

VOTE



OCT 24

 **Dickinson**
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

OUR EFFORTS SINCE THE LAST BOND REFERENDUM



Southwest Area CTE

DPS worked with state and community partners to create a state-of-the-art CTE Center without raising taxes.



Partnerships with DSU & Community

Utilized DSU, Virtual learning, CTE, School to Work, and the middle school to help with space constraints at high school.



Reconfigured Plan

Created a \$69M plan to update the high school and add secure entrances to elementary schools.

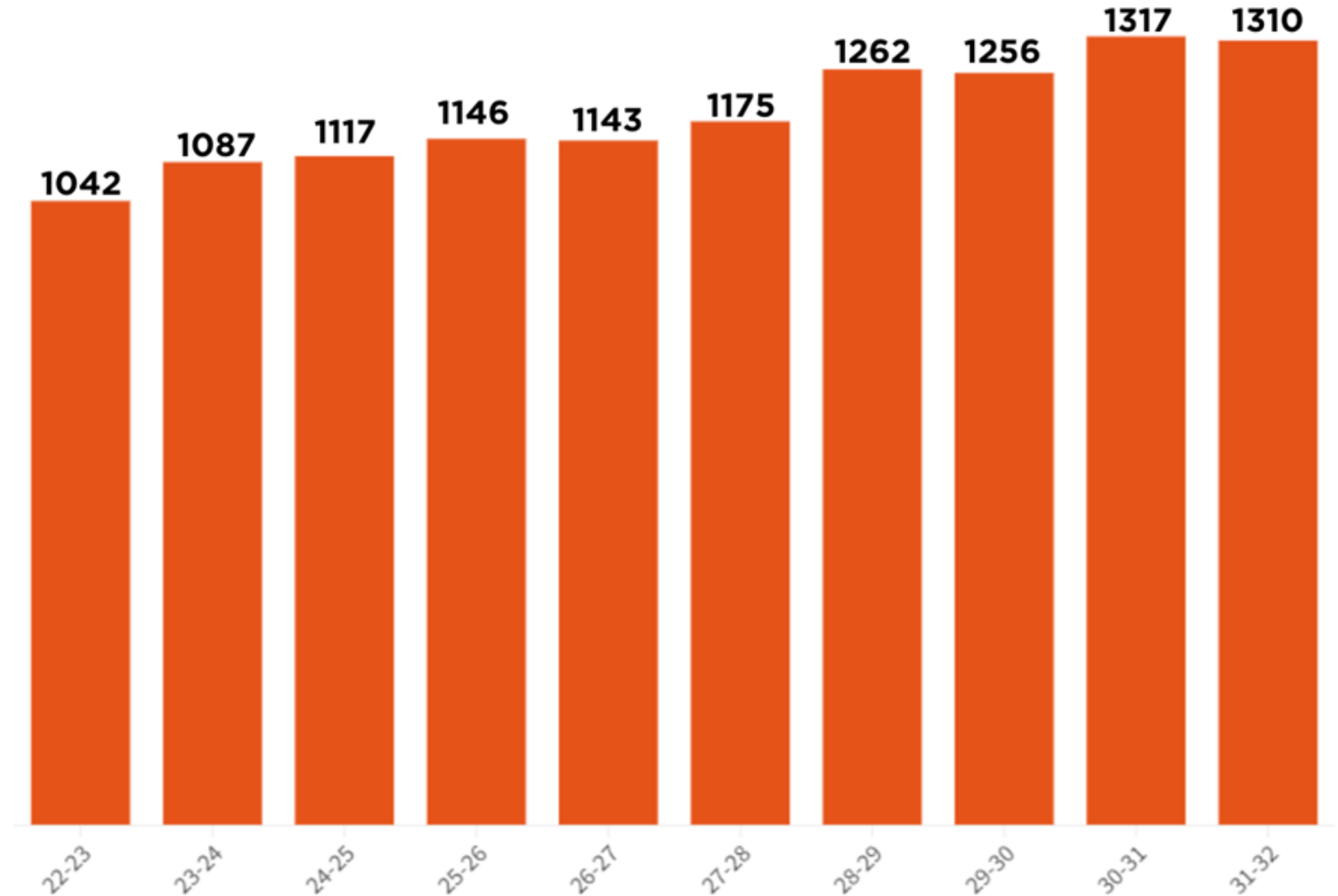


Community- Wide Survey

Surveyed the community to inform on current needs and test if there is support for a \$69M bond.

