

Community Task Force Presentation

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AREA PUBLIC
SCHOOL DISTRICT



Building Life Expectancies

U.S. National Average

The average age of a public-school instructional building in the U.S. is 49 years.

Deterioration Milestones

Rapid deterioration typically begins after 40 years of service.

Extended Life Cycles

Many schools last 60+ years, but maintaining them comes at a significantly increased cost.

Aging Infrastructure

45% of schools nationally were built between 1950 and 1969, nearing the end of their design life.

Source: National Center for Educational Statistics

2018 Capital Referendum

\$75.9 Million Approved for District Capital Improvements

Safety & Maintenance

- Funded critical deferred maintenance needs across the district.
- Secured main entrances to all buildings for enhanced safety.
- Upgraded video and surveillance systems.

Learning Environments

- Created equitable learning spaces for all elementary students.
- Separated cafeteria and gym spaces to maximize functional use.

Specialized Space Expansions

- Expanded technical education spaces and the cafeteria to meet student needs.
- Created a new lower commons space at SPASH to improve student interaction and flow.

Work Completed

- Facility projects approved in the 2018 referendum were completed on time and under budget.

2024 Operational Referendum

\$14M Approved to Maintain District Learning and Operations

Operational dollars support learning and maintain general operations of the district.

Of the approved **\$14M** referendum, **\$1.5M** was allocated to aid in funding the **10 Year Capital Needs Plan**.



Supports Learning



District Operations



Facility Maintenance

Age of SPAPSD Buildings

Facility Aging and Renovation History

Average age of a school in our District is 59 years

- Remodels in 2020 – 2022 (\$75.9M Investment)
- Remodels in 1994-1996



Age of Secondary Schools

SPASH

Year Built: 1971

Age: 55

Ben Franklin

Year Built: 1968

Age: 58

P.J. Jacobs

Year Built: 1936

Age: 90

PODS/CFC

Year Built: 1968

Age: 58

Age of Elementary Buildings

Bannach

Year Built: 1992

Age: 34

Jefferson

Year Built: 1955

Age: 71

Kennedy

Year Built: 1961

Age: 65

Madison

Year Built: 1968

Age: 58

McDill

Year Built: 1953

Age: 73

McKinley

Year Built: 1957

Age: 69

Plover-Whiting

Year Built: 1973

Age: 53

Roosevelt

Year Built: 1957

Age: 69

Washington

Year Built: 1963

Age: 63

Building Overview



1.3 M

Total Sq Feet



332

Site Acres



\$44.7M

Original Cost

Buildings & Grounds Annual Budget

Total Budget: Approximately \$5.7 Million

Operation Costs

~\$5 Million

- Electricity and Gas: \$1.5M
- Snow removal & garbage service
- Cleaning and Supplies: \$137K
(Hand towels, toilet paper, soap, etc.)
- Equipment maintenance

Major Projects

~\$700 Thousand

Current Challenge:

- Significant funding gap for large-scale needs
- **Example: Roofing Project**
Cost: \$2.2M
- *Note: Annual set-aside only covers ~32% of a single major roofing project.*

Buildings & Grounds - 10 Year Capital Needs

Ben Franklin

\$5,942,000

Key Projects

- Roofing & Stage Lighting
- Bathroom Remodel & Chiller Replacement
- Parking Lot & Fitness Room

P.J. Jacobs

\$3,835,500

Key Projects

- Roofing, Flooring & Exterior Doors
- Windows & Chiller Replacement
- Locker Room Updates

SPASH

\$3,164,000

Key Projects

- Roofing & Flooring
- Bathroom Remodel
- Chiller Replacement & Parking Lot

PoDS/CFC

\$1,560,000

Key Projects

- HVAC Boilers & Uni-vents
- Air Handling Units & Plumbing
- Playground Asphalt

Building & Grounds - 10 Year Capital Needs

McDill

\$1,873,000

Key Needs

- Roofing
- Windows
- Exterior Doors

McKinley

\$1,740,000

Key Needs

- Roofing & Windows
- Exterior Doors
- Gym Flooring

Roosevelt

\$1,540,000

Key Needs

- Roofing & Windows
- Exterior Doors
- Playground Asphalt

Kennedy

\$1,215,000

Key Needs

- Roofing
- Boiler Replacement
- Plumbing Updates

Madison

\$1,095,000

Key Needs

- Exterior Doors & Parking Lot
- Athletic Fields Drainage
- Plumbing & Bathroom Updates

