

BUILDING THE FUTURE OF AUBURNDALE SCHOOLS



FACILITY BACKGROUND

Over the past couple of years, School Board committees and District leaders have worked with an architect to identify the most significant challenges in our buildings:

Major Infrastructure

- Sections of the roof are more than 25 years old, beginning to leak, and need to be replaced.
- Parts of the HVAC system are at the end of their useful life. Replacement parts are difficult or impossible to find.
- The electrical panels in parts of the buildings are original (60 years old) and need to be replaced.
- The asphalt and rubber track has many deep and wide cracks, making it unsafe to run on. The school cannot host competitions until it is replaced.

Classrooms and Support Areas

- The main entrance and offices in both buildings need to be updated to increase security and provide additional meeting and office space.

- The elementary school still has the temporary walls originally installed in 1998. Permanent solutions are needed to provide privacy and additional classroom space for our increasing enrollment.
- Elementary school bathrooms are nearly 60 years old and need to be updated.
- The secondary science classrooms are original to the 1965 building and include asbestos tile, original cabinets, wiring, plumbing, and counter tops.
- The high school cafeteria is overcrowded and doesn't provide adequate space to feed our students in two lunch periods.
- The high school lacks space for music, drama, and other performances and all-school events.

These issues are too expensive to address in the annual budget. Instead, voters would need to approve a facilities referendum, which allows the District to take out a loan (issue debt).

ON YOUR BALLOT

Outlined below is the official language that will be printed on your ballot.

Question Number I

Shall the School District of Auburndale, Wood, Marathon and Portage Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$4,500,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school facility improvement project consisting of: district-wide renovations, including classroom updates, construction of a safe and secure entrance at the Elementary School and office, roof replacement, capital maintenance and building infrastructure improvements; replacement of the High School track; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment?

Question Number II

Shall the School District of Auburndale, Wood, Marathon and Portage Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$9,000,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school building and facility improvement project at the Middle/High School consisting of: construction of a safe and secure entrance, and renovations to the main office; construction of an addition and renovations for cafeteria, multipurpose and auditorium space; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment?

QUESTION ONE BASE PLAN

The District recommends the following projects to address our most significant needs:

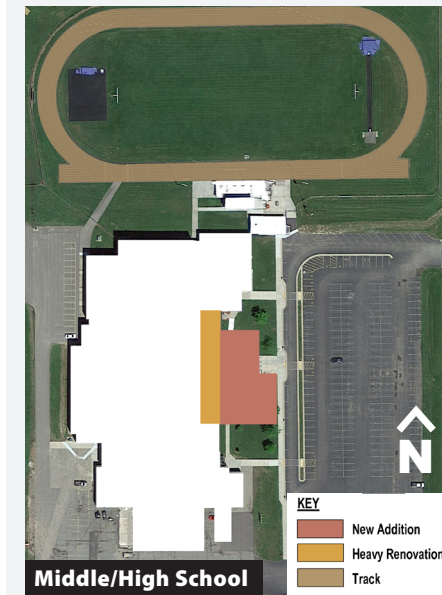
- Replace roof sections at both schools
- Replace the high school track
- Replace HVAC and electrical components at both schools
- Renovate elementary school classrooms and support spaces to account for increasing enrollment
- Renovate area for new Secure Entry/Lobby
- Renovate high school science labs

The above projects would cost \$4.5 million.



QUESTION TWO CAFETERIA/AUDITORIUM/MAIN ENTRANCE ADDITION

The Middle/High school will have a new entrance to the building that will have secured and monitored access to the main office. This expansion would also provide a performance space for seating of up to 420 that would also be an expansion at the location of the existing cafeteria.



- Expand and renovate the main entrance to better monitor and control visitor access
- Build an addition to expand capacity of the cafeteria/multipurpose/auditorium space
- Renovate the main office to provide more space for student services (like counseling, nursing/health support, and special education)

The above projects would cost \$9.0 million.

AUBURNDALE MILL RATE HISTORY



Estimated Property Tax Impact

	Question One	Question Two	All Projects
Max Mill Rate Impact (Per \$1,000 valuation)	\$0.05	\$0.70	\$0.75
\$100,000 Property	\$5.00 (annually) \$0.42 (monthly)	\$70.00 (annually) \$5.83 (monthly)	\$75.00 (annually) \$6.25 (monthly)
\$200,000 Property	\$10.00 (annually) \$0.83 (monthly)	\$140.00 (annually) \$11.67 (monthly)	\$150.00 (annually) \$12.50 (monthly)
\$300,000 Property	\$15.00 (annually) \$1.25 (monthly)	\$210.00 (annually) \$17.50 (monthly)	\$225.00 (annually) \$18.75 (monthly)

Assumptions: Borrowing amortized over 20 years using a planning interest rate of 5.00%. Mill rate based on 2023 & 2024 Equalized Valuations (TID-OUT) of \$454,896,077 & \$474,057,276 respectively, with annual growth of 1.00% thereafter. Tertiary Aid Impact (2024-25 Oct 15 Cert): 40.51%.

Note: Illustration purposes only. Significant changes in market conditions will require adjustments to current illustration.

INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

March 4th, 10th, and 20th Elementary Little Theater
March 6th, 13th, and 25th High School Cafeteria

All meetings will begin at 6:00 pm

GET IN CONTACT

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