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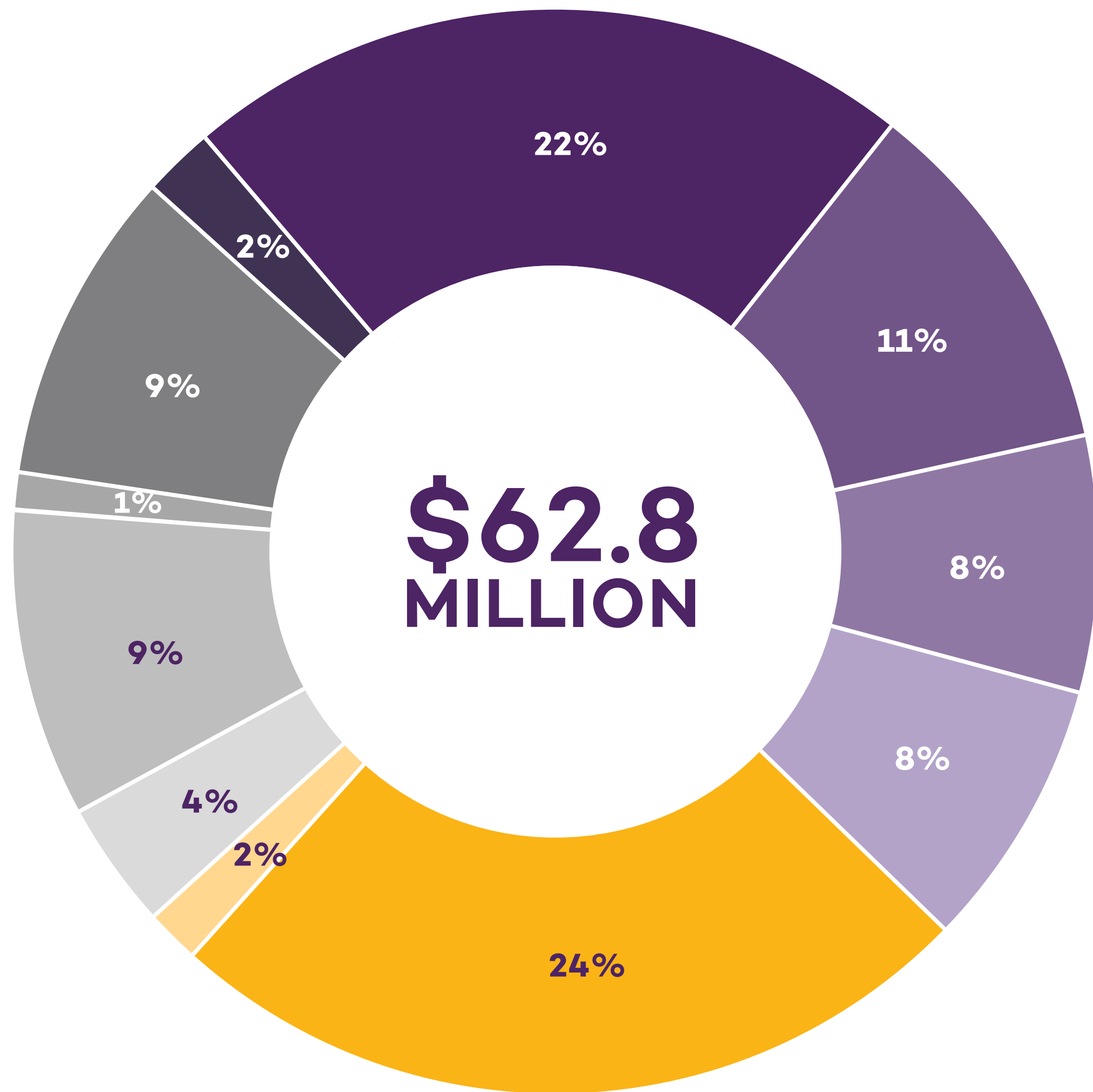


Laurel Schools Bond

Keep our Students on the Right Track

WHAT ARE THE PROJECT COSTS?

