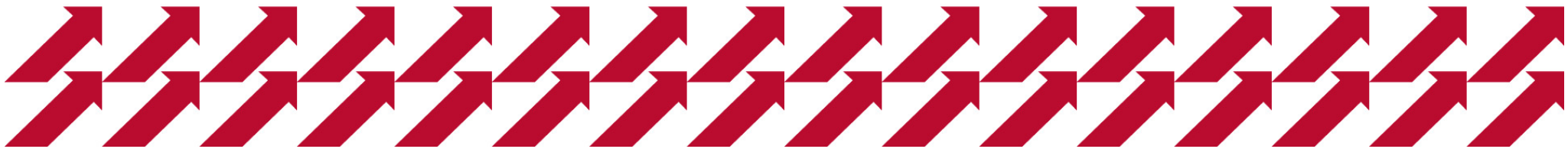


2026 Bond Update

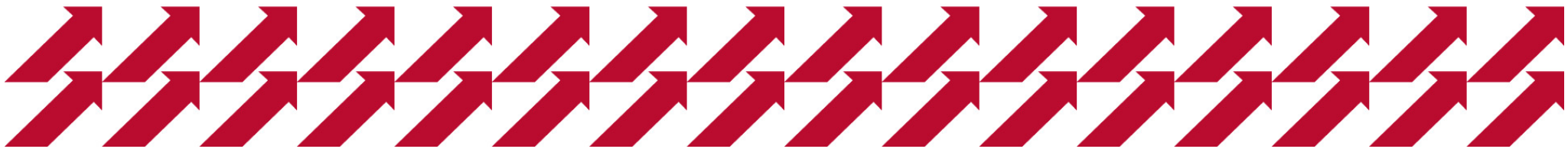


What is a bond?

- Long-term financing approved by voters, similar to a mortgage on a home
- Proceeds are used for large capital investments such as new facilities or large facility improvements
- This 'loan' is then paid back by residents through property taxes over time

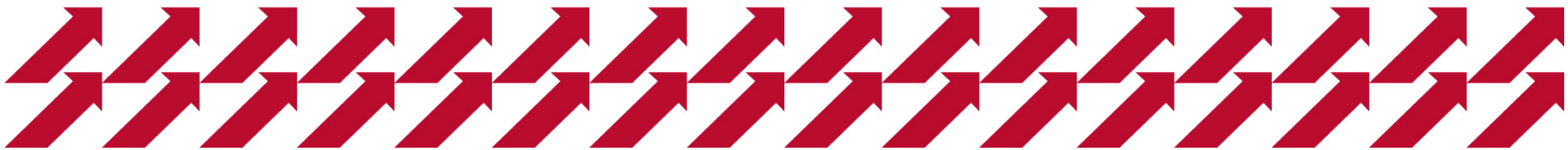


**Bond proceeds can not pay
for operational expenses
such as salaries, utilities,
programs or curriculum**



Why are we asking for a bond?

- Our budget is large – but so are our needs
- Wichita Public Schools is the largest school district in Kansas and serves more than 45,000 students
- Kansas school financing is intended for operational costs, not large capital expenditures such as new facilities or major improvements
- Facilities needs will always exist; this is especially true of maintaining buildings and systems past a certain age



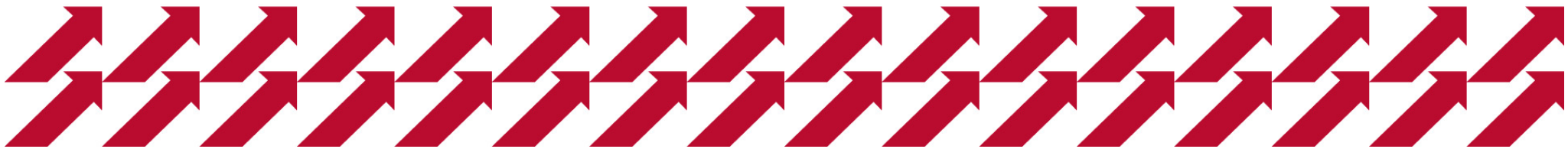
The Volume of Aging Buildings

27 Buildings
under **60 years**
old (avg = 26 yrs)

58 Buildings over
60* years old
(avg = 78 yrs)

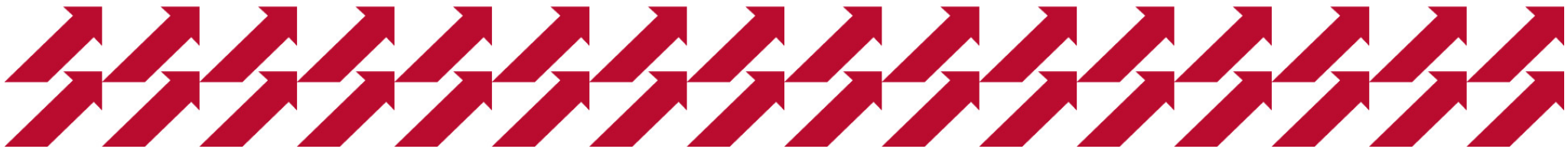


*Typical time frame for rapid deterioration and need of renovation/replacement

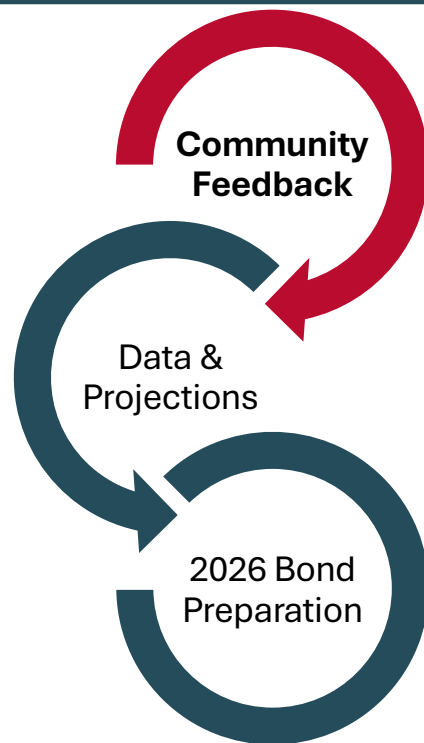


Wichita Public Schools bond history

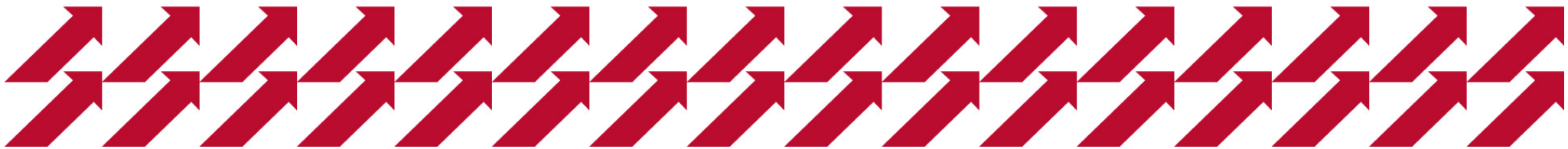
- Two bond issues passed in the past 25 years:
 - 2000 - \$284.5 M
 - 2008 - \$370 M
- A Feb 2025 proposal, failed by approximately 300 votes
- **Wichita Public Schools is seeking community feedback for a November 2026 bond!**



