

SCHOOL DISTRICT U-46



Agenda

- Enrollment Update
- Maintenance Projects Update
- Naming of New Middle School
- Financing Unite U-46

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2025-2026 Enrollment Update

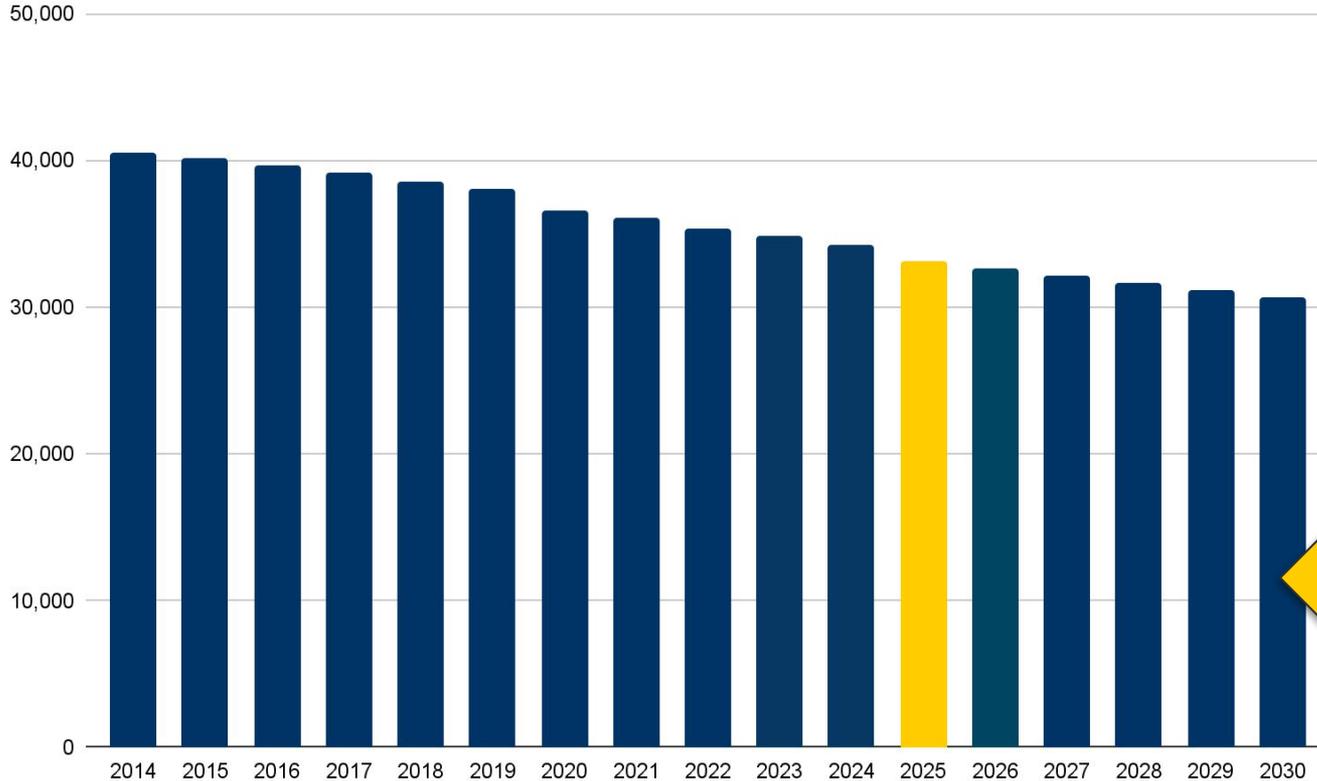
U-46 Enrollment Trend Data



Year	Enrollment	Change
2015-2016	40,137	-350
2016-2017	39,711	-426
2017-2018	39,205	-506
2018-2019	38,571	-634
2019-2020	38,014	-557
2020-2021	36,623	-1,391
2021-2022	36,107	-516
2022-2023	35,338	-769
2023-2024	34,864	-474
2024-2025	34,286	-578
2025-2026	33,182	-1,104

