

Facility Improvement Referendum Fact Sheet



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Ripon Area
School District

Building Our Future

Vote November 4!

Two referendum questions to appear on the ballot:

Question 1

Question 1: requests permission to borrow funds not to exceed \$29.1 million for paying the cost of constructing additions to, renovating and remodeling the high school to create a combined middle school and high school on one campus; demolishing the current middle school to convert the space into a parking lot and tennis courts; undertaking safety, security and other improvements at the elementary schools; and acquiring furnishings, fixtures and equipment.

Question 2

Question 2: requests the continuation of the existing \$500,000 operational referendum for the 2015-2016 school year through 2020-2021 for non-recurring purposes consisting of updating curriculum, updating technology, performing maintenance and replacing vehicles.

Why this plan?

Average Life Expectancy of a School Building: **40 Years**

Renovations help to extend the building's life, but the Middle School has been in use for 75 years, 35 years longer than the average expectancy.

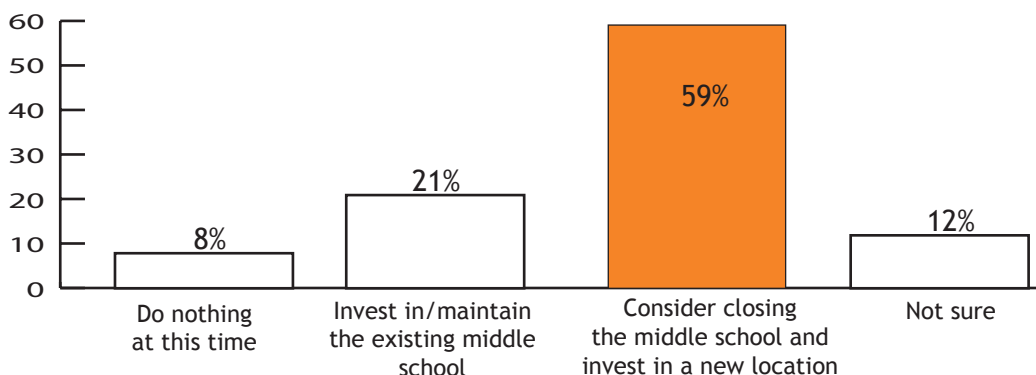
School	Year Built
Middle School	1939
High School	1963
Murray Park Elementary School	1992
Barlow Park Elementary School	1999

The District has the responsibility to provide learning environments that meet the basic physical and emotional needs of students while being fiscally responsible and good stewards of taxpayers' dollars.

In recent years, the District has been focused on developing educational initiatives to better prepare our students for careers, college and life after high school. The District has made a commitment to provide students and staff with the training, support, and resources needed for success.

It's now time to address our outdated school facilities by providing safe, affordable, accessible, and equitable schools for all students and staff. The District has been working with the community for more than a year to define a long-term Facilities Master Plan to cost-effectively repair and revitalize our aging facilities.

Our schools have become inefficient and outdated. Furthermore, the Middle School has exceeded its useful life. The proposed plan would demolish the existing school and create a combined Middle School and High School facility. With renovations and additions, the existing High School building can continue to be used. This project maintains the pool, improves the auditorium and adds a gym, cafeteria, and classroom space to accommodate all students in grades 6-12. The combined facility can still accommodate an increase in enrollment, while maximizing operating efficiency by consolidating from two schools into one school. This plan provides a long-term solution for Ripon Area School District.

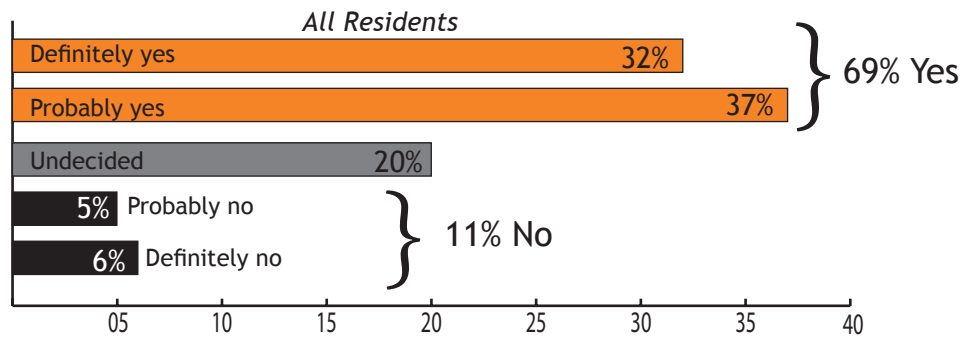


When residents were asked how the Board should proceed with planning for the Middle School...