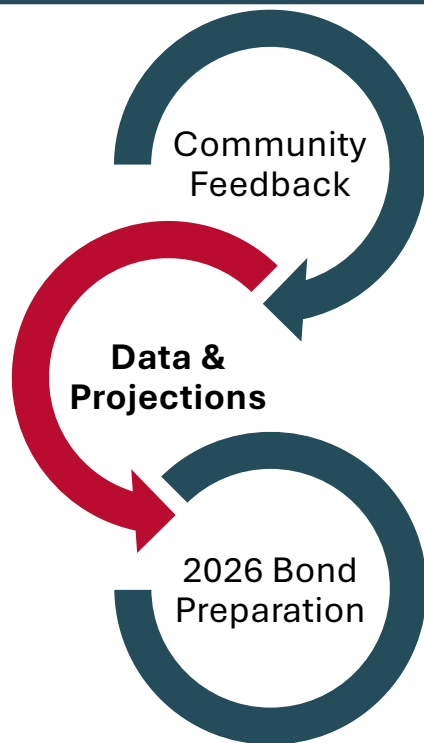
Bond Proposal Approach



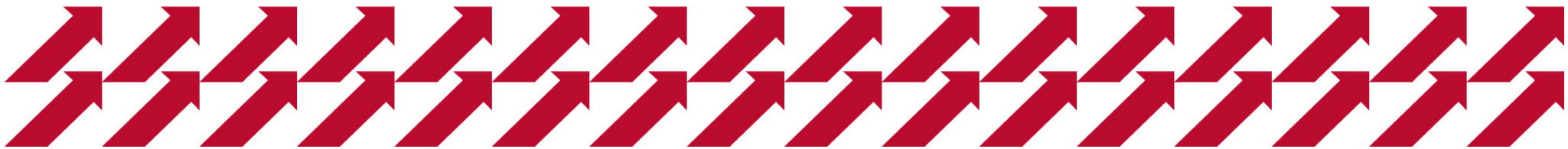
- Strategic Planning process
- Facility Master Plan process
- Building Needs Assessment
- ESSER Funding Analysis
- Site Councils
- Community Advisory Councils
- Board & Superintendent Committees



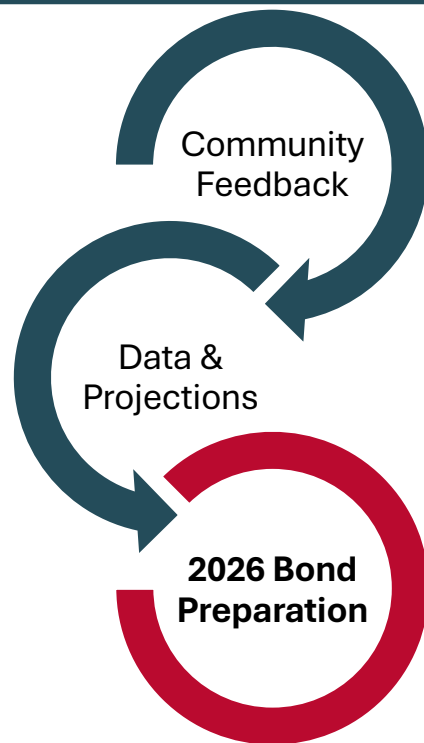
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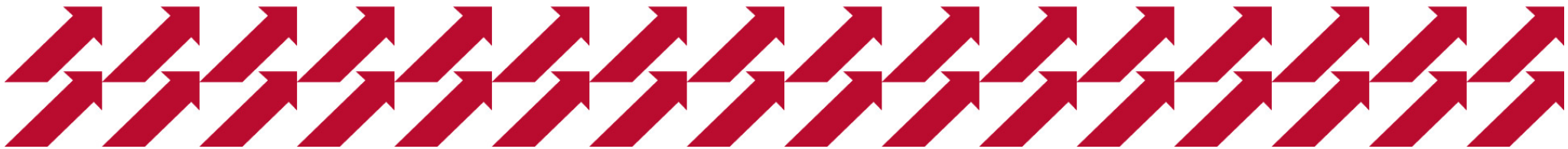
- Facility data
- Structural analysis
- Enrollment projections



Bond Proposal Approach

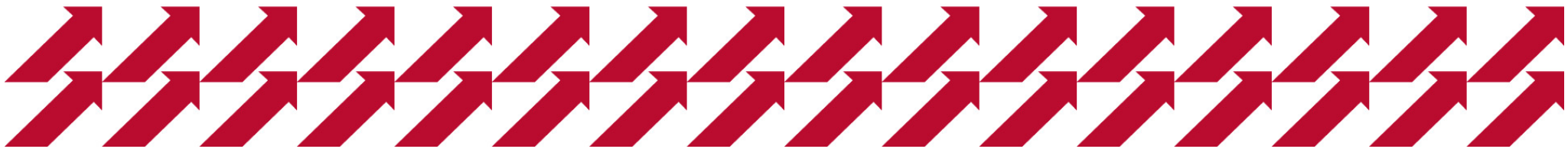


- Focus groups (programming)
- Bond projects & pricing survey
- Financial Oversight feedback
- Ballot measure feedback



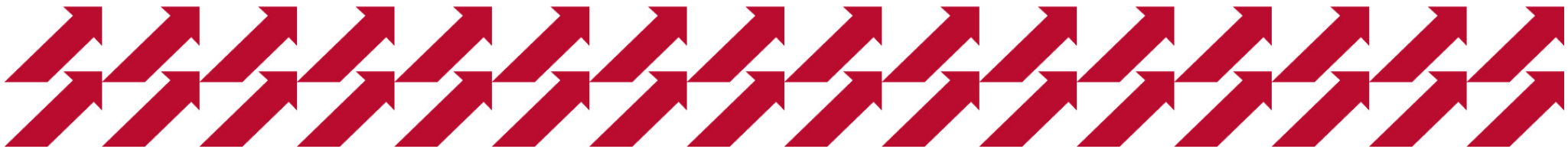
Feedback that has guided our decisions

- Timing recommended by Financial Oversight Committee
- 59% of survey respondents support a bond if it means a \$50/annual additional investment or less.
- 77% of survey respondents support a bond if it means no change from what they are currently paying in property tax.
- Projects that our community supports include:
 - Support for workforce development
 - Building preservation, specifically East and North High
 - Traffic flow improvements
 - Repurposing of spaces rather than building new
- Feedback on one question or two was split 50/50