Includes Private Placement, Central Schools Program, DCFS, and Home/Hospital

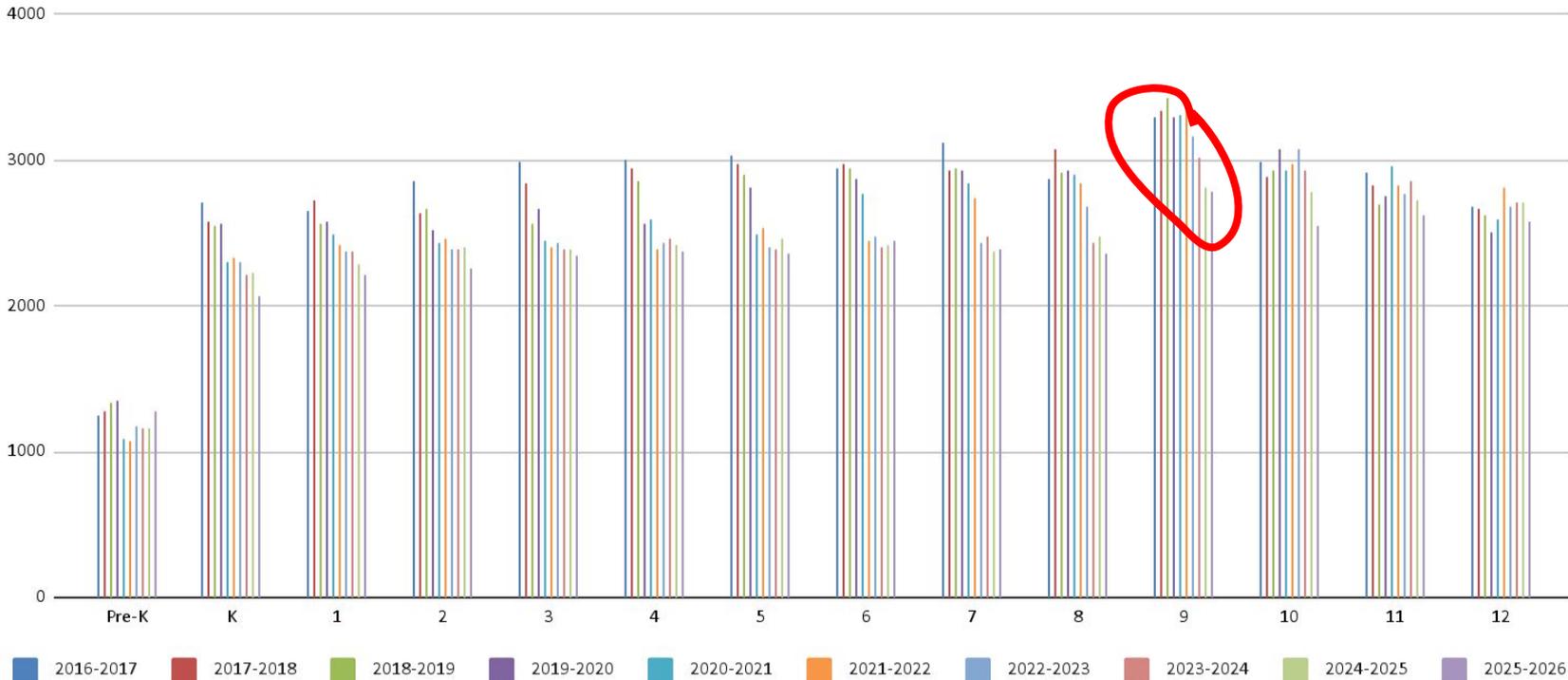
U-46 Enrollment Trend Data



Enrollment forecast projects continuing to lose several hundred students per year

