

SCHOOL FACILITY REFERENDUM

On April 1, the Cochrane-Fountain City School District will ask voters to consider a \$17.49 million referendum to complete the next phase of projects in our long-range facility plan. The projects include:



IMPROVE SAFETY AND SECURITY

- Modify main entrance to better regulate visitors
- Install building access security system
- Replace emergency notification/public address system



COMPLETE LARGE CAPITAL MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

- Replace remaining roof sections
- Replace original damaged flooring + abate asbestos
- Replace ceilings to improve acoustics in identified classrooms and abate asbestos
- Replace failing and out of code interior doors
- Renovate bathrooms to meet Americans with Disability (ADA) code compliance
- Improve the parking lot



REPLACE FAILING BUILDING SYSTEMS

- Update remaining HVAC equipment + controls
- Replace the septic system



RENOVATE CLASSROOMS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION SPACES

- Update classroom finishes (paint, flooring, lighting, cabinetry)
- Expand fitness space to accommodate a full physical education class and provide needed space for adaptive physical education class
- Create a dedicated entrance to fitness space for use outside of the school day



UPDATE + EXPAND THE CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) AREA

- Increase space for new equipment and job-like experiences to better prepare students for high-demand jobs in the local trades
- Add appropriately sized classrooms and labs to teach woods/construction, metals, small engine repair, auto, family and consumer science, agri-science, and robotics

COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETINGS

Join us to learn more about the proposed projects, have your questions answered, and tour the school.

TUESDAY, FEB. 25

6:00 P.M.–7:00 P.M.

CFC High School Library
S2770 State Road 35
Fountain City, WI 54629

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26

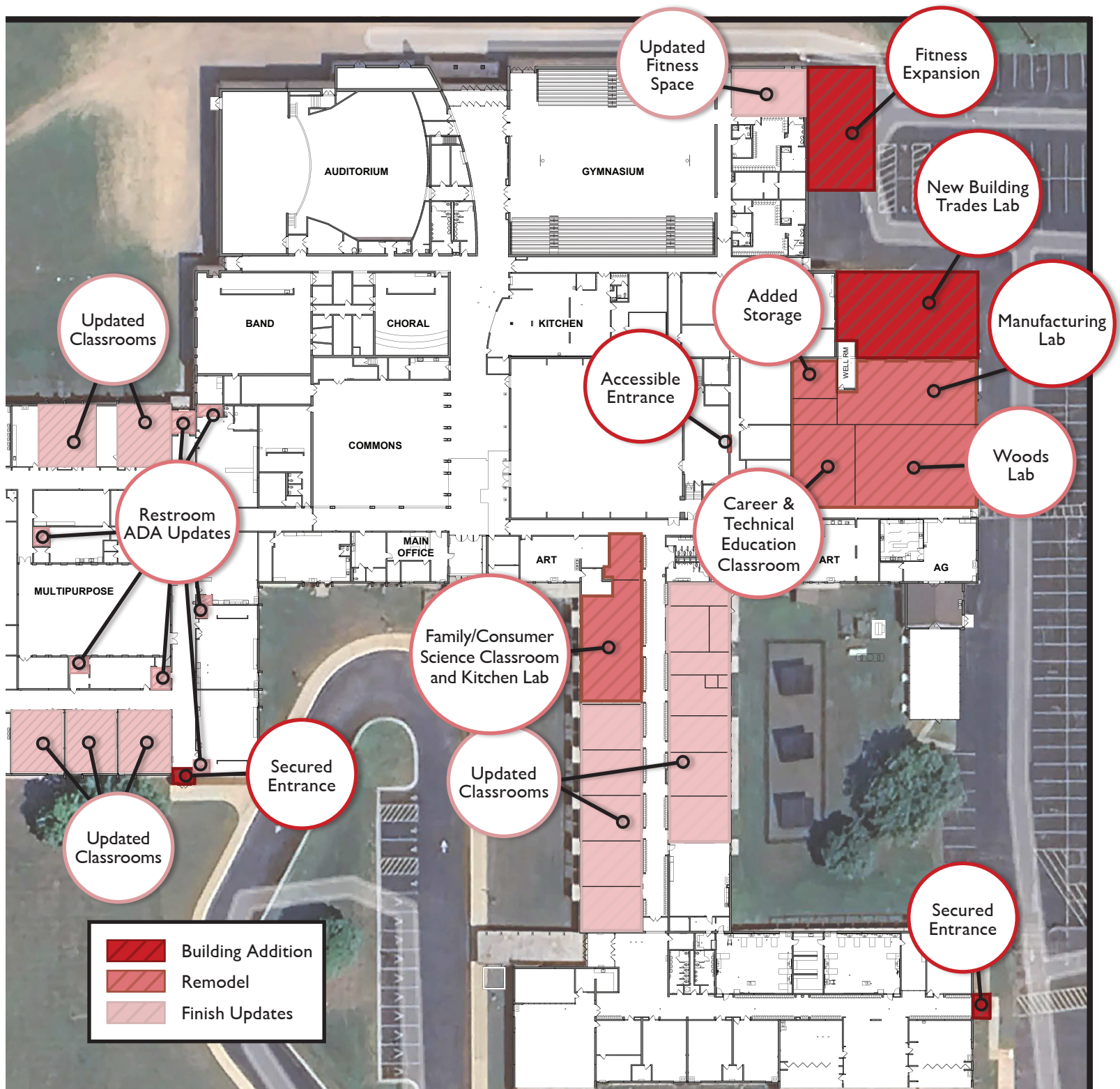
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PROPOSED PROJECTS

Last fall the District conducted a facility assessment to gain a deeper understanding of the school's current condition and remaining needs. District leadership and a Community Taskforce reviewed the data and explored potential solutions, which were tested through a community-wide survey. The proposed projects reflect the school's most immediate needs while incorporating the community's feedback.