DHS CAPACITY CHALLENGES

PROJECTED FUTURE DHS ENROLLMENT BASED ON 2022-2023 ENROLLMENT

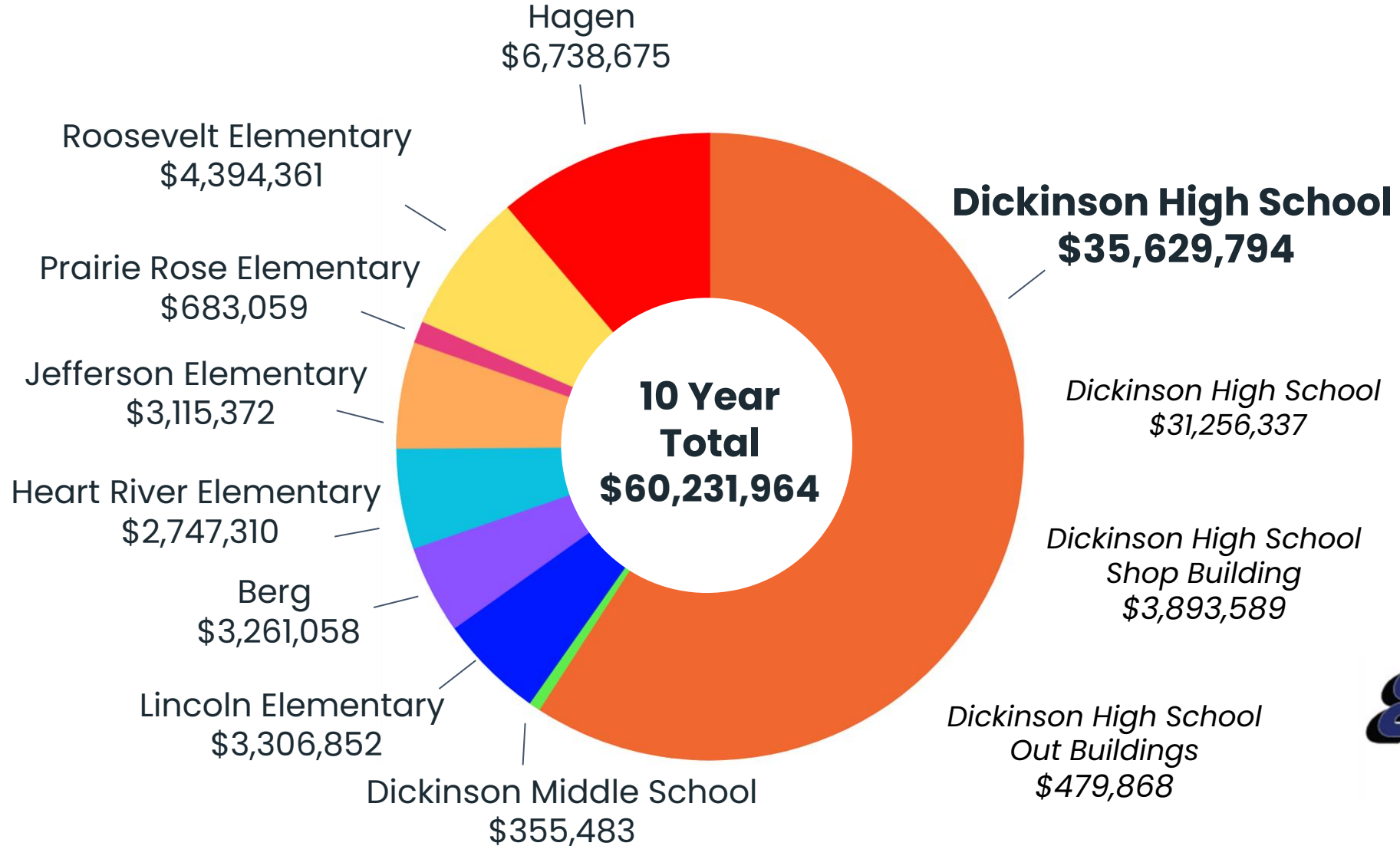


Dickinson High School is at capacity and will continue to see growth.

The Southwest Area Career and Technical Education Academy will provide some relief, but growing enrollment will continue to challenge the building. Incoming classes are projected to be larger than those graduating, furthering the classroom space challenges at the high school.

These numbers do not account for additional growth in our community or schools.