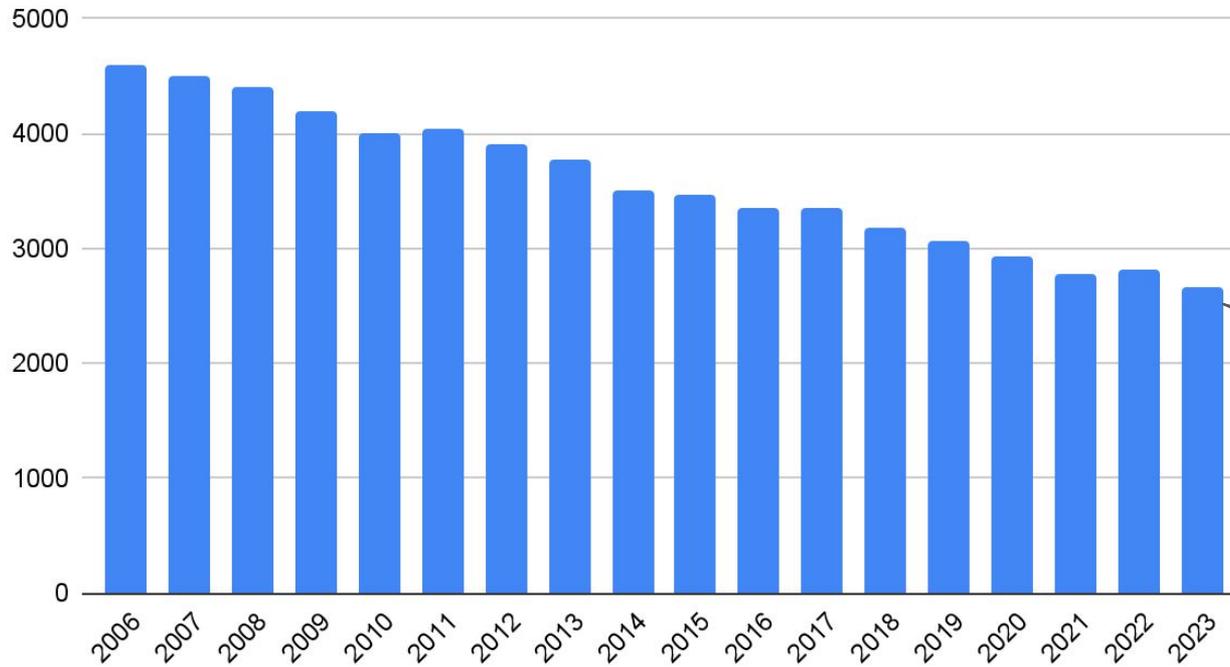
U-46 Enrollment Trend Data

Number of Students by Grade Level
Excludes Externally Placed Students



Impact of Declining Birth Rates in U-46

Historical Births in U-46 Attendance Area



2023 birth data resumed decline we'd seen in previous years

Source: Vital Statistics Dept of Illinois. Includes births in the zip codes / communities served by U-46.

Early Childhood Enrollment

Year	Total Enrollment
2024	1,162
2025	1,286
Change	124

Elementary Enrollment

Year	Total Enrollment
2024-2025	16,667
2025-2026	16,130
Change	-537

30 Elementary Schools Decreased in Enrollment

Significant increases:

- *Liberty 27*
- *Lincoln 20*
- *Willard 18*

Significant decreases:

- *Ronald O'Neal (-50)*
- *Hanover Countryside (-46)*
- *Laurel Hill (-44)*
- *Lowrie (-44)*
- *Oakhill (-40)*

Middle School Enrollment

Year	Total Enrollment
2024-2025	4,896
2025-2026	4,794
Change	-102

Increases:
Larsen 37
Canton 1

- Decreases:***
- ***Eastview (-210)***
 - ***Kimball (-59)***
 - ***Kenyon Woods (-45)***
 - ***Tefft (-34)***
 - ***Ellis (-24)***
 - ***Abbott (-18)***

6 of 8 middle schools decreased in enrollment
Our 9th MS, Hawk Hollow MS opened with 257 7th grade students

High School Enrollment

Year	Total Enrollment
2024-2025	11,275
2025-2026	10,668
	-607

**All five of our
Comprehensive
High Schools
Decreased in
Enrollment**

Decreases:

- ***SEHS (-193)***
- ***EHS (-143)***
- ***LHS (-137)***
- ***BHS (-27)***
- ***SHS (-6)***

Maintenance Projects Update



School District U-46 made an investment of
over

**\$32 MILLION
IN FY24**

**\$18 MILLION
IN FY25**

in the infrastructure of the buildings including parking lot reconstruction, roof replacements, athletic upgrades, and countless other projects that will benefit students, staff, and the community for years to come.

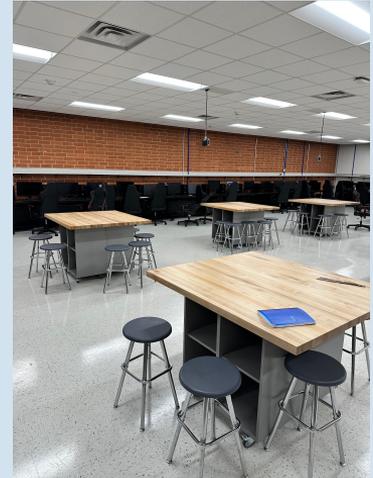
FY24 FEATURED RENOVATIONS: CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY NEW ROOF



