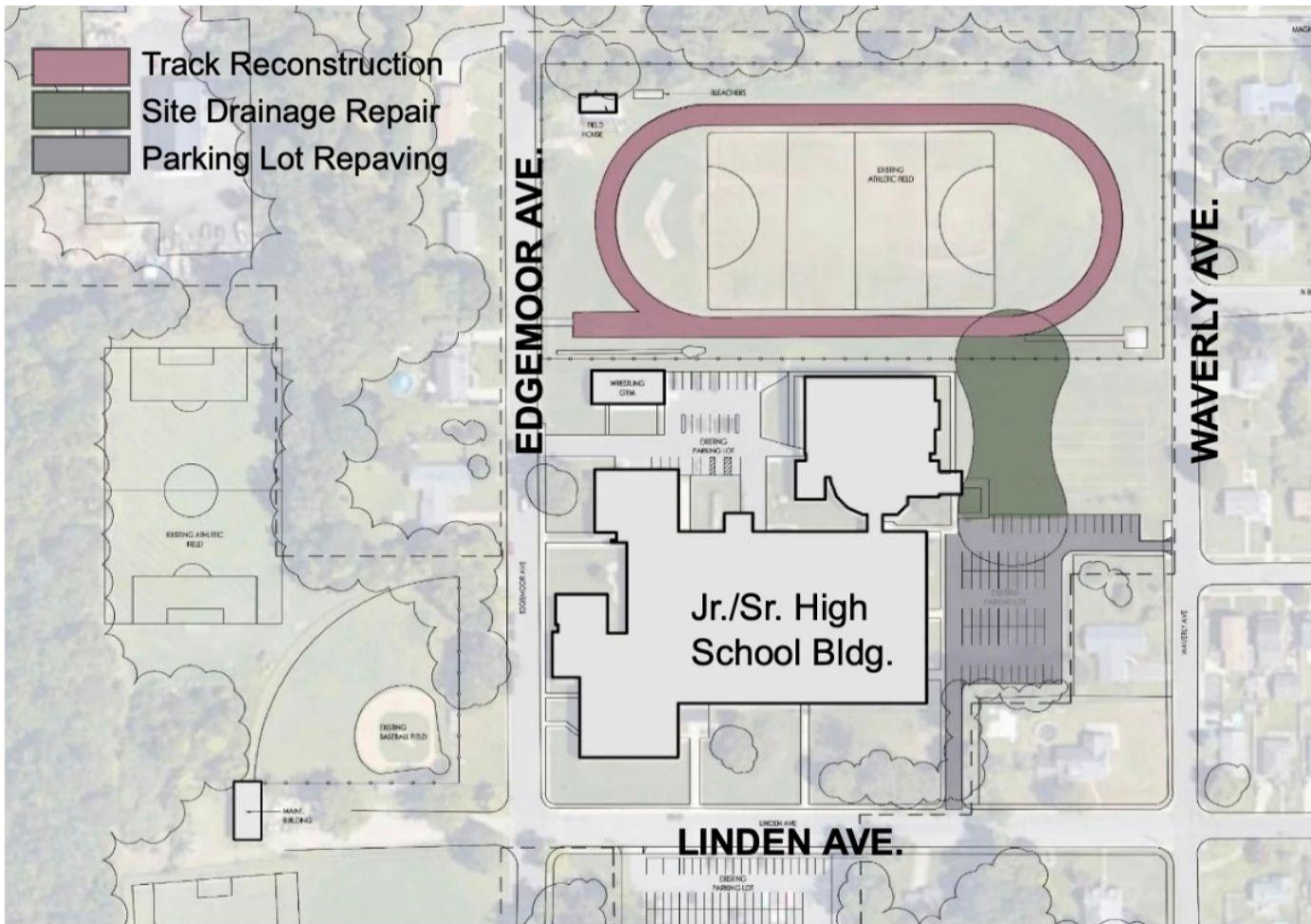
**Proposed Bathroom for
Pitman Elementary School**