Feedback that has guided our decisions

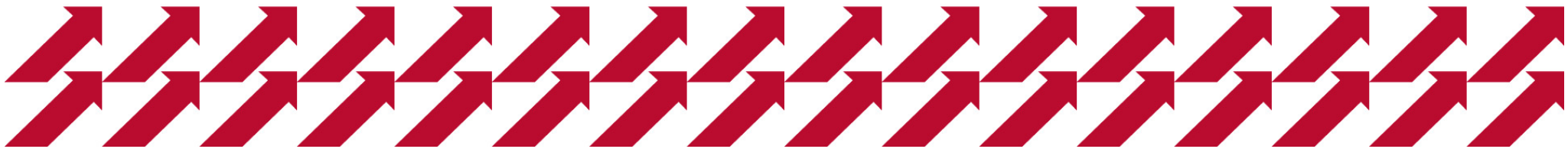
- Teaching and learning must remain the top priority.
- Buildings and traditions matter.
- Wichita Public Schools budget is large – but so are the needs.
- Facilities aren't our only challenge.
- Staff makes the most difference for our students.
- Higher property valuations have resulted in tax fatigue.
- WPS must continue to strengthen trust in the community.
- Not everyone agrees on approaches or decisions.



Be bold.

**Our students
are worth it.**

**Good facilities
are one way we
can support
teachers.**

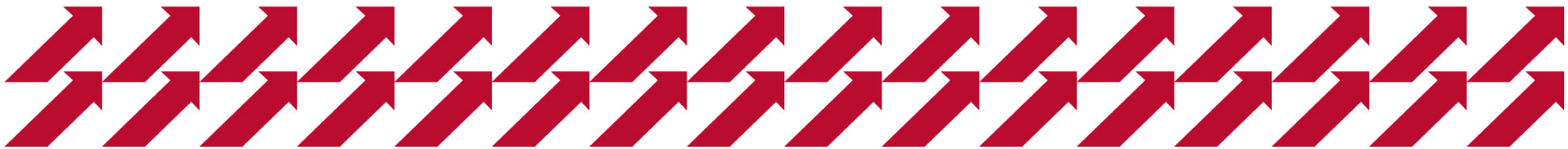


Projects + Pricing = 3 Proposals

\$615 million
in projects

strategy &
feedback

for Board & community
consideration
or Build a Bond



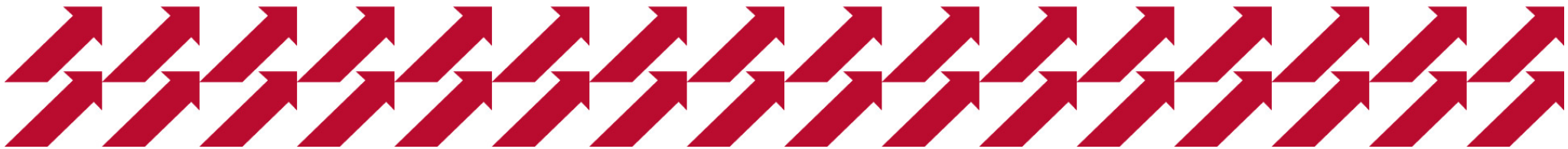
A vision for the future

Provide future ready opportunities

Modernize and improve spaces for teaching and learning

Improve experience while increasing efficiency

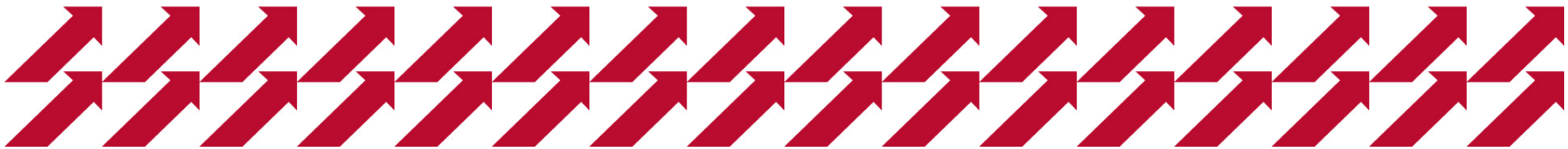
Preserve Wichita's oldest high schools



A vision for the future

Provide future ready opportunities

- Build New FutureReady Center for Construction Trades
- Career Technical Education (CTE) Improvements at South High School, Northwest High School, West High School and Heights High School



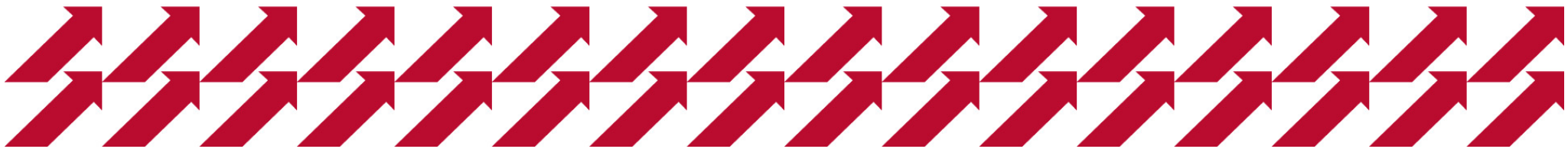
(A) Build FutureReady Center For Trades

\$28.2M



A new FutureReady Center for Trades would be built on the Wichita East High School campus. This central location allows all WPS students to access courses, credentials and certifications and utilize expertise from both WPS and WSU Tech staff.

This project will also address drop-off and pick up concerns at East High and remove buses from Douglas Ave.



(N) South High Improvements

\$8.4M

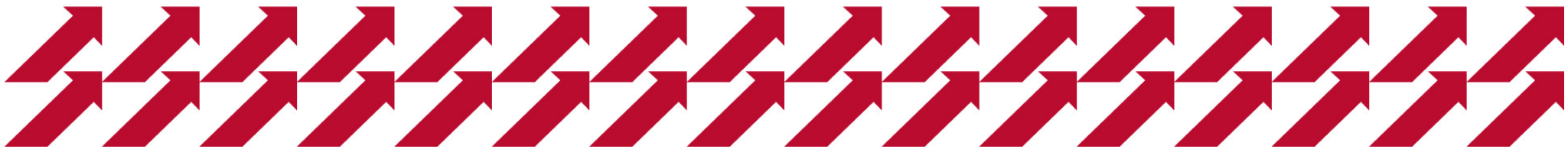


CTE additions/improvements: Add fire science labs and improve collision repair center.