FY24 FEATURED RENOVATIONS: TRANSPORTATION CENTER PARKING LOT AT 500 SHALES PARKWAY



FY24 FEATURED RENOVATIONS: STREAMWOOD HIGH SCHOOL PATHWAYS PHASE TWO

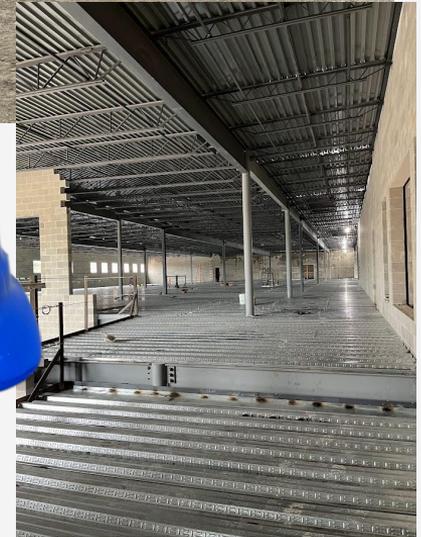


FY24 CAPITAL PROJECT STATISTICS

OVER 20 PROJECTS COMPLETED IN JUST 8
WEEKS

- Total Value \$32 Million Investment in Non-Unit U-46 projects
- Plant Operations staff oversaw the Hawk Hollow renovation
- Managed by one Coordinator and two Project Managers
- 100% On Time / 100% On Budget

PROUDLY DELIVERING SAFE, MODERN
LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS FOR OUR
STUDENTS AND STAFF.



FY25 FEATURED RENOVATIONS: ELGIN HIGH SCHOOL PARKING LOT

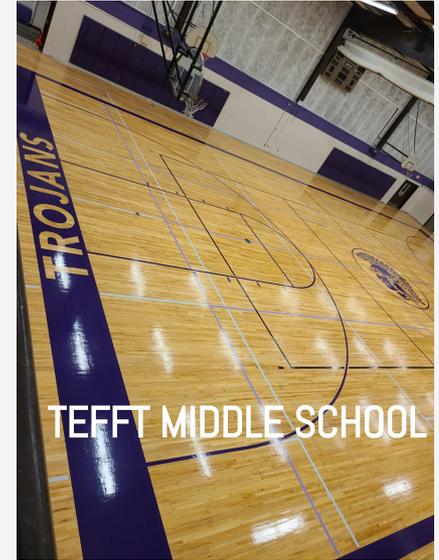


FY25 FEATURED RENOVATIONS: BARTLETT HIGH SCHOOL PATHWAYS - PHASE ONE



FY24 FLOOR REFINISHING PROJECTS

PROJECTS PROUDLY COMPLETED BY THE CUSTODIAL TEAM



FY24 INTERIOR UPGRADES



**SOUTH ELGIN HIGH
SCHOOL**
Water Softener

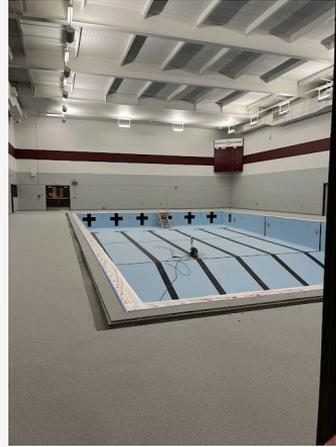


**LARKIN
Auditorium**

Additional Interior Upgrades

- ▷ **Elgin High School:** Auditorium Lighting and Dimming Switched
- ▷ **Prairieview Elementary School:** Heat Pump Replacement with VAV System
- ▷ **Ronald O'Neal Elementary School:** Ceiling and Lighting, Phase Two, First Floor
- ▷ **Ronald O'Neal Elementary School:** Intercoms and Clocks

FY25 INTERIOR UPGRADES



ELGIN HIGH SCHOOL

Pool Upgrade: Reopening late November

Additional Interior Upgrade

- Highland Elementary School: Domestic Water Upgrade



ELGIN HIGH SCHOOL Auditorium Rigging System

FY24 MECHANICAL and SYSTEMS UPGRADES



COLEMAN ELEMENTARY
WATER MAIN

FIRE ALARM REPLACEMENTS

- CREEKSIDE ELEMENTARY
- HERITAGE ELEMENTARY
- HORIZON ELEMENTARY
- TRANSPORTATION CENTER



MECHANICAL and SYSTEMS UPGRADES

FY24

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GENERATOR PROJECTS

- ▶ Horizon ES
- ▶ Lords Park ES
- ▶ Heritage ES

HVAC REPLACEMENT

- ▶ Sycamore Trails Elementary School

FY25

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GENERATOR PROJECTS

- ▶ Bartlett Elementary School (new generator in progress)
- ▶ Clinton ES (new generator in progress)
- ▶ Hillcrest Elementary School (replacement in progress)