WHAT IS THE BALLOT QUESTION?

Initial resolution authorizing issuance of general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$17,490,000 be it resolved by the School Board of the Cochrane-Fountain City Community School District, Buffalo County, Wisconsin, that there shall be issued, pursuant to Chapter 67, Wisconsin Statutes, General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$17,490,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of improvements to the District's school building and grounds including capital maintenance and building systems and infrastructure updates; expansion of and updates to the career and technical education classrooms and labs and the weight/fitness room; and equipment acquisition related to said projects.

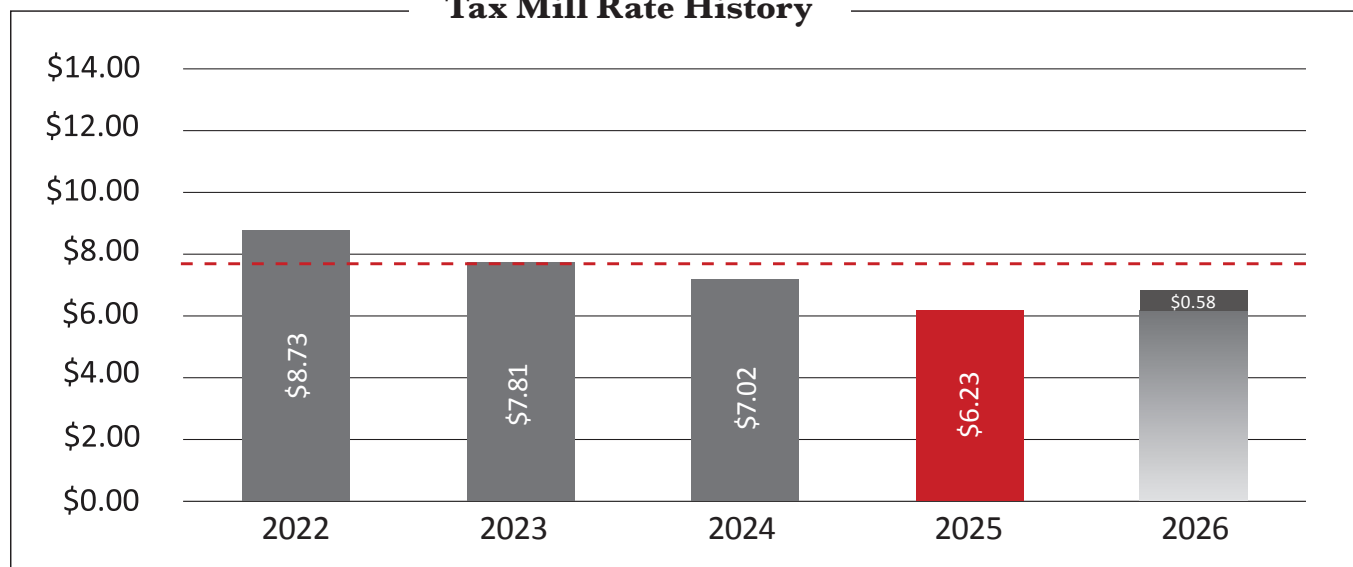
WHAT WILL THE REFERENDUM COST ME?

The \$17.49 million referendum is estimated to have a \$0.58 increase per \$1,000 of equalized property over the 24-25 rate*.

Estimated Market Value	Estimated Tax Impact	
	Annual	Monthly
\$100,000	\$58.00	\$4.83
\$200,000	\$116.00	\$9.67
\$300,000	\$174.00	\$14.50

Assumes multi-phased borrowing amortized over 20 years at a planning interest rate of 5.00%. *Impact represents the hypothetical change in referendum debt mill rate over the 2024-25 mill rate for referendum debt service of \$1.55.

Tax Mill Rate History



The District has worked hard to be good stewards of taxpayer funds. In fact, the **school district's tax mill rate decreased 11.3% in 2024 and 12.7% in 2025**. The amount of taxes owed to the school district is reduced by the School Levy Tax Credit, which is set by the State of Wisconsin.

The proposed referendum will allow the District to complete important building updates while maintaining a tax mill rate **BELOW** the 2024 rate.

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VOTING INFORMATION

EARLY/ABSENTEE VOTING

Voters will need to contact their town/village clerk for early voting times and locations.

APRIL 1 VOTING

Polling Place Hours: 7:00 A.M.–8:00 P.M.

Town of Cross

Cross Town Hall
W614 Buehler Valley Rd.
Fountain City, WI 54629

Town of Belvidere

Cochrane VFW Post 10406
100 Michaels Street
Cochrane, WI 54622

Town of Buffalo

Buffalo Town Hall
W387 State Rd. 35/54
Fountain City, WI 54629

Town of Lincoln

Lincoln Town Hall
S1491 State Road 88
Fountain City, WI 54629

Town of Montana

Montana Town Hall
S1601 County Rd. U
Independence, WI 54747

Town of Milton

Milton Town Hall
S2794 State Rd. 88
Fountain City, WI 54629

Town of Waumandee

W-M-L Fire Station
S2004 County Rd. U
Waumandee, WI 54622

Village of Cochrane

Cochrane VFW Post 10406
100 Michaels Street
Cochrane, WI 54622

City of Alma

Alma City Hall
314 North Main Street
Alma, WI 54610

City of Buffalo City

Buffalo City Municipality Bldg.
245 East 10th Street
Buffalo City, WI 54622

City of Fountain City

Fountain City Auditorium
42 North Main Street
Fountain City, WI 54629



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