Fine arts improvements: improve auditorium.

Safety improvements: lighting, communications systems, parking and storm shelters.

Improve HVAC.



(O) Northwest High Improvements

\$7M

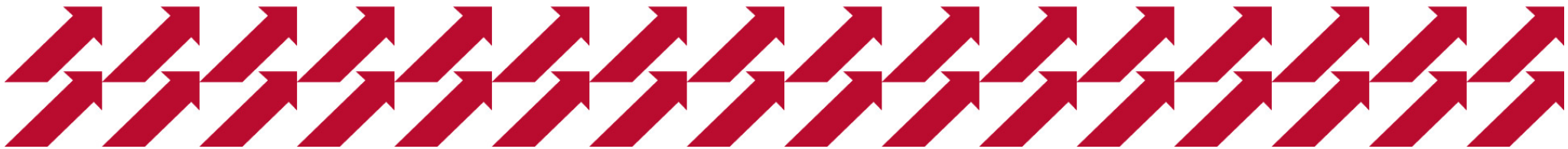


CTE additions/improvements: add law enforcement classrooms.

Fine arts improvements: improve auditorium.

Safety improvements: lighting, communications systems and storm shelters.

Improve HVAC.



(P) West High Improvements

\$9.2M

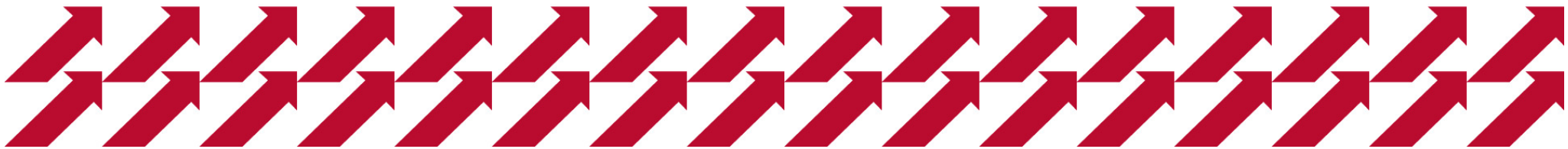


CTE additions/improvements: Add multi-purpose space for JROTC, girls wrestling, and other programs; renovate culinary arts labs.

Fine arts improvements: renovate auditorium.

Safety improvements: lighting, communications systems, parking and storm shelters.

Improve HVAC.



(Q) Heights High Improvements

\$11.3M

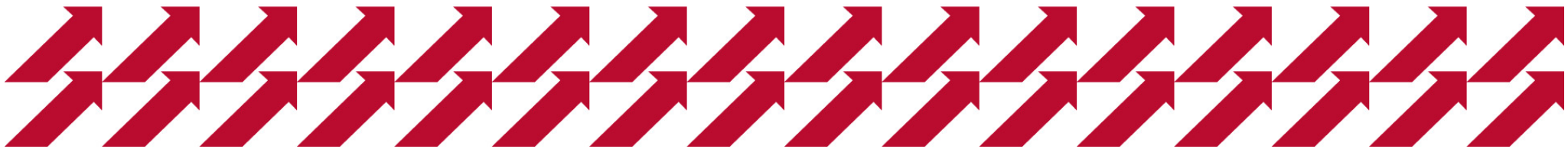


CTE additions/improvements:
expansion of woodworking and welding
programs.

Fine arts improvements: renovate
secondary auditorium.

Safety improvements: lighting,
communications systems and storm
shelters.

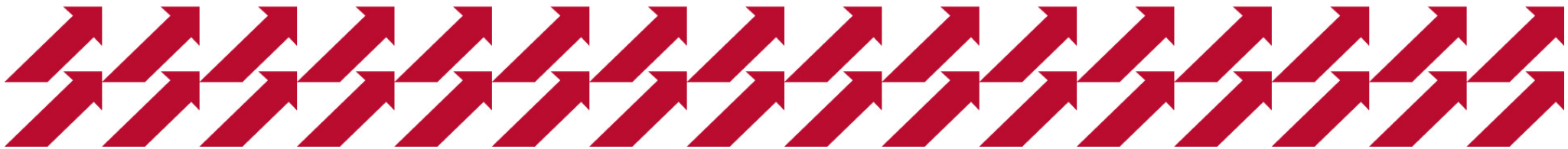
Improve HVAC.



A vision for the future

Modernize and improve spaces for teaching & learning

- Rebuild Truesdell Middle
- Rebuild Black Elementary
- Rebuild McLean Elementary
- Rebuild Chisholm Trail K-8
- Renovate Cessna Elementary with K-8 Addition
- Rebuild Coleman Middle
- Rebuild Adams Elementary

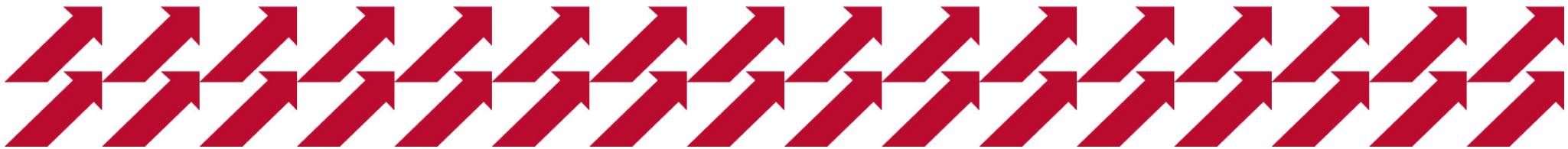


(B) Rebuild Truesdell Middle

\$103.9M



A rebuilt Truesdell Middle School would be located on the same property to replace the existing building. A new building would assist with operational efficiencies in addition to providing a better overall staff and student experience. This neighborhood school is Wichita's highest attended middle school.

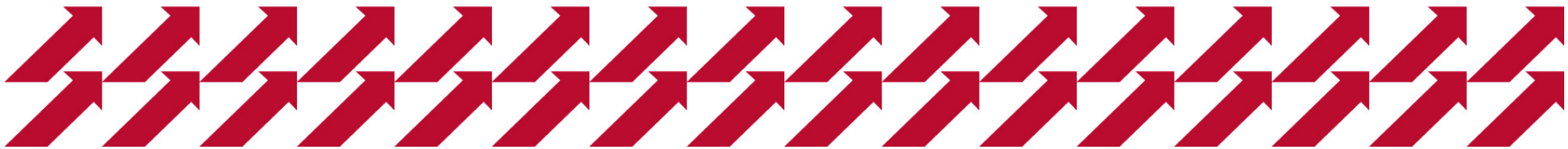


(C) Rebuild Black Elementary

\$44.2M



A new elementary school will provide updated learning spaces for students from Black Traditional Magnet Elementary and OK Elementary schools.