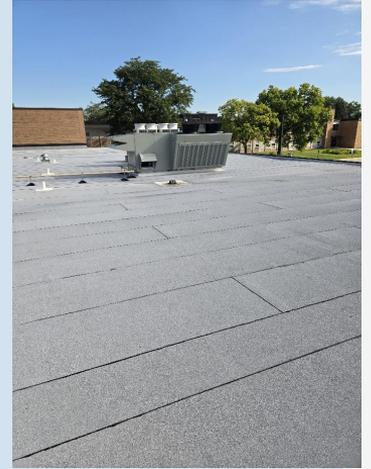


FY25 ROOFING REPLACEMENTS

COLEMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



LARKIN HIGH SCHOOL



**ADDITIONAL ROOFING REPLACEMENT:
DISTRIBUTION CENTER**

FY24 EXTERIOR UPGRADES



**STREAMWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
STADIUM PICNIC PAVILION**



**ESC
DUPAGE STAIRS**



**FOX MEADOW ELEMENTARY
PLAYGROUND**

FY25 EXTERIOR UPGRADES



EASTVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL
Landscape Update
Courtesy of the Grounds Department



FY25 PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENTS ONGOING PROJECT

NEW PRE-K PLAYGROUNDS AND SURFACING FOR:

- ▷ Horizon Elementary (completed)
- ▷ Willard Elementary (completed)
- ▷ Sunnydale Elementary (completed)
- ▷ Laurel Hill Elementary (in progress)
- ▷ Sycamore Trails Elementary (in progress)
- ▷ Timber Trails Elementary
- ▷ Hilltop Elementary
- ▷ Fox Meadow Elementary
- ▷ Coleman Elementary



FY24 AND FY25 MAINTENANCE STATISTICS

OUR MAINTENANCE STAFF OF 38 PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR DISTRICT NEEDS FROM 6AM TO 11PM MONDAY - FRIDAY, AND SATURDAY 6AM - 3:30PM

COMPLETED WORK ORDERS

FY24 - 12,622

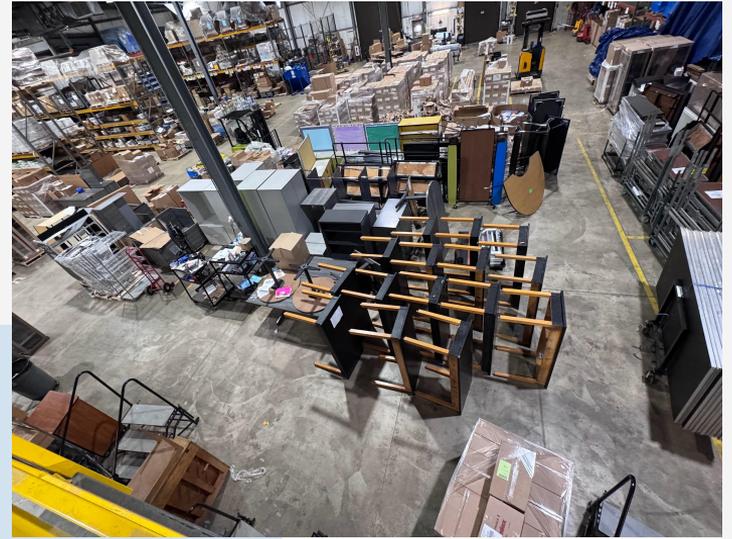
FY25 - 13,598

All accomplished by
a staff of 38.



