

*School District of Weyauwega –Fremont
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Referendum Information Enclosed

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REFERENDUM FACT SHEET

TRANSFORMING OUR HIGH SCHOOL AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

On November 8, 2016 the Weyauwega- Fremont School District will ask every resident to vote on a referendum question authorizing the School District to make improvements to our facilities.

Referendum Question: Asks the voters to approve the borrowing of an amount not to exceed \$21,000,000 for school building improvements consisting of additions, renovations and repairs/ replacements to our High School and Fremont Elementary.

Why a Referendum? A community task force and the School Board concluded that we need to improve our schools to ready our students for future careers and to provide modern day safety and security improvements. There was a decision to focus on the High School which has not seen significant educational revisions since 1969. Technology and society has changed since 1969 and the group felt that the school program spaces should address these changes to better our student's opportunities for learning.

How was this plan developed?

In 2014, the Weyauwega-Fremont School District Board of Education began a planning process to identify our facility and educational needs at all of our schools. In the summer of 2014 Architects and Engineers analyzed the facility conditions and the educational needs. Engineers reviewed the mechanical / electrical / technology systems. Architects analyzed materials, how the curriculum fits the buildings and gathered input from community, staff and students regarding the educational conditions of the schools. A report was prepared summarizing the needs, costs and options to consider for improvements. In the fall of 2014, a community based committee reviewed the report of the facilities and educational condition of the schools. The committee prioritized the improvements they felt were MOST needed to improve our schools. They understood that all needs can not be met financially and collaboratively summarized the needs in this referendum. In 2015 and 2016 the school board obtained more input which further refined the recommendation that is brought to you in this referendum.

District Mission Statement:

Creating a foundation of excellence for success in tomorrow's world.

District Vision Statement:

Creating wisdom through pride, passion, and honor.



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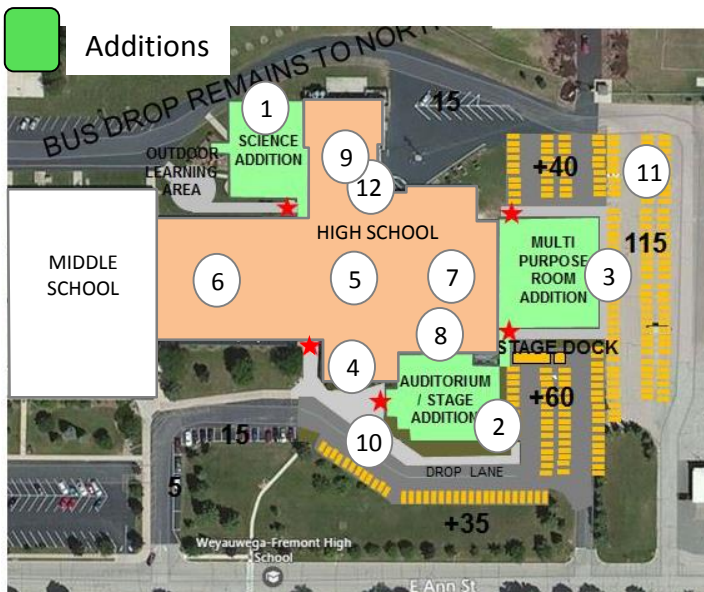
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What is included in the referendum?

High School Additions: The High School improvements focus on additions for Science, Technology, Engineering, Agriculture, Physical Education, Community programs, and a Fine Arts Auditorium.

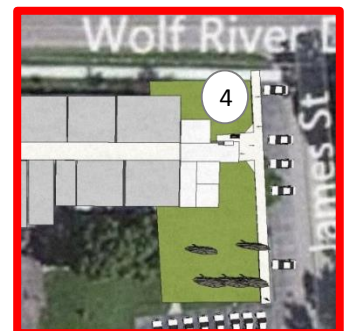
High School Renovations: and Repairs The High School improvements via renovations and repairs focus on creating a secure entry at the main entry, the improvement of all classroom spaces, creation of collaboration spaces (old Library type spaces) near the classrooms, creation of a larger cafeteria or student commons spaces which also increases the community area for events in the gymnasium, adding and improving the art spaces, creation of a large group forum room for 125 student gatherings, relocation of the vocal music room near the band and new auditorium, reclaiming old agriculture room for back stage auditorium needs for the performers and program, replacing old fixtures and lockers in the gymnasium locker rooms, providing new bleachers at the gymnasium, remodeling of the physics, engineering labs, woods and metal shops, updating old toilet rooms, implementing energy efficient systems, improve indoor air quality, enhance technology cabling and access and material replacements.