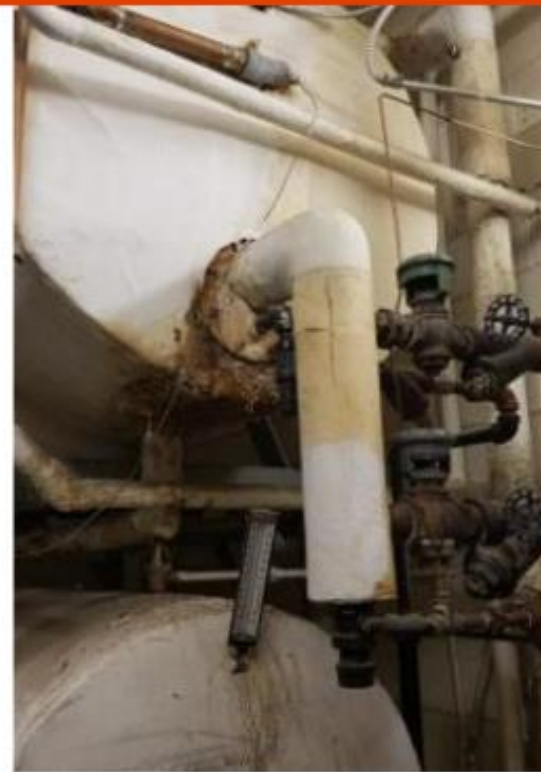
DPS 10 YEAR CAPITAL MAINTENANCE PLAN