FY25 WAREHOUSE SUMMER STATISTICS

- 103 Curriculum purchase orders / building requests processed (new and current)
- 200+ pallets of Eureka Math
- 8,000+ packages and pallets received
- 7,971 Deliveries (purchase orders, warehouse orders, and work orders)



BUILDING ACCESS SECURITY CONTROL OFFICE (BASCO) PROJECTS

FY24

45 PROJECTS
COMPLETED

FY25

33 PROJECTS
COMPLETED



FOYER CAMERAS

Installed in 38 locations



CAMERA UPGRADES AND ADDITIONS

District wide

Over 78 unique camera and access control projects throughout the district including:

- ▷ Additional Playground Cameras and FOB Access
- ▷ Video Monitoring Stations Updates
- ▷ Replacement of Outdated Cameras with Multi-Lens Units to Increase Visibility
- ▷ Upgrade of 31 Video Servers
- ▷ 38 Foyer Camera installations for Elementary Schools

BUILDING ACCESS & SECURITY CONTROLS OFFICE (BASCO) STATISTICS FY24 and FY25



	FY24	FY25
Keys and Fobs programmed and distributed for new employees	996	1,009
Individual BASCO appointments In late September 2023, a new tracking system was implemented.	383	716
BASCO Emails Received	9,413	7,818

In addition to running a robust list of Capital Projects, Plant Operations generated:



FY24	\$30,242.00 Selling surplus Trucks.
	\$99,844.95 Engaging in strategic energy management, and obtaining incentives & rebates.
FY25	\$4,325.00 Selling surplus equipment including: Portable Sinks, Cafeteria Tables, and Pre-K Furniture.
	\$103,713.88 Engaging in strategic energy management, and obtaining incentives & rebates.

U-46 ENERGY INCENTIVE PROGRAM

FY24 SCHOOL YEAR WINNERS

High School: Elgin High School

Middle School: Ellis Middle School

Elementary Schools: Horizon Elementary,
Channing Elementary, Washington Elementary,
Nature Ridge Elementary, Sunnysdale Elementary

FY25 SCHOOL YEAR WINNERS

High School: Larkin High School

Middle School: Larsen Middle School

Elementary Schools: Lowrie Elementary, Lords Park
Elementary, Ontarioville Elementary, Fox Meadow
Elementary, Ridge Circle Elementary



Prizes include Energy Star Appliance, Power Tools, Custom Door Mats, Park Benches, Basketball Hoops, Custom Window Decals

Naming of the New Middle School in Elgin



Overview of the Naming Process

- **U-46 received 372 nominations:**
- **Criteria for nominations:**
 - Living persons **can't** be considered.
 - Person must have made a **significant contribution** to society.
 - Lends **prestige** and **status** to an institution of learning.
 - Presented in a **brief statement**:
 - Biographical data
 - The significant contribution
 - Statement of why a school should be named after the person

Overview of the Naming Process

- Town Hall Meeting on October 1
- A full report was shared with the Superintendent and Board of Education.
- The Board will consider a resolution on October 20 to potentially take action on November 3.





Nominations featuring Local Figures:

- José M. Torres
- Emmie Ellis
- E. C. “Mike” Alft
- Manuel Barbosa

**Over
372 nominations
from 340 participants**



Nominations featuring National/Historical Figures:

- Abraham Lincoln
- Susan B. Anthony
- Martin Luther King Jr.



Nominations featuring Local Geography:

- Poplar Creek
- Fox River
- Rolling Knolls
- Elgin
- Rohrssen
- Watch City

**New Middle School
in Elgin Nominations**



Nominations featuring Values:

- Unity
- Diversity
- Legacy
- Freedom



Nominations in Spanish:

- Unidad
- Victoria
- Esperanza



Administration Recommendation

The name **Legacy Middle School** was chosen to honor that shared history and to celebrate the people and programs that have shaped U-46 into the district it is today, and to remind us that every student and educator continues to build upon the legacy of those who came before.



Administration Recommendation

Within the new building, this theme will come to life through a **Legacy Wall** near the main entrance as well as other dedicated spaces in the building that will recognize the educators and leaders whose influence continues to inspire future generations.



Administration Recommendation: Potential Honorees



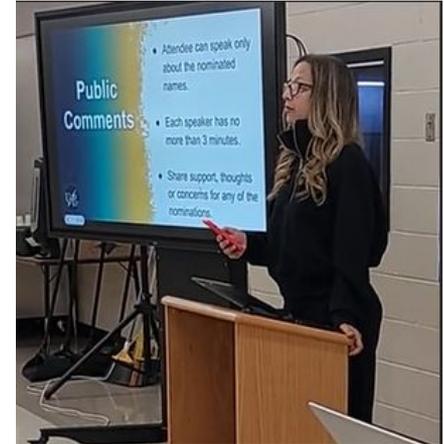
- **Emmie U. Ellis**, beloved former principal, English Department Chair, and teacher, whose impact on students and colleagues endures through her commitment to excellence and compassion.
- **Edward H. Abbott**, former school board president and namesake of Abbott Middle School, one of the first middle schools in the entire state of Illinois, was a pioneering model that shaped the structure of adolescent education across U-46 and beyond.