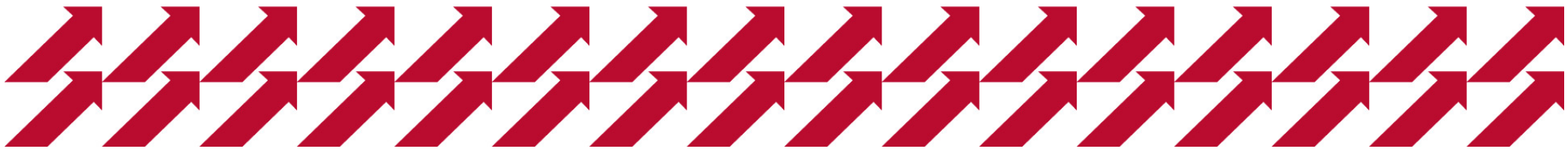


(D) Rebuild McLean Elementary

\$44.2M



A new elementary school will provide students at McLean Science and Technology Magnet Elementary school with updated learning spaces.

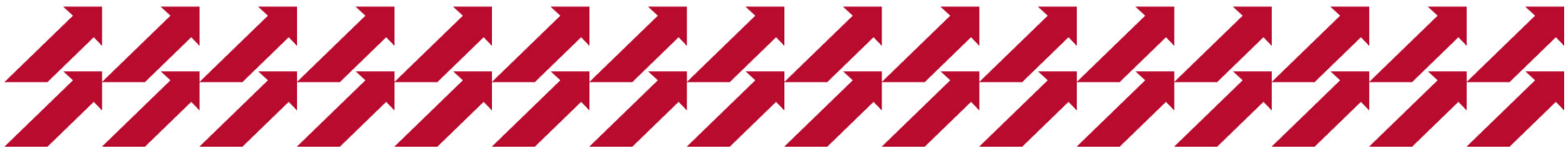


(E) Rebuild Chisholm Trail as a K-8

\$81.3M



A new K-8 building would replace the existing Chisholm Trail Elementary. It would be located in an area of Park City that is the focus of significant public investment and long-term planning by the City.

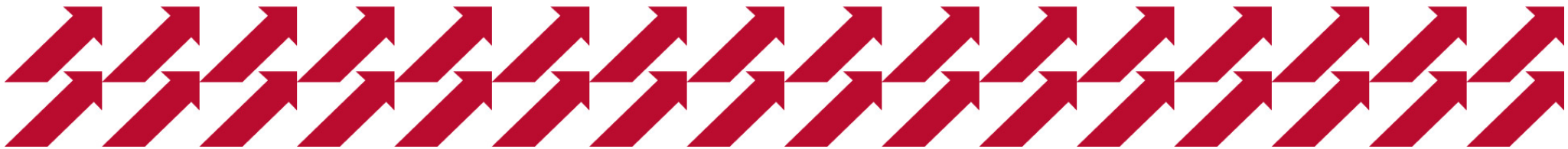


(F) Renovate Cessna as K–8

\$45.3M



A wing to house grades 6-8 would be added on to the existing K-5 Cessna Elementary School building.



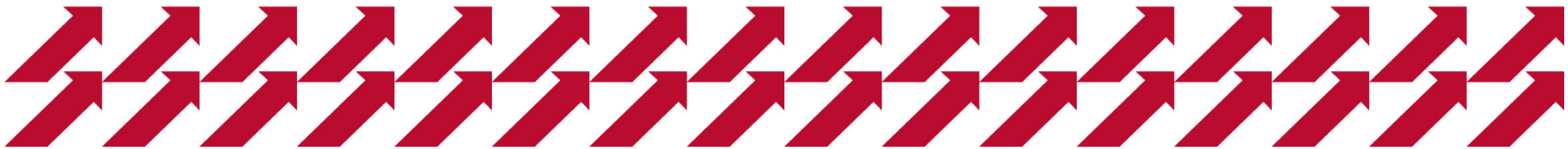
(R) Rebuild Coleman Middle

\$106M



A rebuilt Coleman Middle School would be located on the same property. The environmental magnet theme would be enhanced in a new space.

The existing middle school would be repurposed to accommodate special programming.

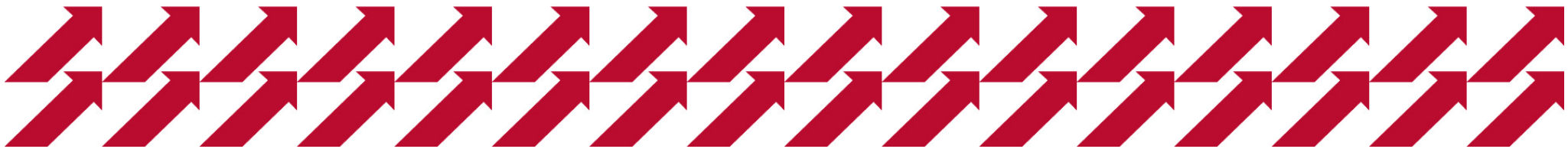


(S) Rebuild Adams Elementary

\$42M



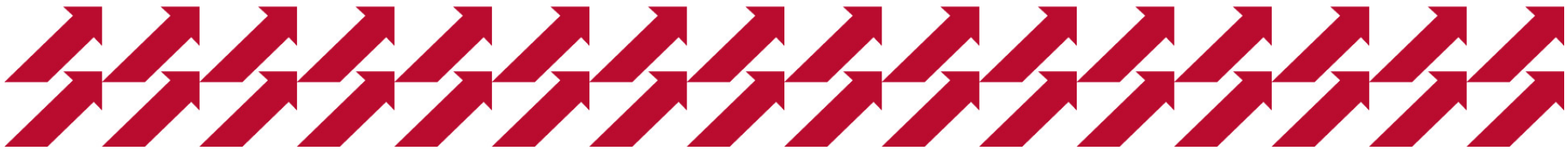
A rebuilt Adams Elementary School would continue to serve its existing neighborhood, which is located in a high-density area that is not expected to drop in enrollment.