Proposed Roof Replacement at Jr/Sr High School

-  Roof Replacement Area
-  Existing Solar Panels



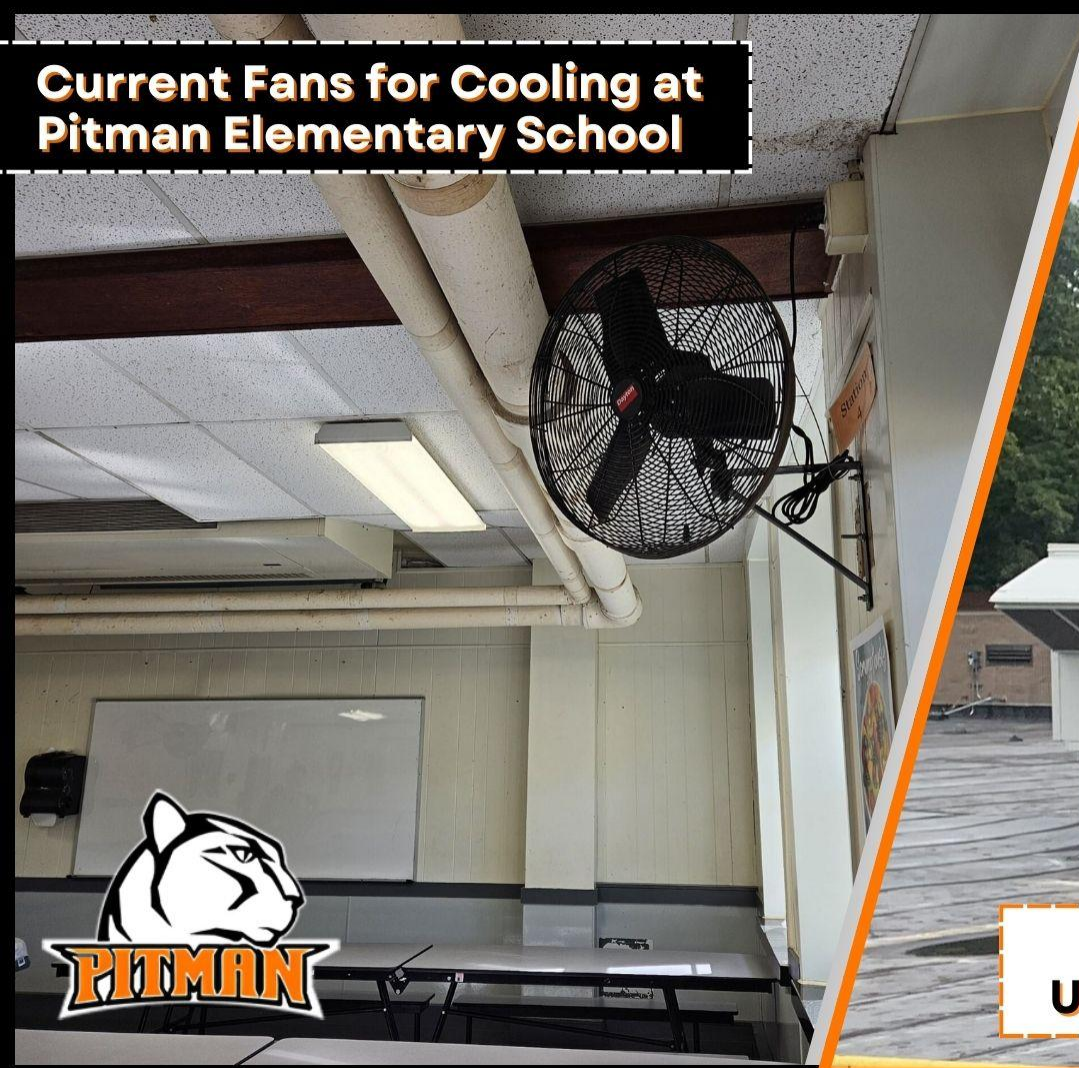


Current Entrance at Pitman Jr/Sr High School



Proposed Security Vestibule for Pitman Jr/Sr High School

Current Fans for Cooling at Pitman Elementary School



Proposed Air Conditioning Roof Unit for Pitman Elementary School

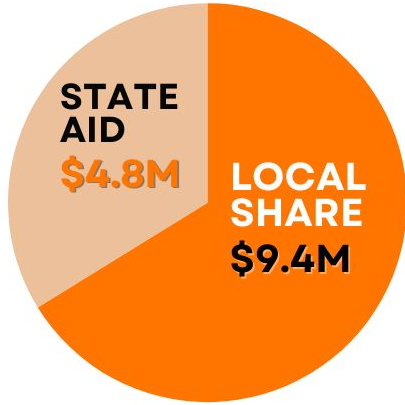


**Current Window Air Conditioning Units
at Pitman Elementary School**

TWO QUESTIONS

**Based on home assessed at Pitman's average of \$238,209*

If **only Question 1** is approved...



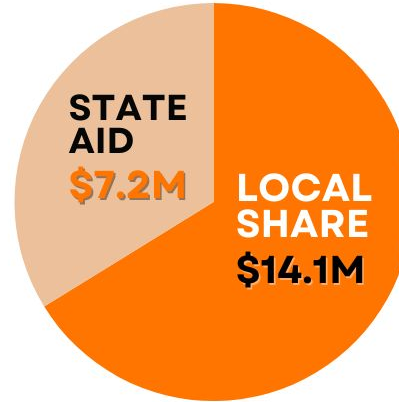
\$14.2 million in improvements

\$18 per month (*new debt from proposed referendum*)

– **\$11** per month (*current tax impact from previous referendum*)

= \$7 PER MONTH NET TAX INCREASE*

If **both Question 1 and 2** are approved...



\$21.3 million in improvements

\$26 per month (*new debt from proposed referendum*)

– **\$11** per month (*current tax impact from previous referendum*)

= \$15 PER MONTH NET TAX INCREASE*

****Question 2 can only pass if Question 1 also passes.**

STATE AID HELPS



- **Question 1** - \$14.2 million in improvements/State pays \$4.8 million of that
- **Question 2** - \$7 million in improvements/State pays \$2.4 million of that

*Voter approval of both questions guarantees that Pitman will receive **\$14.1 million** from the state*

