

Residents to Vote on Referendum to Replace Maplewood on Existing Site with No Mill Rate Increase

Menasha Joint School District residents will have the opportunity to vote on a facilities referendum question presented on the November 8, 2022, fall general election ballot. The proposed plan, which will not increase the current mill rate, calls for replacing the overcrowded and outdated Maplewood Middle School with a new, larger building designed to operate as two schools: an Intermediate School for grades 5-6 and a Middle School for grades 7-8 on the existing site.



*We anticipate Phase Three to address facility needs at our elementary schools will be implemented within the next five to ten years.

The District can continue to address facility needs **without increasing the mill rate** above the current level due to the District's accelerated repayment of debt from the Phase One project (Menasha High School renovation).

This strategic approach allows the District's **mill rate to stay consistent** for taxpayers while addressing facility needs, one phase at a time.



REFERENDUMINFORMATION

Reaching Every Student Every Day

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- Constructing one new building to operate as two schools (Intermediate School for grades 5-6 and Middle School for grades 7-8) for approximately 1,000 students located directly behind the existing Maplewood School.
- After the new school is complete (projected for August 2025 if approved in November 2022), the existing school would be demolished and the site transitioned for additional parking and athletic practice fields.
- The total not-to-exceed project cost of \$99.7 million includes all new construction, demolition, site work, a geothermal heating and cooling system, furniture, fixtures, equipment, professional services, required permitting fees, and contingency. All can be accomplished with **no increase in the mill rate**.

Preliminary Conceptual Site Plan



Plan Key

- 1 5th & 6th grade main entrance
- 2 7th & 8th grade main entrance
- 3 Shared common spaces
- 4 Outdoor grass and playground area
- **5** P.E. and athletic practice field areas
- 6 Bus pick-up/drop-off
- Parent pick-up/drop-off and additional overflow event parking

LEARN MORE!



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CONTACT Superintendent Chris VanderHeyden at 920.967.1401 or vanderheydenc@mjsd.k12. wi.us with questions or to schedule a small group presentation.



WATCH your mailbox and social media for more information.



VISIT <u>MyVote.wi.gov</u> for voter information and absentee ballots.



SCAN the code with your phone's camera to visit the District website.

REFERENDUM OPEN HOUSE EVENTS

- Tuesday, October 4 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm Maplewood Community Room
- Wednesday, October 26 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm Maplewood Community Room

MAPLEWOOD SCHOOL TOURS

- Tuesday, September 27 9:00am - 10:30am
- Tuesday, October 4 11:00am - 12:30pm
- Tuesday, October 11 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Tours begin in the main office.