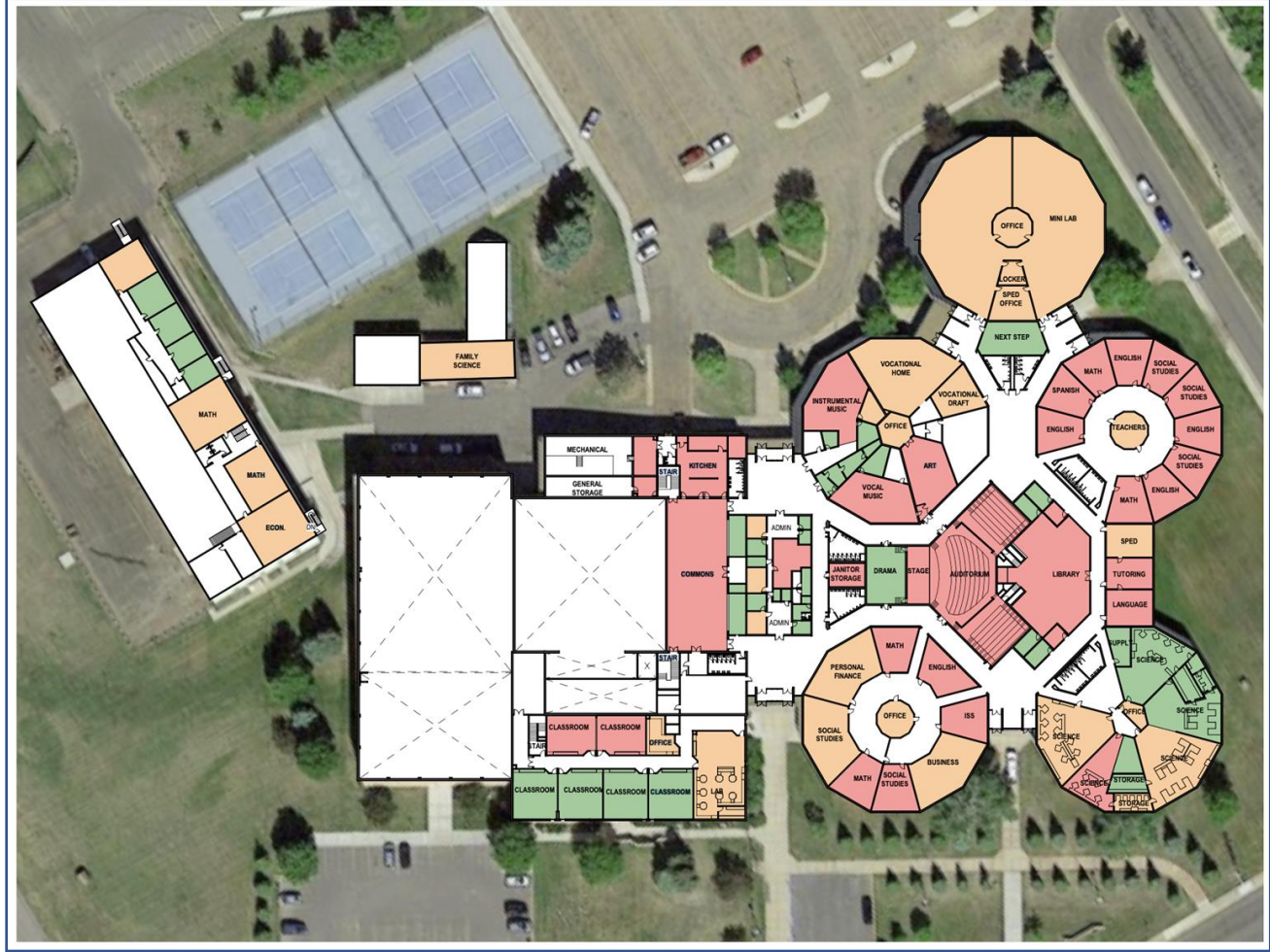
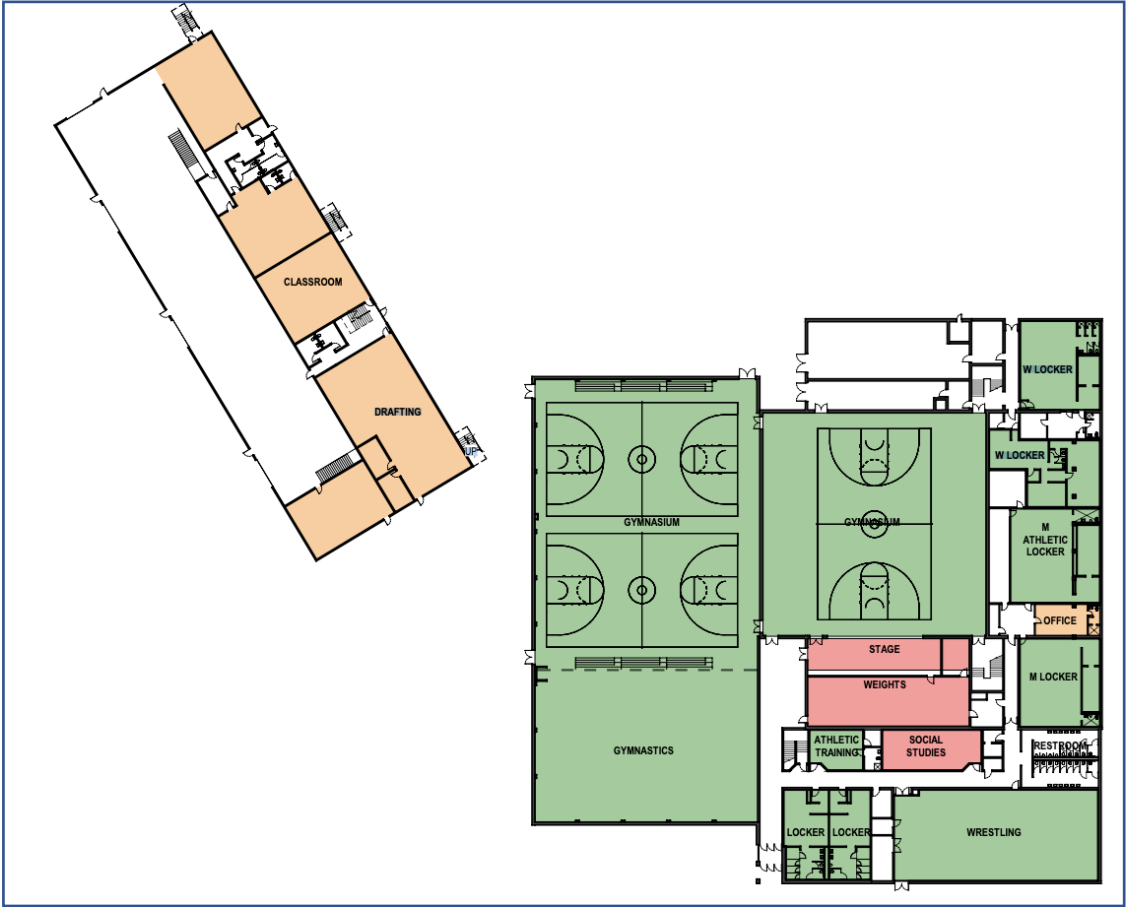
DHS BUILDING CHALLENGES