Fremont Elementary School Addition: Fremont Elementary improvements focus on an addition at the new east side entry of the building to create a secure entry and adjacent administrative spaces. The additional spaces will free space up in the school for program use.



High School Proposed Site Improvement Plan \$20,600,568

- 1 Science Addition
- 2 Auditorium Addition
- 3 Multipurpose Addition
- 4 Secure Entry Remodeling at HS, addition at Fremont
- 5 Larger and Improved Commons / Cafeteria
- 6 Improved Classrooms
- 7 Locker Room / Bleacher Improvements
- 8 Relocated Vocal Room
- 9 Improved Shops
- 10 New Car Drop Off
- 11 Additional Parking
- 12 Mechanical / Electrical / Technology / Materials Replacements and Repairs



Fremont ES Secure Entry Proposed Plan \$399,432

Total Referendum \$21,000,000

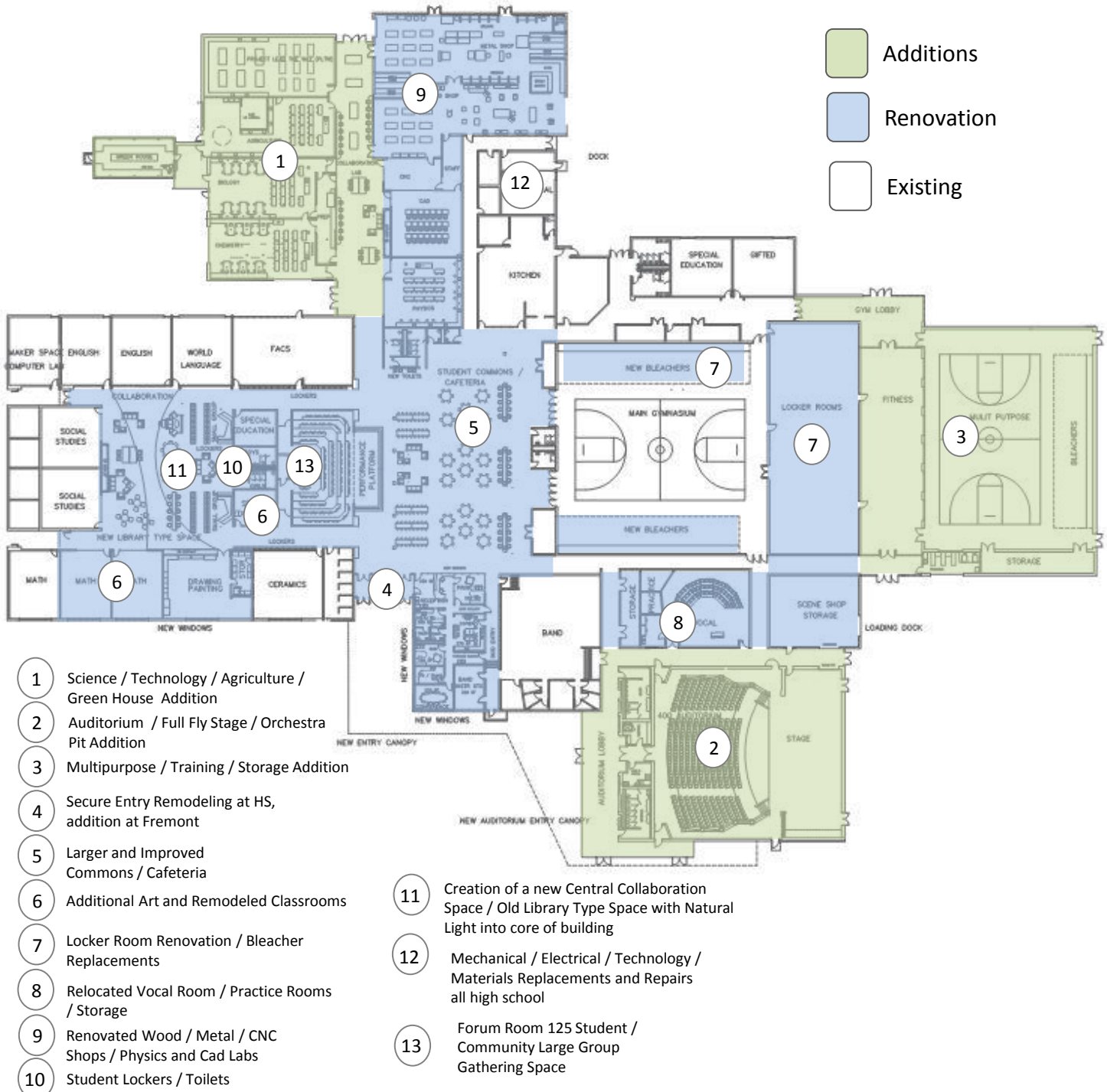


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What could the High School Improvements look like?



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FACILITIES REFERENDUM

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2015-2016 NEIGHBORING SCHOOL DISTRICT AREA MILL RATE
COMPARISONS TO WEYAUWEGA-FREMONT

Waupaca	\$11.63
Menasha	\$11.27
New London	\$10.37
State Average	\$10.25
Berlin	\$10.19
Shiocton	\$10.18
Hortonville	\$9.80
Group Average	\$9.63
Appleton	\$9.60
Omro	\$9.51
Winneconne	\$9.41
Freedom	\$8.70
Manawa	\$8.66
Wild Rose	\$8.65
Neenah	\$8.57
Weyauwega-Fremont	\$8.32



Cost Per Student Educational/Facilities

- 2015-2016 Educational Cost Per WF Student \$10,543.00
- 2015-2016 State Average Educational Cost Per Student \$12,250.00
- Weyauwega-Fremont Ranks 413 Out Of 423 State Wide In Educational Cost Comparison Per Student Member
- 2015-2016 Facility Cost Per WF Student \$11.00
- 2015-2016 State Average Facility Per Student \$828.00
- Weyauwega-Fremont Ranks 401 Out Of 407 State Wide In Facility Cost Comparison Per Student
- Below State Average Mill Rate For The Past 15Years
