# Projects at a Glance

These projects, shaped by valuable community input, are set to be implemented in phases over the next five years.

#### Academic Renovations and Additions

- Update & expand 75-year old Lawrence Middle School
- New science, technology, arts, music, life skills & general education classrooms. Outdoor courtyard for STEAM activities

#### Middle School Addition

- Aligned with DOE-recommended 6-8 grade Middle School model
- Full ADA facility access



## Safety/Security Improvements

- New secure visitor's entrance and vestibule at LMS
- · Door hardware with intruder locksets; Security lighting
- Community can use after hours without accessing the school building

### Sports Facilities Improvements at LMS and LHS

 6-12 grade sports campus; Additional turf field and gymnasium space to reduce need for late or canceled practices due to lack of space



· Concession stand and restrooms at sports fields

### Traffic/Parking Improvements at LMS and LHS

Increased parking: students will no longer park on the street.



Safe drop off/pick-up traffic pattern designed by traffic experts

#### Theater Improvements at LMS

 Renovated performing arts center: fully renovated, acoustically designed, light boards, new seating



· Multi-use space - flexible for daytime classroom use

#### Cafeteria Improvements at LMS

 Renovated existing cafeteria space; expanded cafeteria to accommodate three sections of dining



· Upgraded kitchen and serving equipment

### Flexible Space for Growing Needs

 Save taxpayers out-of-district tuitions for special needs students by building space for programming at LMS



Life skills classrooms; child study team suite, and small group instruction space

## Strong schools. Stronger Lawrence

A community's value is tied to the strength of its schools. A strong school district:

- Attracts families to Lawrence
- Fosters economic growth
- Increases property values
- Encourages a shared sense of pride

Invest in excellence for our children and the place we all call home!



## Why a 6-8 grade Middle School?

- Aligns Lawrence with the Department of Education's recommended model and model followed by most middle schools.
- Research supports the 6-8 grade middle school model as the best fit for students' academic and social-emotional needs.
- 6th grade will have access to school sports growing our athletic pipeline and keeping Lawrence competitive in Mercer County.
- Brings state-tested grade bands together maximizing the effectiveness of resources, ensuring students are prepared to meet and exceed academic standards.



For more information and to view the tax impact calculator, please scan the QR code to the left or visit the district website www.ltps.org/referendum.

## Why a Referendum?



- Academic Excellence:
   Designed with educator-input, new grade-level structure aligns with best practices in helping our students meet and exceed State standards.
- Updated Facilities: LMS is 75 years old; much of the building has not ever been renovated.
- Long-Term Investment:
   Serving multiple generations of students and residents.

   Setting the footprint for the next 75 years.



- Community Use: Enhancing facilities used by the children, adults, and seniors in the community.
- Accessibility Improvements: Adding handicappedaccessible parking, restrooms and an additional elevator to ensure inclusivity for all residents.
- **Dedicated Sixth-Grade Wing:** Establishing a nurturing environment for sixth graders to support their transition to middle school.
- Space = Opportunity: Building flexible learning spaces for collaboration, small-group learning, and hands-on experiences that will grow and change along with our changing student population.