A large portion of the District facility needs resides in Dickinson High School, with an estimated \$35 million in upkeep and repairs, without improving the space specifically for current educational needs. The major projects at the high school include the following:

- Roofing Repairs/Replacement
- Fire Protection Systems
- HVAC Replacement
- Kitchen/Cafeteria Upgrades
- Electrical Upgrades and Improvements
- Intercom and Clock/Bell Systems
- ADA Accommodations
- Safety and Security



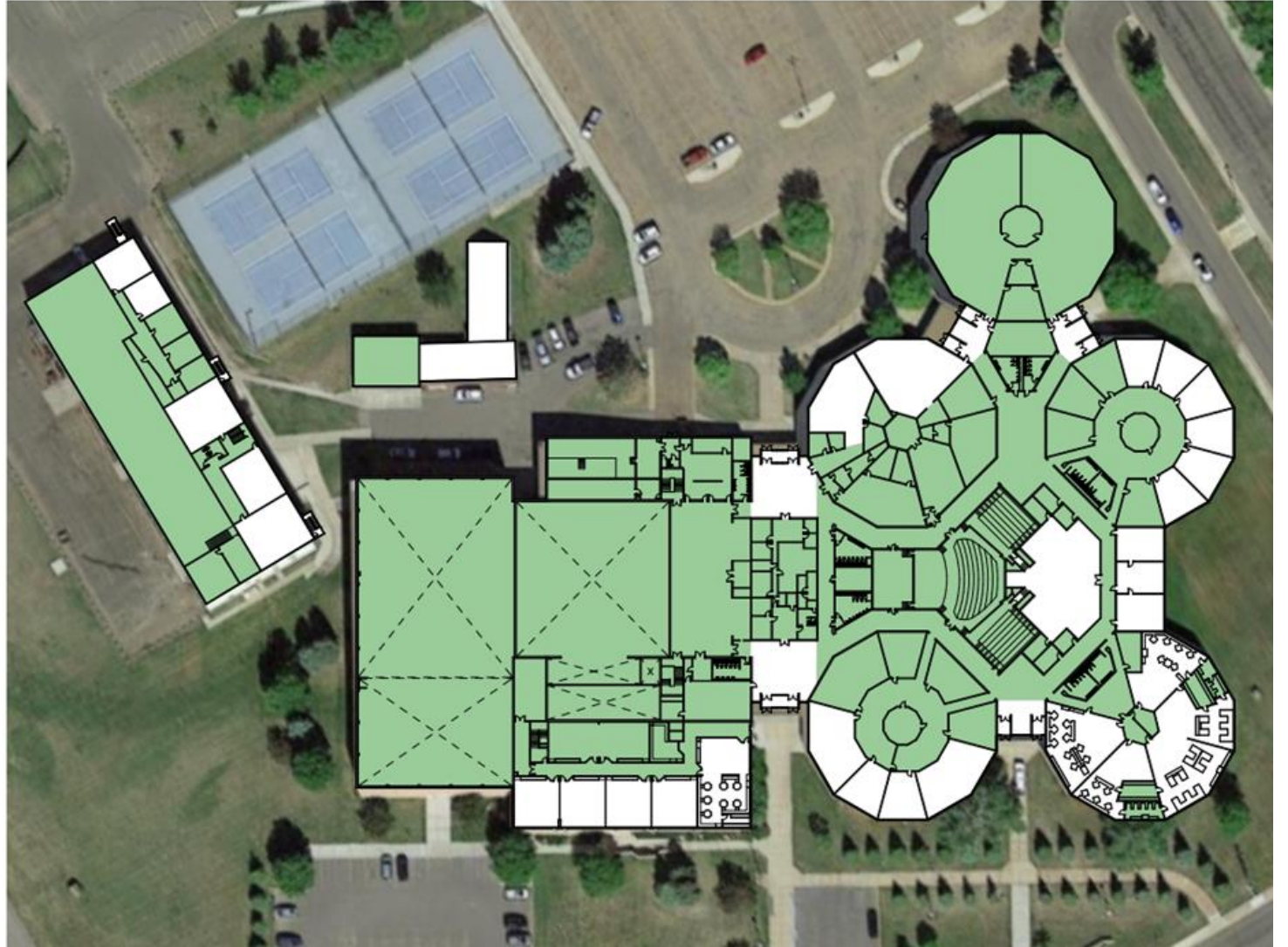
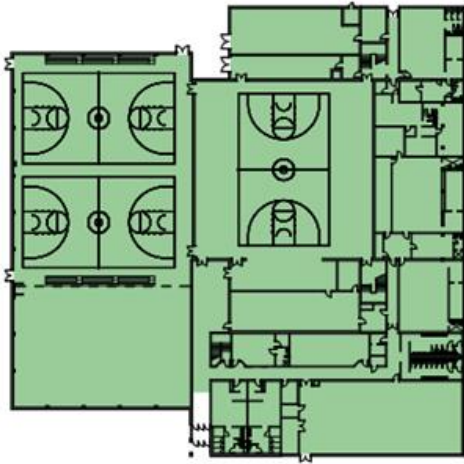
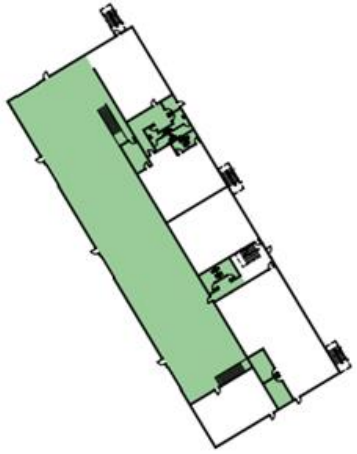
- DEFICIENT
- ADEQUATE
- EXCEEDS



