



Tuesday, December 7, 2021
FUTURE NEEDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Appleton Area School District
Future Needs Advisory Committee Meeting
Kaleidoscope Academy
318 E. Brewster Street
Appleton, WI 54911
6:30 to 8:30 PM

ALTHOUGH A QUORUM OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS MAY BE PRESENT, NO BOARD ACTION WILL BE TAKEN.

1. MEETING OPENING

Subject	A. Welcome & Review of Committee's Work
Meeting	Dec 7, 2021 - FUTURE NEEDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Category	1. MEETING OPENING
Type	Discussion, Information

2. PLANNING

Subject	A. Overview of Actions/Changes Since December of 2019
Meeting	Dec 7, 2021 - FUTURE NEEDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Category	2. PLANNING
Type	Discussion, Information

File Attachments
[Future Needs Advisory Committee - December 7th 2021.pdf \(4,283 KB\)](#)

Subject	B. Input Gathering on Potential Referendum Planning
Meeting	Dec 7, 2021 - FUTURE NEEDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
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3. CLOSING

Subject	A. Future Meetings
Meeting	Dec 7, 2021 - FUTURE NEEDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

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3. CLOSING

Type

Discussion, Information



Future Needs Advisory Committee
December 7, 2021
Potential Referendum

Welcome!

Facilitators

- Dr. Judy Baseman
- Greg Hartjes

- Additional core planning team members - Scott Werfal, Jody Andres (Hoffman), Todd Bushmaker (Hoffman)

AGENDA

- Why were we considering a referendum?
 - Future Needs Advisory Committee - Fall of 2019
 - Board of Education – Winter of 2019 & Spring of 2020
 - Committee Feedback
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- What has transpired since March of 2020?
 - Committee Input

WHY?

- Concerns about enrollment growth on the northside of our District in 2016 led to Hoffman completing a Capacity Study.
- Capital project requests from schools often cannot be funded through our yearly budget (\$2,500,000).
- Need for updated learning spaces to support current and future programming for students.

FUTURE NEEDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Held eight meetings between September 10 and December 17
- Administration presented information
- Discussions and table activities allowed for committee input
- Administration responded to questions and suggestions throughout the process
- Committee brought forward equity concerns and the idea to move sixth grade students to the middle level
- Committee provided direction

COMMITTEE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Unanimous support for recommending a referendum to address identified needs (**100%**)
- Majority support for building elementary school (**98%**)
- Majority support moving 6th grade (**88%**)
- Majority support for high school projects (**71%**)
- Strong support for creating equitable programming and facilities to the greatest degree possible



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BOE WORK SESSIONS

December 20th, 2019

- Summary of Future Needs Advisory Committee work

January 13th, 2020

- Equity discussion and committees' four options

January 27th, 2020

- 6th Grade presentation and discussion

February 10th, 2020

- Facilities, populations, and busing

OUTCOME *(March 2020):*

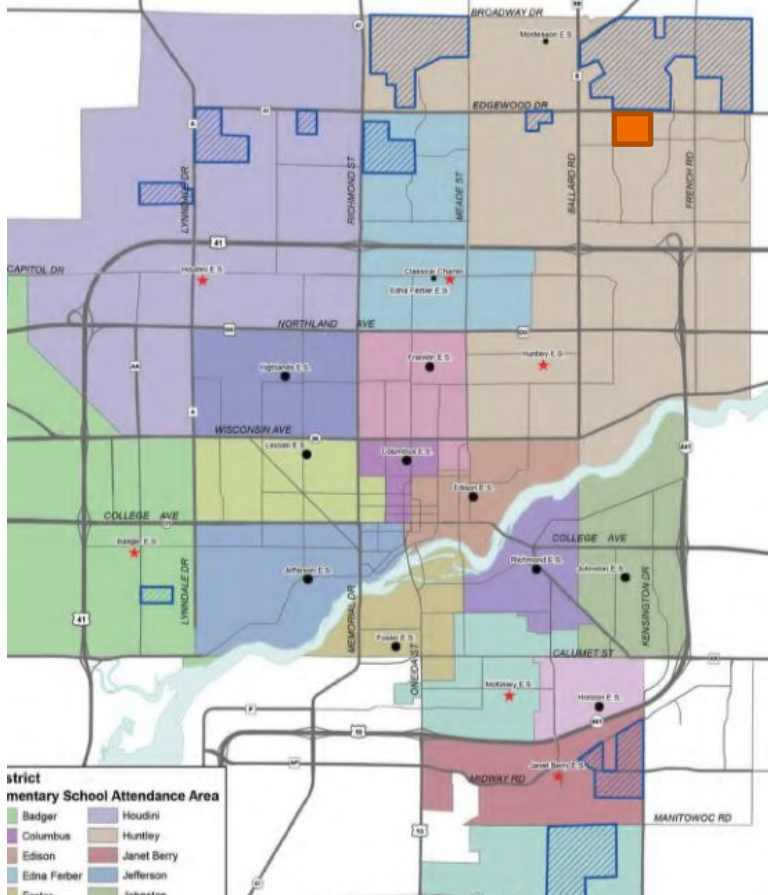
Capital Referendum: allowing the District to issue a bond to pay for:

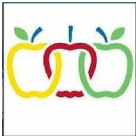
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| • Build a new elementary school to relieve overcrowding | \$30 million |
| • Add middle school capacity and update STEM areas | \$32 million |
| • Remodel vacated space at elementary schools | \$11 million |
| • Build additions at our three high schools | <u>\$25 million</u> |
| | \$98 million |

PROJECT 1

Build new elementary school to relieve overcrowding

- To be built on District owned property
- Student capacity of 600
- Projected cost of **\$30.2 million**
- Annual operating costs of \$900,000
- Addresses enrollment growth

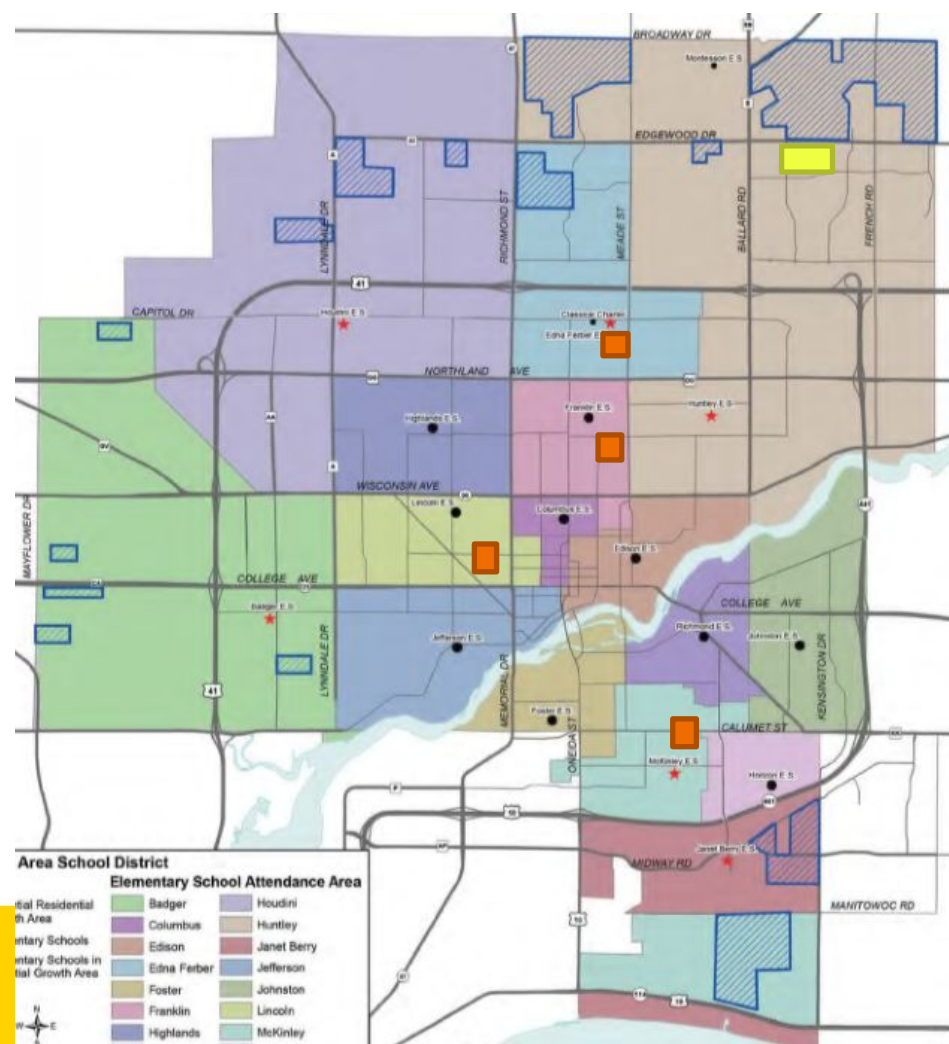




PROJECT 2:

Add middle school capacity and update STEM areas

- Projected cost of **\$32.1 million**
- Move 750 grade 6 students to our four middle schools (currently 6th graders attend KA and Magellan)
- Other options considered were to build a fifth middle school or to convert an existing elementary school to a fifth middle school



- Provides needed space for STEM
- Provides updates to four of our district's oldest schools
- Addresses 6th grade
- Annual operating costs of \$680,000

PROJECT 3:

Remodel vacated spaces at elementary schools

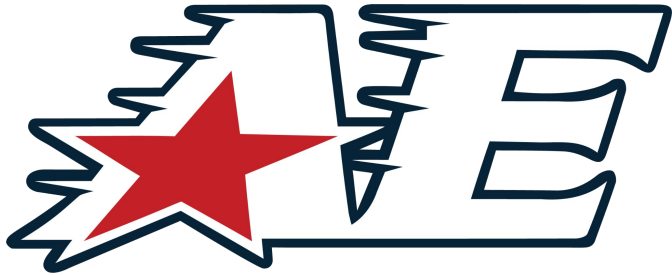
Total Cost = \$11,100,000

- Projects include remodeling spaces vacated by 6th graders to create flexible spaces that will accommodate programming that has been added to support the increasingly complex needs of our students.
- Projects include remodeling one room to serve as a STEM/Innovation space in each school
- Reconstruct Houdini entrance to include moving the main office to the front of the building. This type of project was most recently completed at Highlands and Horizons, and has an estimated cost of **\$1,100,000**.
- Charter schools projects

PROJECT 4

Build additions at our three high schools

Total Cost = \$25,000,000



EAST PROJECTS

(\$10.3 million)

Two-story classroom addition with ability to have flexible learning environments

- 18,000 square feet of new construction

Fitness center addition and remodeling

- 7,900 square feet addition
- 5,200 square feet of remodeling



NORTH PROJECTS

(\$6.7 million)

New Fitness Center to be constructed
with existing fitness center remodeled
to be two new classrooms

- 26,600 square feet addition
- 7,300 square feet of remodeling
for new classrooms

~~Replace tennis courts~~



WEST PROJECTS

(\$7.0 million)

- Indoor practice facility with multi use turf surface and supporting spaces
- 25,200 square feet of new construction not connected to school
- Large multipurpose space and collaboration classroom addition and remodeling
- 8,100 square feet addition and 2,000 square feet of remodeling
- Will include addition of concession stand area for indoor and outdoor activities



Outcome (March 2020):

Capital Referendum: allowing the District to issue a bond to pay for:

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*Construction costs have increased, and may continue to increase.

OUTCOME *(March 2020):*

Operational Referendum: allowing the District to staff, operate, clean, and heat the newly built spaces

- Ongoing and Annual Maintenance

\$1.6 million per year

The estimated increase to a taxpayer's annual property tax was **\$25** for each \$100,000 of their home's value.



The mission of School Perceptions is to help educational leaders gather, organize and use data to make strategic decisions

- Founded in 2002 to provide independent and unbiased research
- Conducted more than 600 community surveys to help school districts navigate the strategic planning and referendum planning process

**Has anything changed about how
you view these projects now
versus when the Future Needs
Committee last met in 2019?**

WHAT HAS TRANSPIRED SINCE MARCH OF 2020?

- Enrollments
- Finances
- Other Needs

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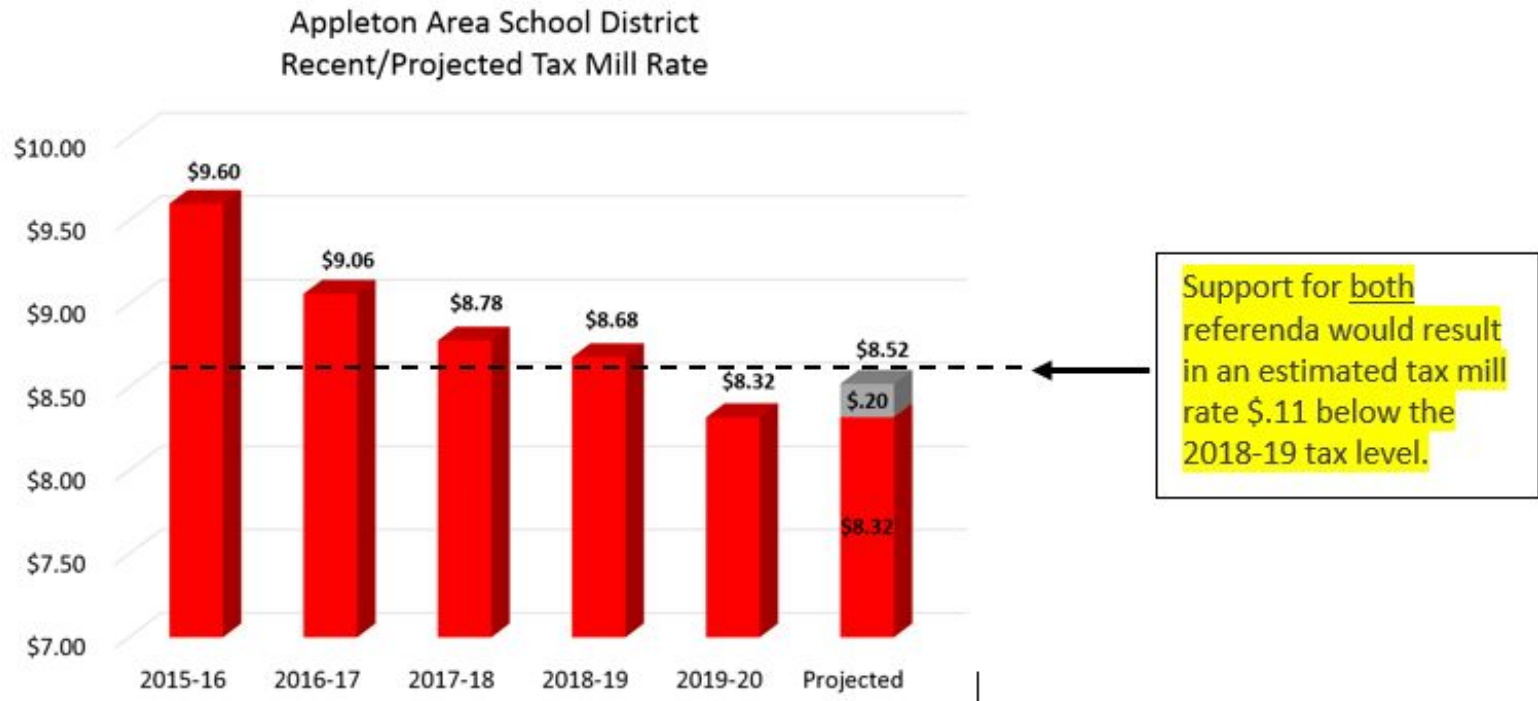
ENROLLMENT

