



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MONROE

# MHS REFERENDUM

VOTE NOVEMBER 8th, 2022



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## »» WHAT IS ON THE NOVEMBER 8 BALLOT?

On March 28th, 2022, the Monroe Board of Education unanimously approved and adopted a resolution entitled "Initial Resolution Authorizing General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$88,000,000" providing for a referendum election on the November 8th, 2022 ballot to seek approval for the construction of a new high school on a new site. The referendum will also provide funding for capital maintenance and mechanical systems improvements at Abraham Lincoln Elementary.

## »» WHY PROPOSE A REFERENDUM NOW?

In April of 2021, voters approved a \$5.6 million referendum for repairs, updates, and improvements at Northside Elementary School. Since then, CG Schmidt has been working on completing a wide range of projects - installing ADA-compliant restroom facilities, upgraded LED lighting, a new HVAC system, sprinklers, a PA system, and more. The project is set for completion by the start of the 2022-2023 school year.

July 2021, the District Facilities Committee resumed meeting to discuss the next focus of the District facilities modernization plan and research options to address the deteriorating Monroe High School. Over the next several months, the Facilities Committee researched and discussed several solutions and presented two options to the Board of Education in November 2021. A community survey determined building a new school on a new site was most supported by our families and stakeholders. Sixty-three percent of the survey respondents were in favor of this plan.

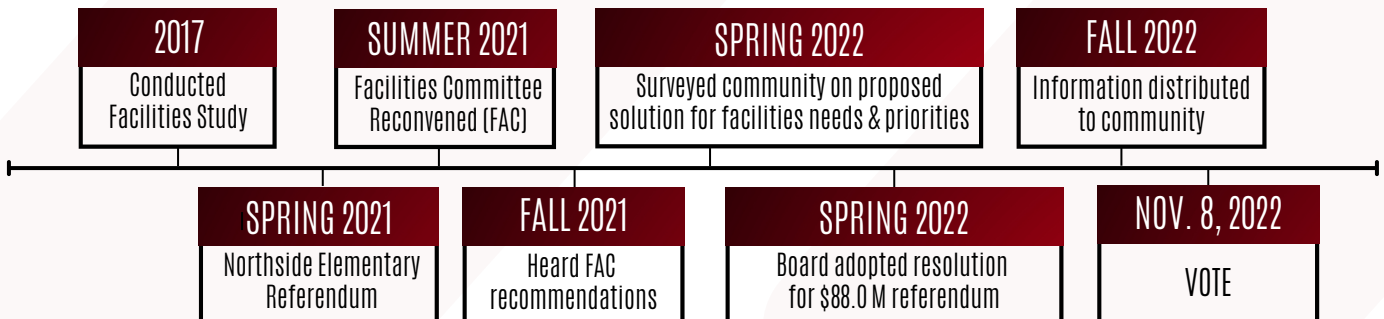


»» Conceptual Rendering

»» *New high school on a new site*

»» *Capital maintenance and mechanical systems improvements at Abraham Lincoln Elementary*

## »» LONG-RANGE FACILITY MASTER PLANNING PROCESS HIGHLIGHTS



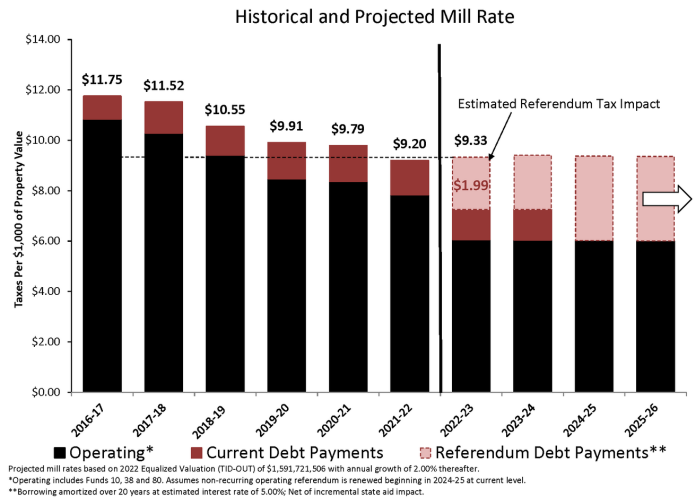
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## » HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

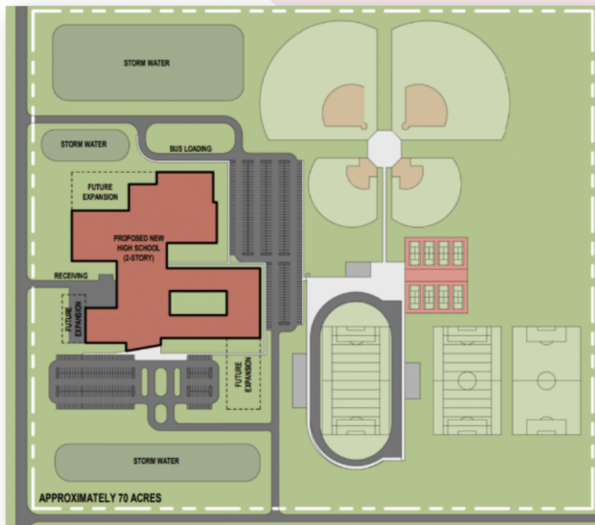
The referendum question is for \$88 million, which would generate a projected tax rate of \$1.99 per \$1,000 of valuation. On October 15th, the Department of Public Instruction released the 2022-2023 revenue limit and state aid allocations. The new projected levy rate with a passed referendum would be \$9.33, a 13 cent increase from the 2021-2022 levy rate of \$9.20.

**A levy rate increase of \$.13 would equate to \$13 for a \$100,000 home and \$26 for a \$200,000 home.**



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## » WHAT ARE THE RECOMMENDED SOLUTIONS?



» Conceptual Site Plan

### HIGH SCHOOL

- Flexible classrooms and spaces for student collaboration and project-based learning.
- Modern Career and Technical Education (CTE) classrooms to support courses in engineering, manufacturing, agriculture, woods, welding, and electronics as well as a commercial kitchen.
- Four-court gym and auditorium for performances.
- Sufficient parking and proper separation of pedestrians and vehicle/bus traffic.
- Energy-efficient systems and more natural lighting, HVAC air quality and improved ventilation.
- Ability to serve current enrollment and be easily expandable for future growth/expansion.

### ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS

- Continue to operate Abraham Lincoln, Parkside, and Northside as elementary schools.
- Continue to operate Monroe Middle School to serve students in 6th through 8th grade.
- Renovate Abraham Lincoln Elementary, replace the aging building systems.
- All 3 elementary schools will have sound mechanical systems in place.