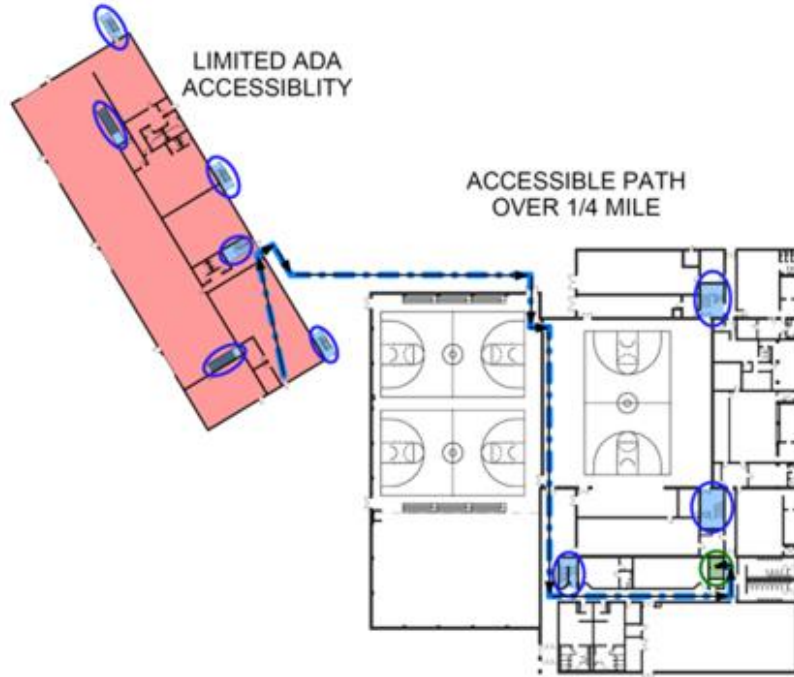
Floorplan- DPI Standard Sizing



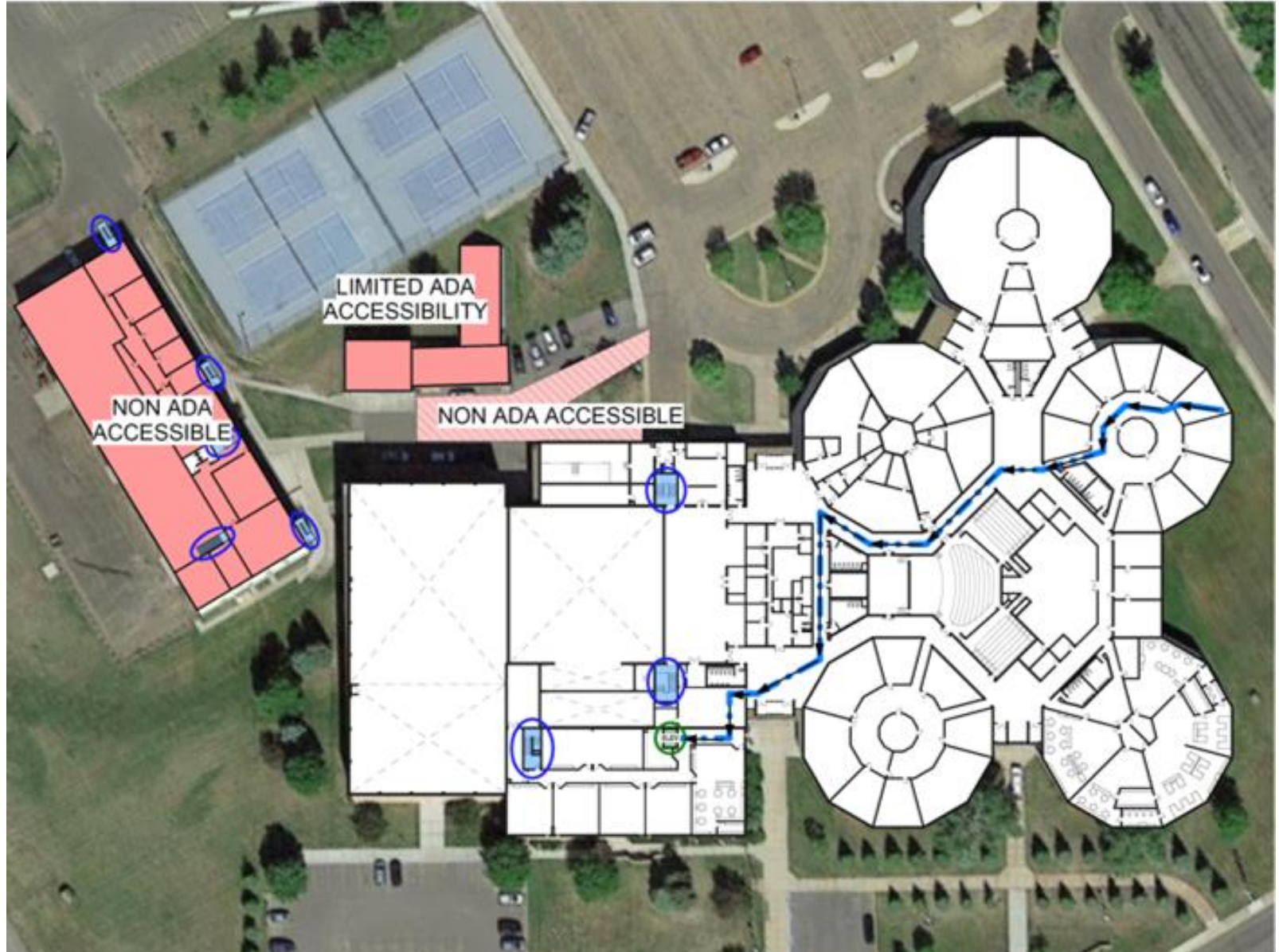
ROOMS WITHOUT DAYLIGHTING



ACCESSIBLE PATH OVER 1/4 MILE



 **ELEVATOR**
 **STAIRS**



WHY IS RENOVATING THE PODS NOT THE BEST OPTION?

Classrooms would be unavailable during renovation and disrupt learning.

Learning
Loss/
Interruption

Preliminary construction estimates indicate that renovating will cost at least 80% of the cost of building new.

Fiscal
Responsibility

Renovating classroom pods would take 3-4 years to complete.

Long Time
Frame

The shape of the pods creates classrooms with inefficient spaces and limits student circulation.

Inefficiency

There are unknown costs when renovating the pods.

Unknowns



WHAT'S IN THE \$69 MILLION PLAN?

High School

- 01** Addresses classrooms, cafeteria, and a secure entrance
- 02** Removes classroom pods and space up to the gym
- 03** Construction of an addition that will remain on the current Dickinson High School campus
- 04** New addition will replace classroom pods, yellow building, and drivers ed building

Elementary

- 05** Increase safety and security features in elementary schools with secure entries



DPS COMMUNITY FACILITIES SURVEY

Dickinson High School

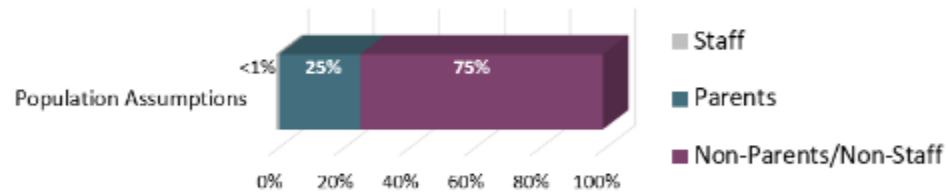
Would you support a \$69M bond to renovate Dickinson High School?