A vision for the future

Improve experience and efficiency

- Traffic flow improvements at Seltzer Elementary, Isely Traditional Magnet K-8 School and Christa McAuliffe K-8 Academy
- Add air conditioning to middle and high school gymnasiums and other learning spaces that don't have it:
 - Allison, Marshall, Hamilton, Curtis (2), Stucky (2), Mead, Brooks, Mayberry, Pleasant Valley, Robinson, Hadley
 - Northwest, North, South, West, Heights
 - Future Ready Center for Manufacturing
- Expand Horace Mann at Hadley; move Irving Elementary to Horace Mann
- Renovate OK for an Early Childhood Center



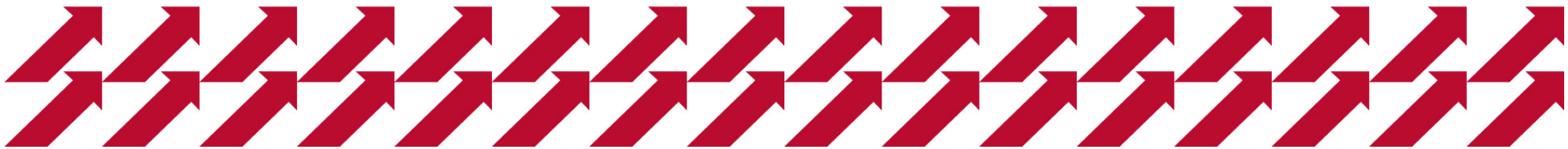
(J) Improve Traffic Flow at Select Schools

\$5M



This project would begin to address traffic flow around Christa McAuliffe K-8 Academy, Isely Traditional Magnet K-8 School, and Seltzer Elementary School.

Improvements would be accomplished in a variety of ways, including moving traffic flow onto WPS property, purchasing surrounding property to remove vehicles from on-street parking and/or on-property improvements to separate vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

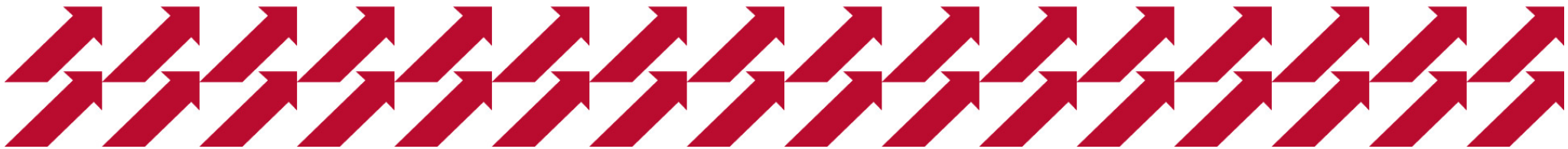


(K) HVAC in PE & Other Learning Spaces

\$15M



The project would add air conditioning to gymnasiums at middle and high schools and the Future Ready Center for Manufacturing that currently don't have air conditioning. The gymnasiums are used for physical education classes as well as activities and athletics events.



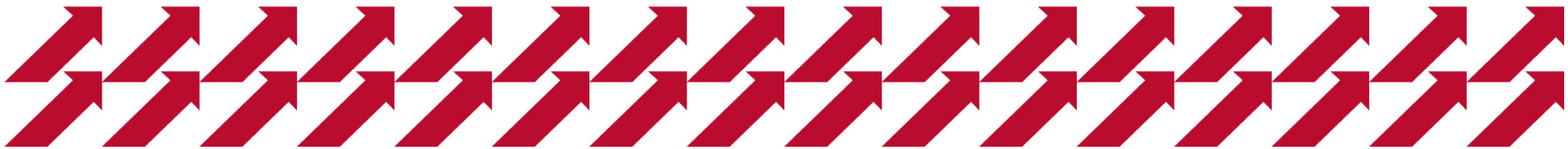
(L) Move Horace Mann to Hadley Move Irving to Horace Mann

\$11M



This project would renovate the former Hadley Middle School to serve as the new home to Horace Mann Dual Language Magnet, allowing for this popular magnet to expand.

After the move is complete, Irving Elementary School would move into the Horace Mann site which is approximately one mile away.



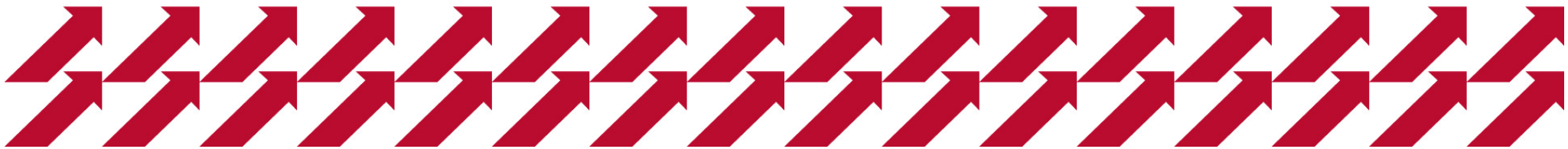
(M) Renovate OK Elementary into Early Childhood Center

\$9M



This project would improve the building of the current OK Elementary to allow for the consolidation of early childhood services.

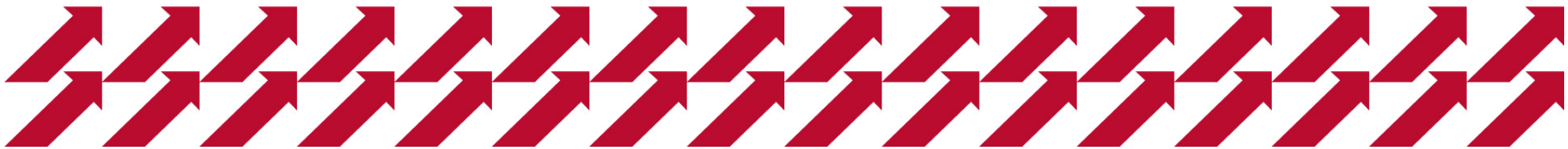
Currently, Little Early Childhood Center, the Early Childhood Outcomes Team, Parents as Teachers and Early Childhood staff are spread across the district. This move into a central location would allow for better parent experience and expansion of services.



A vision for the future

Preserve Wichita's oldest high schools

- North High School Preservation
- East High School Preservation
- Preservation work at high schools 50-70 years old
 - South, West, Northwest, Heights

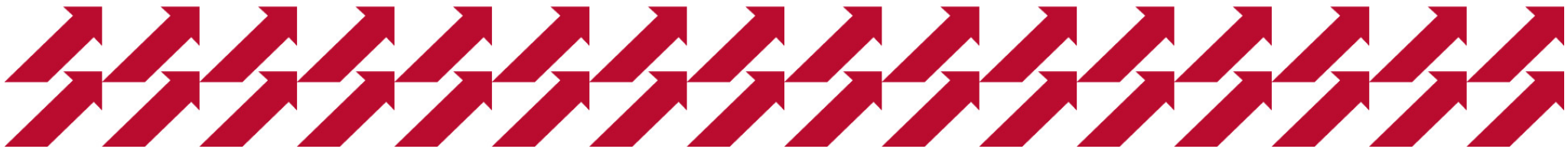


(G) North High Preservation

\$20M



North High has undergone extensive structural, foundation and other work to maintain its historic integrity. This funding would help offset the work that still needs to be completed, much of which is not visible to those in or around the building. This amount would not pay for this work entirely.