***The Board of Education focused on selecting the types of projects that receive the maximum amount of state aid. That's money that Pitman residents already paid to the state through taxes, and it would only come back to Pitman if the referendum passes.**

ASSESSED VALUE



Average assessed home in Pitman is \$238,209

- Assessed value is used to calculate how much a person pays for taxes.
- Assessed value is different than market value and is typically much less.
- Check your assessed value at njpropertyrecords.com

SENIOR TAX FREEZE



The State of New Jersey has a current program for property tax relief and a new version in development.

- Known as the "Senior Freeze," the current program offers property tax reimbursements for senior citizens and people with disabilities who qualify. More information is available on the [Senior Freeze webpage](#) or by calling (800) 882-6597.
- A second plan in development is called the Stay NJ Property Tax Credit Program. The plan is due to the Legislature by May 30, 2024, with a program start date of Jan. 1, 2026. Other current programs are the [NJ \\$250 Senior Citizen Property Tax Deduction](#) and the [Affordable New Jersey Communities for Homeowners and Renters \(ANCHOR\)](#).

KEY DATES TO REMEMBER



Tuesday, January 21 – County's last day to receive Vote By Mail applications if sent by mail

Tuesday, January 28 – In-person voting at Pitman United Methodist Church

Tuesday, January 28 – Last day for Vote By Mail ballots to be postmarked for return

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