Definitely/Probably Yes - **83%** of Staff survey respondents

Definitely/Probably Yes - **72%** of Parent survey respondents

Definitely/Probably Yes - 52% of Non-Parents/Non-Staff

Weighted support for Definitely Yes and Probably Yes:



Weighted Survey Support:

$$.25(72\%) + .75(52\%) = 57.0\%$$

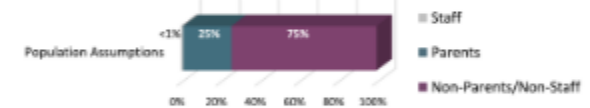
(Structured to predict likely referendum outcome)

- +/- 2.6% margin of error
- 10-13% of survey respondents are undecided

Elementary Options

Survey results showed insufficient support for options given to address elementary growth.

Additional Analysis: Elementary Options (Addition)



Weighted support for *Definitely yes and Probably yes:*
 $0.25(49\%) + 0.75(38\%) = \mathbf{40.8\%}$

We are listening to our community and not pursuing an additional elementary ask at this time.

Yellow - No Referendum

NO BOND REFERENDUM



Berg Elementary
Built: '50, '52, '55, '03, '18
Capacity: 270
Enrolled: 190



Heart River Elementary
Built: '82
Capacity: 270
Enrolled: 250



Jefferson Elementary
Built: '63, '83, '03, '10
Capacity: 405
Enrolled: 389



Lincoln Elementary
Built: '58, '65, '82, '94, '03, '10
Capacity: 405
Enrolled: 373



Prairie Rose Elementary
Built: '13, '16
Capacity: 540
Enrolled: 492



Roosevelt Elementary
Built: 1920, '83, '03
Capacity: 270
Enrolled: 260



Dickinson Middle School
Built: '17
Capacity: 1050
Enrolled: 877



Dickinson High School
Built: '68, '72, '74, '79, '97
Capacity: 1100
Enrolled: 1,087

● **Roughrider k-8 Virtual Academy**
Enrolled: 28

● **Roughrider 9-12 Virtual Academy**
Enrolled: 33

● **Southwest Community High School**
Enrolled: 40

● **Early Childhood Program**
Enrolled: 117

Other Properties

- Central Administration Offices
- Steffes/4 Plex
- North Campus (SWCTE)
- Bus Facility
- Hagen Building
 - Built: '35, '53, '91
- Hagen Field
- State Avenue Property



TAX IMPACT

Type of Property	True & Full Value	Monthly Tax Increase	Annual Tax Increase
Residential	\$100,000	\$11.59	\$139.12
Commercial/ Ag Land	\$100,000	\$12.88	\$154.58

Tax Calculator on

<https://www.dickinson.k12.nd.us/our-district/2023-bond-referendum>

If you have questions or would like to know your individual estimated tax impact, please contact DPS Business Manager, Stephanie Hunter, at (701)456-0002 ext. 2214 or email shunter@dpsnd.org



SAMPLE HOME

Legislative tax relief (3-year comparison)	2020	2021	2022
Legislative tax relief	1,280.74	1,270.05	1,346.50
Tax distribution (3-year comparison):	2020	2021	2022
True and Full Value	201,400	201,400	214,500
Taxable Value	9,064	9,064	9,653
Less: Homestead credit	-	-	0
Disabled Veteran credit	0	0	0
Net Taxable Value			9,653
Total mill levy	243.930	240.0	232.710
Taxes By District (in dollars):			
County45	565.96	548.02	532.08
Dickinson	429.36	426.10	430.90
Dickinson Park	157.90	158.16	166.52
Dickinson School	1,030.58	1,030.58	1,097.53
Soil Conservation District	9.06	9.06	9.66
StateND	18.12	9.06	9.66
Consolidated tax	2,210.98	2,180.98	2,246.35
Net effective tax rate	1.10%	1.08%	1.05%

2022 TAX BREAKDOWN

Net consolidated tax	2,246.35
Plus: Special Assessments	0.00
Total tax due	2,246.35
Less: 5% discount, if paid by February 15, 2023	-112.32
Amount due by February 15, 2023	2,134.03
Or pay in two installments (with no discount)	
Payment 1: Pay by March 1, 2023	1,123.18
Payment 2: Pay by October 16, 2023	1,123.17

March 2, 2023	.....	9%
May 1, 2023	.....	9%
July 1, 2023	.....	9%
October 15, 2023	.....	12%
Penalty on 2nd Installment:		
October 17, 2023	.....	6%

FOR ASSISTANCE, CONTACT:
Office: Stark County Auditor
PO Box 130

What does the ballot language mean?

Understanding the ballot wording

SAMPLE Net Taxable Value = \$9,653
30.92 mills = \$30.92 on each \$1,000 of taxable value

$\$30.92 \times \$9,653 = \$298,470$
 $\$298,470 \div 1000 = \298.47

ESTIMATED
\$298.47 Yearly Tax Impact
on a home with a True & Full Value of \$214,500

OFFICIAL BALLOT
October 24, 2023

DICKINSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
OF STARK AND DUNN COUNTIES
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

QUESTION #1

Shall Dickinson Public School District No. 1 of Stark and Dunn Counties, North Dakota, issue its general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$69,000,000 maturing within a maximum of 20 years, resulting in an estimated additional millage of 30.92 mills, equal to \$30.92 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation for the first taxable year, for the purpose of providing funds, together with any other funds available, for the renovation and construction of Dickinson High School as well as creating secure entrances at the elementary buildings, and to otherwise improve, renovate, construct and equip school property and make site improvements to school property.