Cost Breakdown



Our Educational Vision **NEW CONSTRUCTION**

- 22^m PATHWAY (A): HEALTH SCIENCES \$13,700,000**
Includes health science classrooms, method studios, storage, and physical education support spaces.
- 11^m PATHWAY (B): TRADES & VOCATIONS \$6,860,000**
Includes career training and technology classrooms.
- 8^m PATHWAY (C): MUSIC, ARTS, & PERFORMANCE \$4,810,000**
Includes expansion and upgrades to Choir, Band, and music support spaces.
- 8^m PATHWAY (D): FAMILY CONSUMER SCIENCE \$5,060,000**
Includes upgrades to FCS classroom, business classrooms, SPED spaces, Life Skills, & Media Resource Center.

Taking Care of What We Have **DEFERRED MAINTENANCE**

- 24^m DEFERRED MAINTENANCE \$15,350,000**
Includes upgrading mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems, auditorium upgrades, gymnasium ceiling & lighting upgrades, and updated finishes and ceilings throughout.
- 2^m SITE IMPROVEMENTS \$990,000**
Includes off-site development, parking, and adjacent drainage issues.

The Complete Picture **SOFT COSTS**

- 4^m BOND COSTS, LEGAL, INSURANCE \$2,380,000**
Includes all bond costs, legal fees, OCR, utility costs, and insurance.
- 9^m PROFESSIONAL FEES \$5,790,000**
Includes architectural, engineering, and consultant professional fees.
- 1^m PERMIT, FEES & TESTING \$680,000**
Includes construction testing, special inspections, construction commissioning, plan review, and permit fees.
- 9^m CONTINGENCY \$5,800,000**
Includes construction and off-site infrastructure contingency.
- 2^m FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, + TECHNOLOGY \$1,380,000**
Includes furniture, fixtures, equipment, and technology additions.

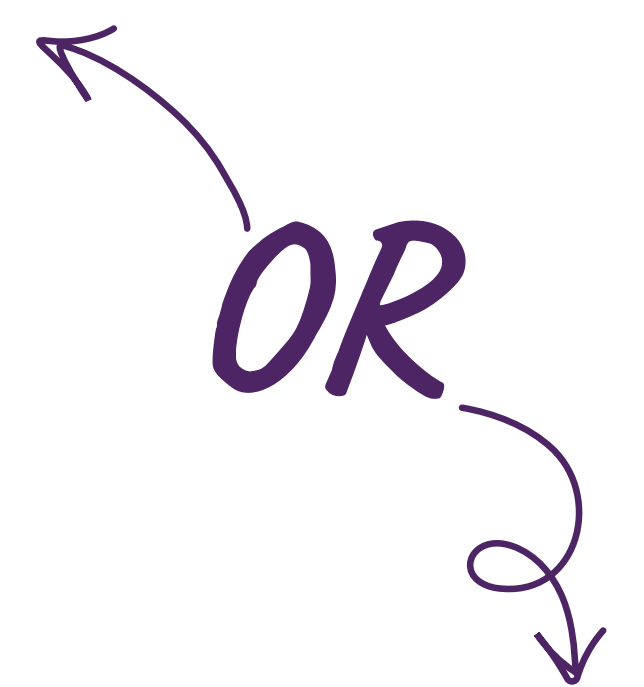
The Value of the Investment

This effort is shared by our entire community.

With individual contributions coming together to support our students. While the impact on individual taxpayers will vary, for most it equates to about \$15-\$25 per month. On its own, that may feel modest - but when combined across our community, it becomes a meaningful investment in our students and their future.

FOR \$25 A MONTH...

- Coffee
- Lunch
- Impulse Purchases



FOR \$25 A MONTH...

- Safe & Secure Entry
- Hands-On Learning
- Industry Partnership Spaces
- Daylit Classrooms
- ADA Accessibility
- 21st Century Learning Environments
- Site Improvements
- Parking & Access Improvements
- SPED Learning Space Improvements
- Safe & Expanded Vocational Spaces

Taxpayer Impact

*(BASED ON 20-YEAR TERM)

"MARKET VALUE" Residential Property	MONTHLY Estimated Tax*	ANNUAL Estimated Tax*
\$100,000	\$4.65	\$55.83
\$300,000	\$13.96	\$167.48
\$500,000	\$25.34	\$304.11

See what it means for you.