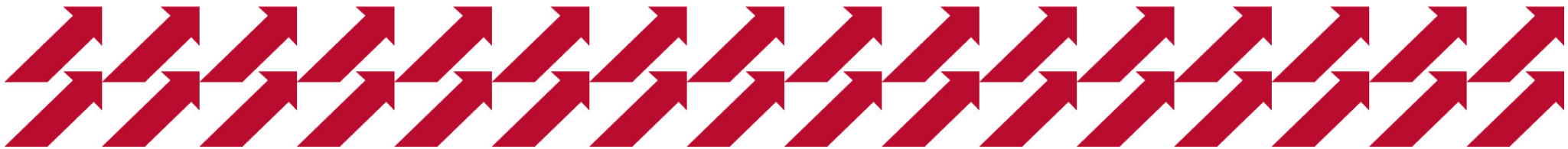


(H) East High Preservation

\$20M



East High School has undergone extensive structural, foundation and other work to maintain its historic integrity. This funding would help offset the work that still needs to be completed, much of which is not visible to those in or around the building. This amount would not pay for this work entirely.

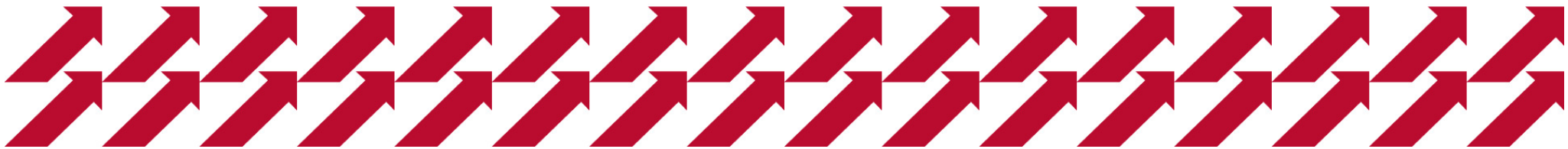


(I) Preservation at Four 50–70-year-old High Schools

\$4M



This funding would help offset the work that needs to be completed to preserve the exterior of four high schools, including exterior preservation roofs, brick and foundation restoration, and building envelope features (could include drainage/grading, etc.)

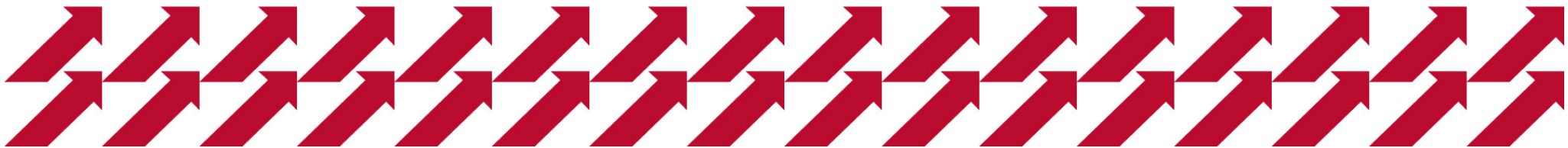


Proposal 1

Question 1	
Build new FutureReady Center for Trades	\$28,200,000
Rebuild Truesdell Middle School	\$103,900,000
Rebuild Black Traditional Magnet Elementary School	\$44,200,000
Rebuild McLean Science and Technology Magnet Elementary School	\$44,200,000
Rebuild Chisholm Trail Elementary School as K-8	\$81,300,000
Add middle school wing onto Cessna Elementary School	\$45,300,000
North High School Preservation	\$20,000,000
East High School Preservation	\$20,000,000
Preservation work at high schools 50-70 years old	\$4,000,000
Improve traffic flow at select elementary/K-8 schools	\$5,000,000
Improve air quality in select learning spaces	\$15,000,000

Renovate former middle school to expand Horace Mann Dual Language Magnet, Repurpose Horace Mann for Irving Elementary	\$11,000,000
Renovate space for early childhood center	\$9,000,000
Improve CTE spaces at South High School	\$8,400,000
Improve CTE spaces at Northwest High School	\$7,000,000
Improve CTE spaces and update secondary auditorium at Heights High School	\$11,300,000
Improve CTE spaces and parking at West High School	\$9,200,000
Total	\$467,000,000

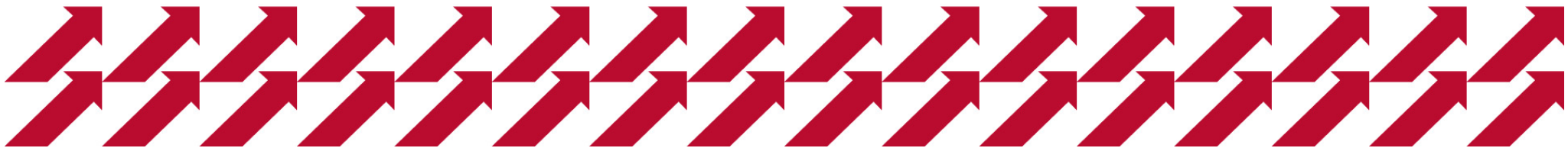
Question 2	
Rebuild Coleman Middle School	\$106,000,000
Rebuild Adams Elementary	\$42,000,000
Total	\$148,000,000



Proposal 2

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Rebuild Truesdell Middle School	\$103,900,000
Rebuild Black Traditional Magnet Elementary School	\$44,200,000
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Rebuild Chisholm Trail Elementary School as K-8	\$81,300,000
Add middle school wing onto Cessna Elementary School	\$45,300,000
North High School Preservation	\$20,000,000
East High School Preservation	\$20,000,000
Improve traffic flow at select elementary/K-8 schools	\$5,000,000
Improve air quality in select learning spaces	\$15,000,000
Total	\$407,100,000

Question 2	
Renovate former middle school to expand Horace Mann Dual Language Magnet, Repurpose Horace Mann for Irving Elementary	\$11,000,000
Renovate space for early childhood center	\$9,000,000
Improve CTE spaces at South High School	\$8,400,000
Improve CTE spaces at Northwest High School	\$7,000,000
Improve CTE spaces and update secondary auditorium at Heights High School	\$11,300,000
Improve CTE spaces and parking at West High School	\$9,200,000
Rebuild Coleman Middle School	\$106,000,000
Rebuild Adams Elementary	\$42,000,000
Preservation work at high schools 50-70 years old	\$4,000,000
Total	\$207,900,000