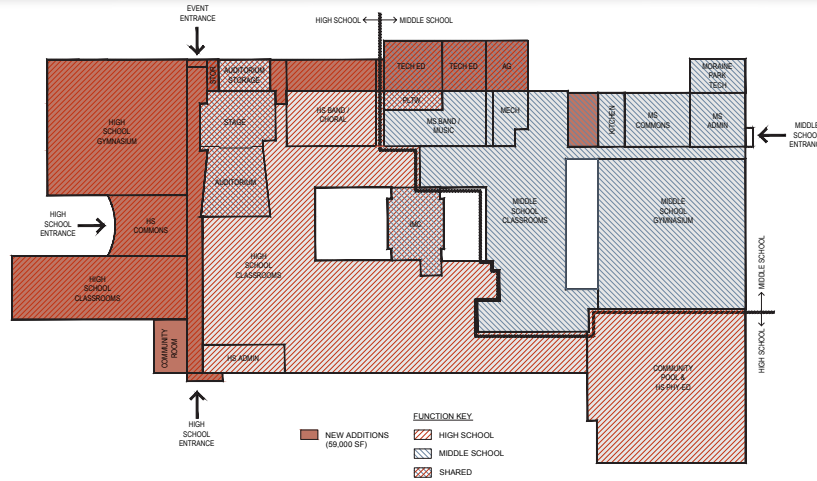
59%
support closing
the middle school.

69%

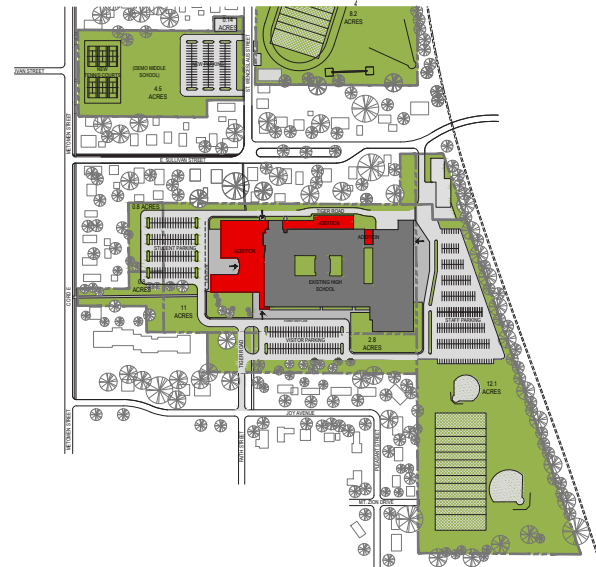
of district residents indicated they would likely support the continuation of the \$500,000 operational referendum.



What is included in this plan?



- ✓ Increased Safety and Security
- ✓ Updated HVAC Systems
- ✓ All Schools Meet ADA Regulations
- ✓ Improved Annual Operating Budget
- ✓ Flexible/Adaptable Learning Spaces
- ✓ Energy Improvements and Savings
- ✓ New and Improved Middle School and High School Facility
- ✓ New Gymnasium
- ✓ Buildings Operate More Efficiently
- ✓ New Tennis Courts
- ✓ Expands School and Event Parking
- ✓ Access to Latest Technology
- ✓ Updated Pool and Locker Rooms
- ✓ Proximity to Ingalls Field
- ✓ MS Students Have Access to HS Programming
- ✓ Spaces for Community Use
- ✓ Reconfiguration of Under Utilized Spaces



What is the tax impact?

NOT TO EXCEED TOTAL Project Cost: \$29,100,000	Estimated AVERAGE ANNUAL Prop-erty Tax Impact:	Estimated AVERAGE MONTHLY Property Tax Impact:
Increase per \$100,000 of property value	\$119.00	\$9.92
Increase per \$200,000 of property value	\$238.00	\$19.83
Increase per \$300,000 of property value	\$330.00	\$27.50

Principal repayment & borrowing of funds extended over 20 years at 4.5% interest rate.

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