Bannach

\$1,050,000

Key Projects

- Roofing
- Windows
- Exterior Doors

Buildings & Grounds - 10 Year Capital Needs

Plover-Whiting

\$995,000

Key Projects

- Roofing
- Chiller Replacement
- Playground Asphalt

Bliss

\$667,000

Key Projects

- HVAC Chiller
- Ductwork replacement

Jefferson

\$615,000

Key Needs

- Roofing
- Exterior Doors

Support Services

\$535,000

Key Projects

- Roofs
- Doors

Washington

\$327,000

Key Projects

- Tile Replacement
- Gym Ceiling
- Plumbing

Transportation

\$200,000

Key Projects

- Doors
- EIFC South Walls
- Plumbing

SPAPSD School Buildings Overview

Facility Status

Aging Buildings

Nearing end of life cycle for many schools.

Current Infrastructure

Below average for today's educational needs.

Financial Reality

Operating Budget

Covers operations but leaves little for improvements.

Unfunded Capital Projects

\$30+ Million

Critical investment is required to bridge the \$30M+ funding gap for our school infrastructure.

Transportation: Routes & Students

SPAPSD transportation department covers **400 square miles**, providing transportation to all eligible public and private school students traveling approximately **950,000 miles** per year.



123

Total Routes

AM, Midday 4K, PM



5

Special Ed Routes

Operated daily



800-900

Field Trips

Annual average



650-700

Athletic Trips

Annual average

4,189 Total Students Transported (2025-26)

3,835

Public School

354

Private School

Transportation: Employees & Fleet

86 Employees

64 Drivers

15 Educational Assistants

4 Office Staff

3 Mechanics

Our Fleet

70 Buses
(Includes 5 wheelchair buses)

5 Vans
(Includes 2 wheelchair vans)

Partnership with Lamers Bus Lines

5 of our **123** routes covering the Junction City Area

Ride Times



Average Ride Time

40 minutes



Maximum Actual

84 minutes



Route Target

<90 minutes



Transportation: Walk Distances

Walk Distances by Grade Level

4K: No Walk Distance

Kindergarten: 1 mile

All other students: 2 miles



Jefferson Elementary is a Walk Only School



Questions & Thank You!



Transportation Efficiency

The Transportation Department is providing necessary busing services in an **economical and practical way.**

Annual Cost Per Pupil - Per Square Mile in Dollars

	2019-20 Annual	2020-21 Annual	2021-22 Annual	2022-23 Annual	2023-24 Annual
D C Everest Area	3.26	3.48	3.75	3.65	3.86
Marshfield Unified	1.98	2.64	3.10	3.23	3.36
Stevens Point	1.51	1.62	1.48	1.64	1.86
Wausau	1.59	1.49	1.84	1.82	1.99
Wisconsin Rapids	2.74	2.56	2.97	2.84	2.81

✓ Safety is not compromised in making our operations efficient, nor do we compromise safety to keep buses on schedule.

Source: <https://dpi.wi.gov/sfs/statistical/cost-revenue/section-d#Item%201c>

2020-2022 Referendum Upgrades

HVAC - Controls Conversion, Heating and Cooling, Ventilation Updates

Plumbing - Water Heaters, Galvanized Piping, and Sewer Piping Replacements

Electrical - LED Lighting, Fire Alarms, Generator Replacements

Roofing Replacement

Site Upgrades - Parking Lots, Parent and Bus Drop off, ADA Accessibility

Interior - ADA Accessibility, Carpet, Tile, and Ceiling Tile Replacement

Food Service - Kitchen and Kitchen Expansion

Our Work Together

Focus Area: Facilities and Operations

Staying Grounded in the Work

Task Force Goal

Develop thoughtful, workable options for the future of our schools.

Ask Good Questions

If something does not make sense, we should name it and seek understanding.

Keep Moving Toward the Charge

Our purpose is to use baseline information, approved criteria, and a District-wide lens to evaluate what comes next.