District Administration will look to recognize School District U-46 Elgin-based educators who have made lasting, impactful contributions to middle school instruction.

Public Comments from Katherine Pappas

“Legacy” tells every student: your life, actions, and the person you become matter. Education is about impact, the lives you touch, the communities you lift, and the changes you create. It honors those who came before us, the educators, families, and community members who made this school possible.....

“Legacy” is our story: a promise to equip every child to succeed and a challenge to every student: What will your legacy be? Choose a name that says; you belong here, you matter, and you’ll leave your mark.



Financing the Unite U-46 Initiative



Funding Sources For Buildings



Operating Funds

Ongoing expenses

Examples

Salaries
Utilities



Reserve Funds

One-Time Expenses

Examples

Facility Updates
One-Time Economic Changes



Bonds

Large Capital Expenses

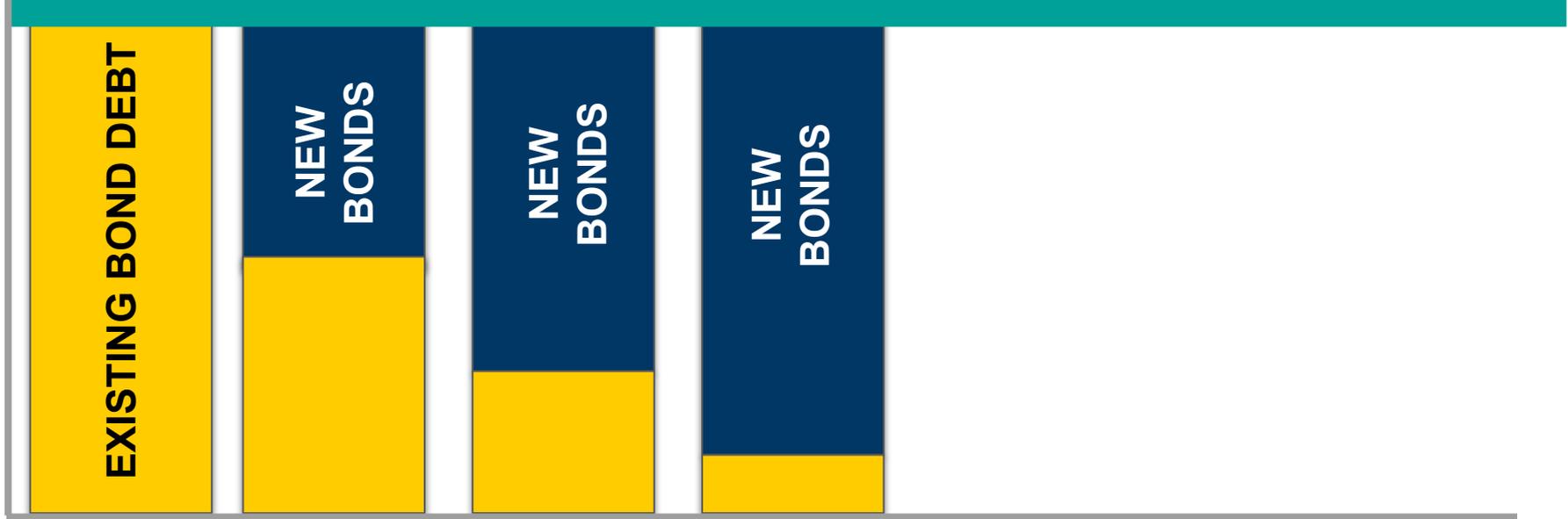
Examples

New Buildings
Major Facility Updates

Example of New Bond Debt The District Can Issue Without Changing The Amount The Community Pays

Tax Levy

Amount of Bond Debt



Years

From the Unite U-46 Committee
Recommendations to the Board of
Education in December 2022.



INVESTMENT
\$310-\$380
MILLION

Proposal Would Result In

**Zero Tax Rate Change
For Residents***

**Combination of reserve and bond
financing.**

**Requires a successful referendum in
April 2023 to raise \$179M.**

** Zero impact to the portion of tax rate
used for paying down U-46 debt.*

Referendum vs. Non-Referendum Debt



Referendum debt- requires ballot question.

Non-referendum debt- requires room within a district's debt service extension base*.