CHECK YOUR PROPERTY'S ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT.

You can find your exact costs using the QR code below by finding the assessed value of the property you own. The estimated number of Mills required is 84.



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WHY IS THIS BOND IMPORTANT?

Bond Goals

- 1. Enhanced Safety & Security:**
Renovations to the main entry will create a more secure and welcoming front door for students, staff, and visitors.
- 2. Expanded Career & Technical Education (CTE)**
New & improved spaces for Woods, Metals, Small Engines, Agriculture, and a shared Fabrication Hall to support hands-on learning & strength partnerships with local industries.
- 3. New Health Sciences Programming:**
Dedicated spaces for health sciences will expand career pathways in nursing and medical fields while providing flexible learning areas that can accommodate larger group instruction.
- 4. Improved Music and Arts:**
Renovations will support the growing Band, Choir, and Theater programs by expanding rehearsal spaces, improving auditorium lighting and ceilings, and adding critical support spaces.
- 5. Strengthened Core Academic Programs:**
Targeted improvements within the existing building will expand the Life Skills classroom, enhance Family & Consumer Science program, and create stronger connections to the Media Resource Center to better support student learning.
- 6. Address Deferred Maintenance:**
Upgrades to restrooms, roofing, mechanical, electrical, and technology systems to project the community's investment, improve day-to-day functionality and improve ADA accessibility.

Why Now?

Legislative Changes

Thanks to recent 2025 state legislation, previous bond costs are much less expensive. Montana's "Right Back Act" builds on the 2023 HB 587 equalization framework by returning excess revenue from the uniform 95-mil school property levy directly back to homeowners - delivering an estimated \$50-\$60 million in statewide property tax relief starting this fall. That makes 'NOW' the ideal time to invest in our schools.

2026-2027 TAX YEAR <small>*(based on 20-year term)</small>	"MARKET VALUE" <small>Residential Property</small>	MONTHLY <small>Estimated Tax*</small>	ANNUAL <small>Estimated Tax*</small>
\$31mil LHS Bond(Previous)	\$100,000	\$4.24	\$51.35
\$62.8mil LHS Bond Now	\$100,000	\$4.65	\$55.83
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\$62.8mil LHS Bond Now	\$300,000	\$13.96	\$167.48
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Smarter Timing, Better Value.