Proposal 3

Question 1	
Build new FutureReady Center for Trades	\$28,200,000
Rebuild Truesdell Middle School	\$103,900,000
Rebuild Black Traditional Magnet Elementary School	\$44,200,000
Rebuild McLean Science and Technology Magnet Elementary School	\$44,200,000
Rebuild Chisholm Trail Elementary School as K-8	\$81,300,000
Add middle school wing onto Cessna Elementary School	\$45,300,000
North High School Preservation	\$20,000,000
East High School Preservation	\$20,000,000
Total	\$387,100,000

Question 2	
Improve traffic flow at select elementary/K-8 schools	\$5,000,000
Improve air quality in select learning spaces	\$15,000,000
Renovate former middle school to expand Horace Mann Dual Language Magnet, Repurpose Horace Mann for Irving Elementary	\$11,000,000
Renovate space for early childhood center	\$9,000,000
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Improve CTE spaces and update secondary auditorium at Heights High School	\$11,300,000
Improve CTE spaces and parking at West High School	\$9,200,000
Rebuild Coleman Middle School	\$106,000,000
Rebuild Adams Elementary	\$42,000,000
Preservation work at high schools 50-70 years old	\$4,000,000
Total	\$227,900,000



Estimated tax implications

(compared to taxes paid today on a \$200,000 home)

Proposal 1		Proposal 2		Proposal 3	
Question 1	+\$20/annual	Question 1	\$0/annual	Question 1	- \$5 annual
Question 2		Question 2		Question 2	
Proposal 1 total	+\$50/annual	Proposal 2 total	+\$50/annual	Proposal 3 total	+\$50/annual

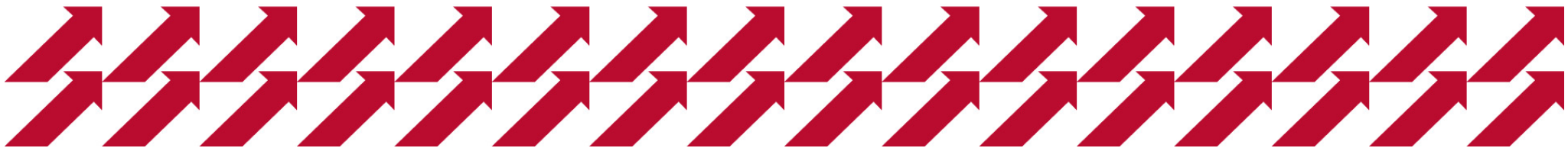


\$20 annually = \$1.66 month
Around the price of a fountain
soda

\$50 annually = \$4.16 month
Around the price of a gallon of
milk

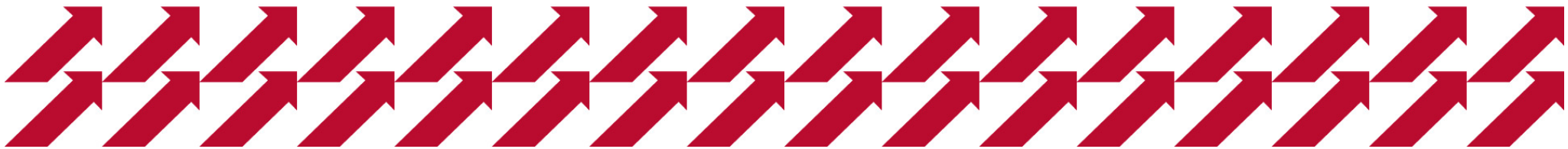


If a two-question proposal is presented on the ballot, the first question would have to pass for the second question to pass. Additional education will be needed.



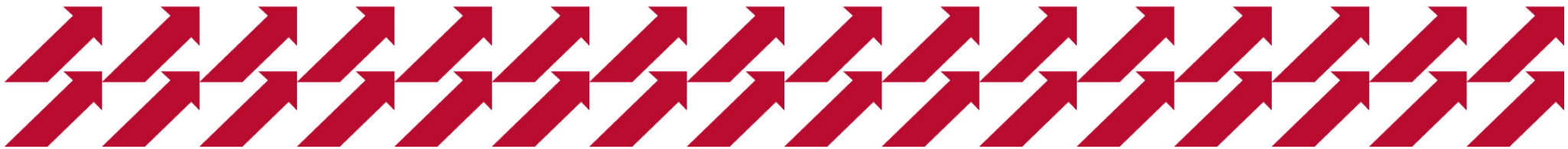
How the feedback process will work

- In-person events – collecting feedback digitally or on paper, language support will be available
- Online at www.wpsbond.org (live Apr 7)
- WPS is seeking feedback on the proposals as presented
- Participants can also **Build a Bond** (available Apr 7-24) to select their own combination of projects and dollar amount
- WPS is gathering feedback from staff, families and community



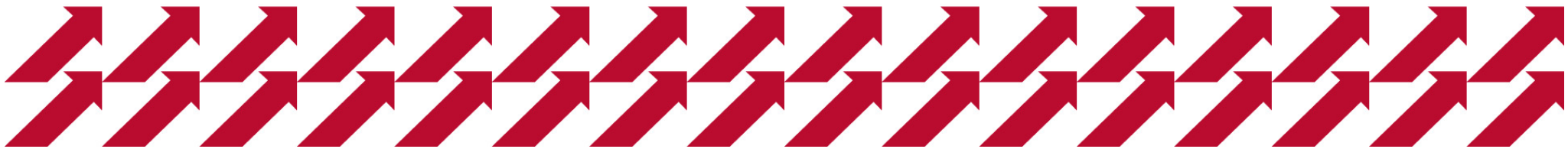
In-person engagement opportunities

- April 7 – Horace Mann
- April 8 – Southeast High School
- April 9, WPS Foundation Lunch (RSVP required)
- April 13 & 14 - UTW-hosted teacher engagement (staff only)
- April 15 – Mueller Elementary
- April 19, Open Streets (WSU)
- April 20, AMAC
- April 21 – Northwest High School
- April 22 – Chisholm Trail Elementary
- April 23 – Truesdell Middle School
- Staff and Site council meetings
- Community Advisory Councils



Timeline

- April 6: Proposals unveiled to Board of Education
- April 7-24: community engagement, in-person and online
- May 4: Recommendation made to the Board
- June 1: *Anticipated* Board vote to place a bond proposal on the ballot in November's general election
- Summer: *Anticipated* In-person community engagement
- Fall: *Anticipated* In-person family and staff engagement; virtual/digital community engagement



Other ways to engage with WPS

- Sign up for the community e-newsletter:

www.usd259.org/strategic-communications/newsletter

- Take our annual community engagement survey