2019-2020 = 16,067

2020-2021 = 15,690

2021-2022 = 15,186

If the Appleton-area voters support both the operating referendum AND capital referendum, the estimated increase to the school portion of your local property taxes is \$.25 or \$25 for each \$100,000 of a home's value.



Levy Year	Levy Amount	Equalized Value	Tax Rate	Debt Payment	Defeasance Included in Debt Payment
2021-2022	\$72,683,034	\$9,493,679,888	\$7.66	\$8,468,145	\$5,500,000

All debt will be paid off in the spring of 2023

**Savings on interest from five years of
prepaying debt will total over \$4.5 million!**

Because we have continued to prepay over the past two years on our 2014 referendum debt, and because of a continued increases to property values, we could go to referendum for both questions and our tax rate in 2023-2024 would **still drop by \$.09**, or **\$9** for each \$100,000 of a home's value.



- Reduce K-2 class sizes at non-AGR schools by adding 25 teachers = **\$2,450,000 per year**

Would add \$.25 to the tax rate, or \$25 in taxes on a property valued at \$100,000



- Add 12 STEM elementary teachers = **\$1,000,000 per year**
- Add 4 STEM paraprofessionals in grades 6–8 = **\$170,000**

Would add \$.12 to the tax rate, or \$12 in taxes on a property valued at \$100,000



OPERATIONAL REFERENDUM:

- Annual staffing and operating new spaces = **\$1.6 million**
- Annual staffing of additional K-2 teachers = **\$2.5 million**
- Annual staffing of STEM Labs = **\$1.2 million**

The estimated increase to a taxpayer's annual property tax would be between **\$30 and \$40** for each \$100,000 of their home's value.



POSSIBLE REFERENDUM ELECTIONS

	2022	2023
Spring Primary	02/15/2022	02/21/2023
Adopt and file resolution(s) by*:	12/07/2021	12/13/2022
Spring General	04/05/2022	04/04/2023
Adopt and file resolution(s) by*:	01/25/2022	01/24/2023
Fall Primary	08/09/2022	
Adopt and file resolution(s) by*:	05/31/2022	
Fall General	11/08/2022	
Adopt and file resolution(s) by*:	08/30/2022	

November 2022		April 2023	
January	Focus groups	January	Focus groups
February	Survey staff and community	September	Survey staff and community
April - May	Analyze survey results	October - November	Analyze survey results
June - July	BOE considers referendum	December	BOE considers referendum
August 8th	BOE approves resolution	January 24th	BOE approves resolution
September - October	Information to Community	February - March	Information to Community
November 8th	Vote	April 4th	Vote



Future Needs Advisory Committee – Input

- Finances of referendum
- Enrollments
- Timeline for referendum
- K – 2 class size reduction
- Adding STEM staffing in grades K – 8

I like...

I wonder...

Thank You!

State referenda results from November of 2020 election:

- ✓ 9 of 10 operating (recurring) questions passed
- ✓ 15 of 18 capital project questions passed

State referenda results from April of 2021 election:

- ✓ 5 of 8 operating (recurring) questions passed
- ✓ 19 of 36 capital project questions passed

Madison (\$317 million), Oshkosh (\$107), Hortonville, Howard-Suamico, Clintonville