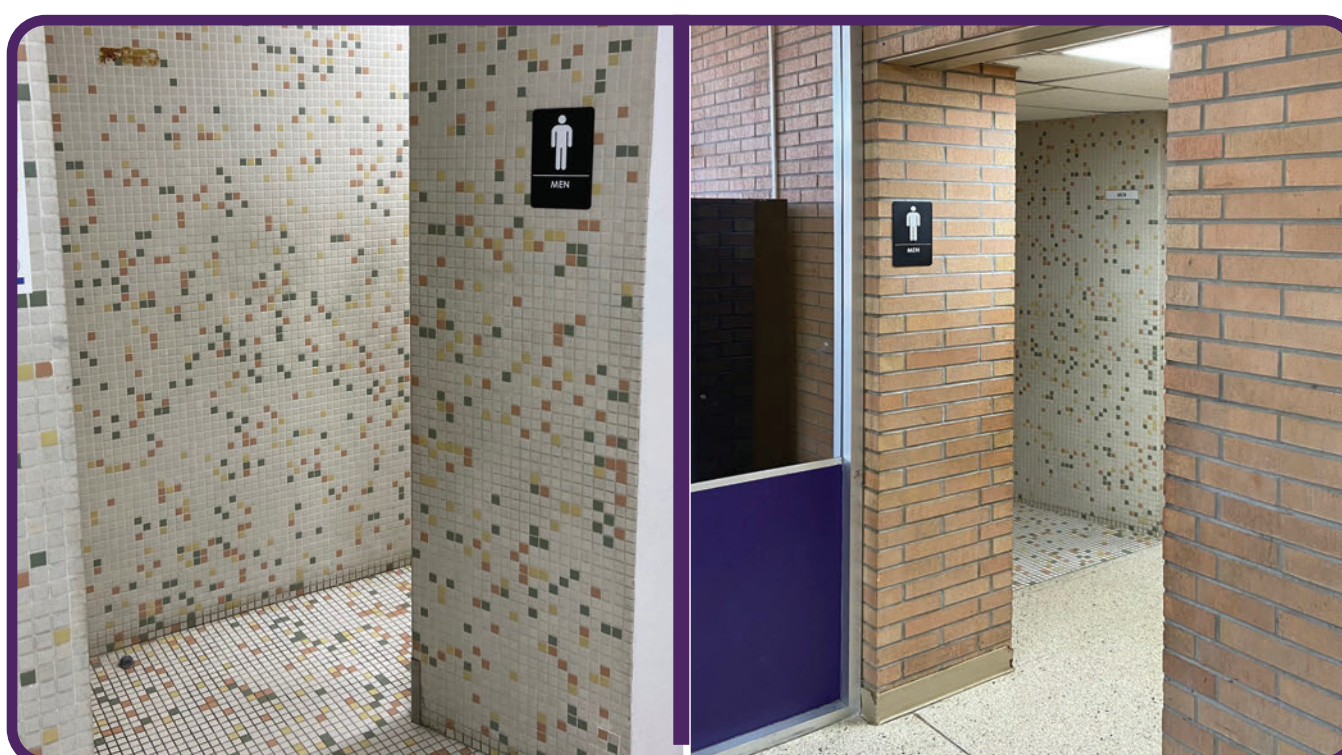
This project builds upon the ideas and momentum created in 2023. The more expansive vision aligns necessary building upgrades with growth and curriculum needs offering Laurel students more opportunity. While this creates a larger total price tag, the individual tax payer impact is only slightly increased meaning this is the ideal time for our community to get the most out of our investment.

Improve Systems & Accessibility



Operational Costs

Mechanical, electrical, and data systems are outdated, need repairs, and are driving high operational costs.



ADA Accessibility

Current restrooms lack adequate ADA access, inclusive of the public restrooms near the entry which are commonly used for public events at the gym and auditorium.



Maintenance & Repairs

Constant maintenance of auditorium space with falling ceiling tiles and water damage.

Modernize Academic Environments



Industrial Arts

Career Technical Education spaces require upgrades to equipment, ventilation & building structure.



Insufficient Learning Environments

Several classrooms have no natural daylight. Special Education spaces are cramped and lack adequate resources.



Outdated spaces

Lack of modern, updated environments and social spaces for student gathering and development.

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WHAT ARE THE BOND GOALS?

Proposed Plan

Life Skills Improvements

Daylit classroom for SPED students with adequate resources and space.

Media & Resource Center

Modern library connected to Business classrooms and a central Commons.

Safe & Secure Entry + Site Improvements

Reconfigured entry sequence for secure access and administrative oversight. Increased parking access, improved sidewalks, and covered walkway to the existing Sports Complex.



Expansion of Fine Arts & Music

Redesign and expansion of Choir & Band rooms with additional support space.

Site Updates & Expanded Parking

Preservation and improvement of green space with additional site parking.

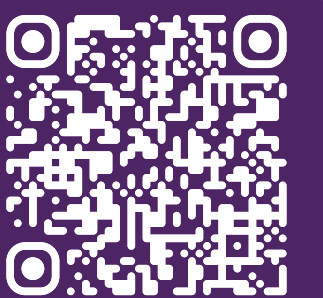
Expansion of CTE

Code compliant and expanded spaces for vocational classes & teaching opportunities.

Types of Spaces the New Bond Will Create

To learn more about the planning process and Proposed plans, visit:

www.laurel.k12.mt.us/high-school-bond-information



What is Career Technical Education (CTE)?

In addition to our core academic curriculum, our high school offers Career Technical Education - often thought of as vocational programs - that help students explore career pathways and develop practical skills for life after high school. While several pathways already exist at LHS, this bond focuses on expanding and strengthening those opportunities. Our current facilities limit program growth; updated spaces would allow more students to learn in a modern, hands-on environment.



Music & Performing Arts Example



Health Sciences Example



Shop & Trades Example