



What is the estimated tax impact?

The estimated total cost of the proposed improvements is \$68 million. If approved, for the LY2026 Tax Bill, homeowners with a \$300,000 assessed valued home would see an increase of \$604, or approximately \$50 per month, significantly less than the previous proposal. This estimate does not include the standard homeowner exemption, or other possible exemptions, which would result in a lower tax impact.

An online tax calculator will be provided in order to allow taxpayers to calculate their potential impact.



We Asked, You Answered, »»» *We Listened!*

The district worked with architects to revise the proposal to focus on the consistent priority item that was identified throughout the process, Central Middle School. The new proposal is \$41.8 million less than the previous proposal and is focused on safety and security, modern learning environments, and establishing a school that could serve current and future generations of students in Evergreen Park.

Do you want to get a closer look?
Schedule a tour today to visit our schools at
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Learn more about
the Proposal:
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D124 Facilities Proposal

Vote November 3, 2026

PREPARING for the Future

Evergreen Park Elementary School District 124 has a long history of bringing high quality learning to the PreK-8 students in Evergreen Park.

After hearing from our community on a larger proposal, we have revised the plans to focus on the main priority, Central Middle School. The Board of Education will decide this summer about having voters participate in a November 3, 2026 election to cast their vote about the proposal.

Get more details in this guide!

Why focus on Central Middle School?

District 124 seeks the community's input on a \$68 million bond issue to be used to replace Central Middle School with a new, modern facility that will serve current and future generations of students in Evergreen Park.

At nearly a century old, Central Middle School has some of the most urgent needs, including:

- Overcrowded classrooms and hallways with poor circulation and accessibility concerns
- 17 separate entry points, raising security concerns
- Outdated, inefficient HVAC and mechanical systems
- Basement classrooms and cafeteria with no natural light
- Undersized library/media center, science labs, and common areas
- No auditorium or collaborative learning spaces
- Traffic congestion and parking issues that affect student and community safety



A replacement middle school would feature:

- ✓ 98,000 square feet within a three-story design
- ✓ Appropriately sized to accommodate current needs and provide flexibility for future readiness
- ✓ Built adjacent to the existing facility, allowing students to remain in the current building throughout construction
- ✓ Stronger building security and improved ADA accessibility
- ✓ Improved air quality and climate control with updated mechanical systems
- ✓ Flexible classrooms to support modern instruction
- ✓ Updated science labs and a new library/media center
- ✓ A combined gym/auditorium with space for community use
- ✓ Improved parking and traffic flow



The Proposal At a Glance

Why build new instead of renovating?

Constructing a new school would have many anticipated advantages over renovating the current facility, including:

- Improved safety and security
- Lower maintenance costs and higher energy efficiency
- Ending the cycle of expensive, temporary fixes
- A shorter construction timeline
- Less disruptive to student and staff
- Eliminates the need for patchwork solutions (start fresh)
- Significantly more natural light
- Future-ready design that allows for more collaboration, project-based learning, and technology integration

What would the timeline be if approved?

August 2026

The Board of Education approves ballot question

November 2026

Election

6-8 months to create drawings

June 2027

Construction Bids

July 2027

Break ground

18 months of construction

Summer 2029

Demolition of the existing facility and finishing touches at new facility

August 2029

Staff move in

First Day of School 2029

New CMS facility open to students