- working cash bonds
- life safety bonds
- funding bonds
- debt certificates*

*Debt certificates are not subject to the debt service extension base

Funding Sources for Unite U-46 Initiatives

Building Bonds-used to pay the cost of acquiring school sites and construction of school buildings.

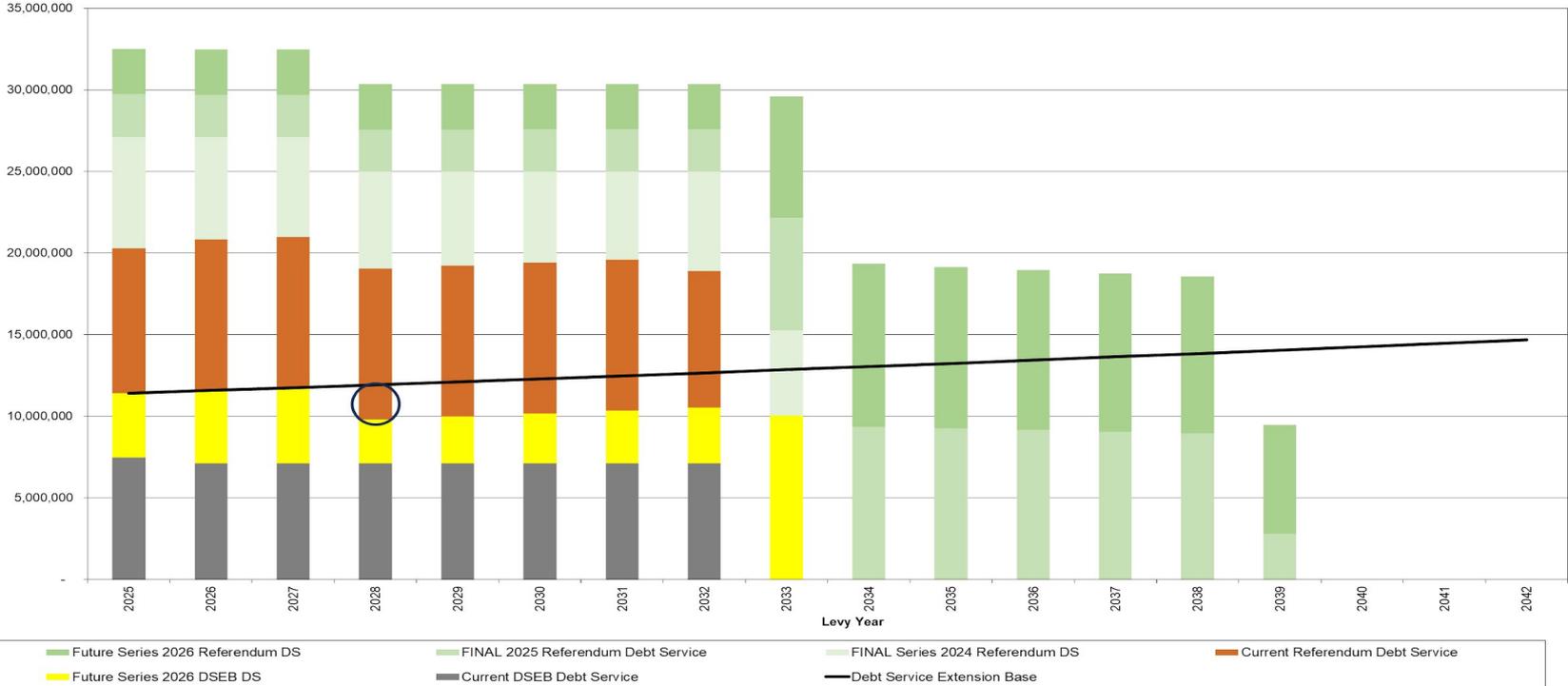
Working Cash Fund Bonds-a savings account that may be transferred to other funds for operational or capital project purposes.

Cash Reserves-cash that the district keeps on hand to address cash flow needs, emergencies or for savings.

~~**Debt Certificates**-installment financing agreement paid from operating funds.~~



Fulfilling the Promise: Improving Schools without a Debt Tax Rate Increase



Debt Service Extension Base

The district's debt service extension base is roughly \$10.2 Million (TY 2022).

The debt service extension base represents the maximum annual tax levy that a taxing body can extend to pay principal and interest on its non-referendum debt.

**THANK
YOU!**