- Our District Has Been Debt Free Since 2010-2011

Weyauwega-Fremont School District 2016-2017 Mill Rate

****\$7.69****

* \$0.63 Reduction From 2015-2016*

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What is the cost to taxpayers?



Tax increase per year

Borrowing Amount: \$21,000,000.00	
Average Mill Rate Impact (per \$1,000.00 valuation)	\$2.65
Average Annual Tax Impact on Property With Fair Market Value Of:	
\$75,000.00 Home Average Impact	\$198
\$100,000.00 Home Average Impact	\$265
\$150,000.00 Home Average Impact	\$398



PROPOSED HIGH SCHOOL ENTRY



PROPOSED FREMONT ENTRY

Why go to referendum now?

- Our last capitol referendum project was 25 years ago with construction of our current middle school. The District has been debt free from referendum since 2010-2011. District residents have experienced below state average mill rate for the past 15 years, paying less to our schools via taxes .
- Major modifications to the High School educational spaces have not been made since 1969. Think of how much our society has changed since 1969. Educational spaces need to be updated and address educational changes to assist our students and meet their future needs.
- Our needs are not going away. Our High School is outdated in select instructional areas to meet curriculum expectations. Students and community would greatly benefit from new or remodeled science, math, technology, fine arts , commons, physical education, safety / security, collaboration learning spaces and better indoor air quality.
- Interest rates are at an all time low to assist with the best return on our investment.

More information is available!

- Visit the district website at: www.wegafremont.k12.wi.us
- View past mailings on the website
- Call Scott Bleck, WF District Administrator at 920-867-8810



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Please call if you have questions

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