Yes.....
No.....

SAMPLE

WHY IS THE STATE NOT PAYING FOR THIS?

TAX RELIEF PACKAGE

One of the greatest victories for the 2023 Legislature was providing a \$515 million comprehensive tax relief package. Some aspects of HB 1158 should impact every North Dakota resident by reducing income taxes, providing a property tax credit and expanding the Homestead Credit. Summary of relief is below:

- **Income Tax Relief - \$358 million**
 - o Compresses income tax brackets from five to three
 - o Zero bottom bracket
 - o 3 out of 5 ND taxpayers will NOT pay state income tax
 - o Effective starting 2023 tax year
- **Property Tax Credit - \$103 million**
 - o \$500 tax credit on property taxes paid on primary home
 - o Credit will appear on tax statement
 - o Residents required to apply to State Tax Department for credit
 - o Effective for tax years 2024 & 2025 ONLY
- **Homestead Tax Credit - \$53.5 million**
 - o Expands eligibility requirements and maximum reduction
 - o Compresses six brackets to two
 - o Increases income threshold:
 - o Income less than \$40,000: 100% reduction of taxable valuation up to \$9,000
 - o Income between \$40,000 - \$70,000: 50% reduction of taxable valuation up to \$4,500.
 - o Effective starting tax year 2023

*information source: https://www.ndaco.org/image/cache/Annual_Budget_Memo_2023.pdf



WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE OCTOBER 24 BOND VOTE?

PLAN- YES VOTE **SCHOOL-**

Adequate Classroom Space

Secure Entrances

Cafeteria

Media Center/ Auditorium?

Appropriate Heating/Cooling

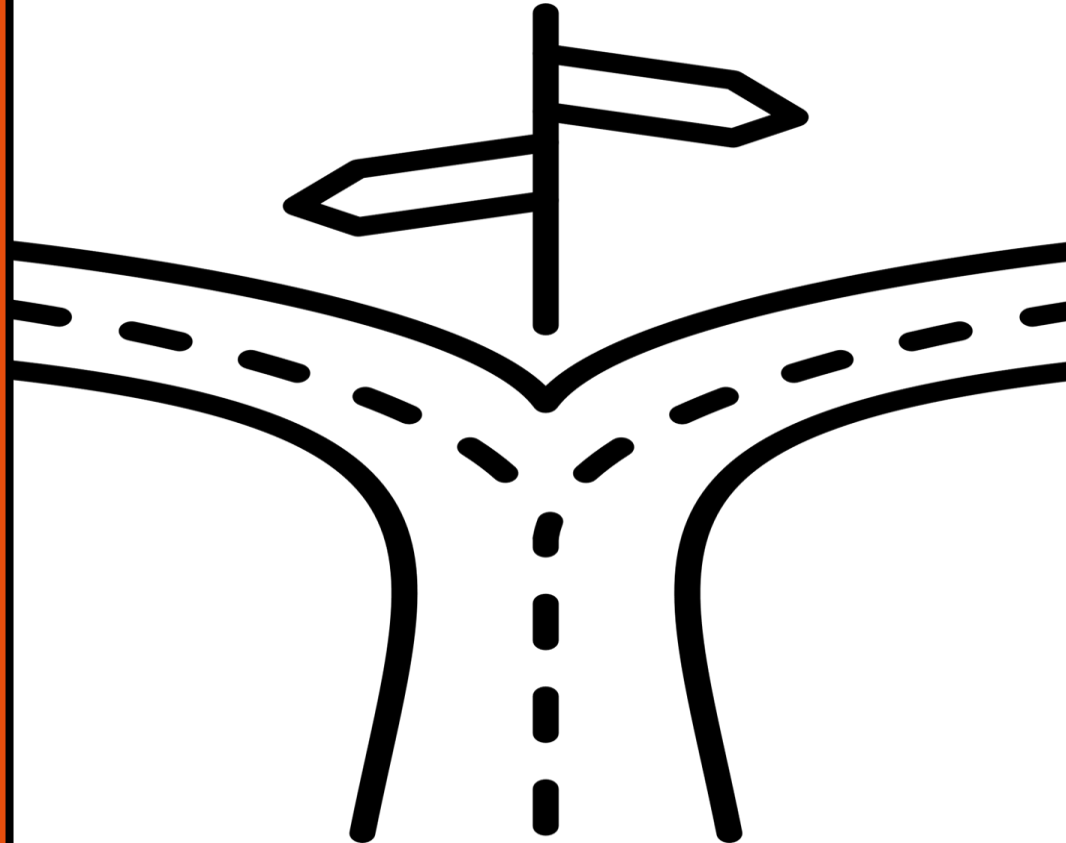
COMMUNITY-

Yearly Tax Increase of \$139/ \$100K of True & Full Value

Healthy Education Environment

Continued Services for Families & Community Members

Makes Dickinson More Desirable to Families & Potential Businesses



PLAN- NO VOTE **SCHOOL-**

Not Enough Space for Students to Eat

Uncomfortable Learning Environments

Fewer Opportunities for Students

Develop Contingency plan for DHS
(Possible Virtual learning if HVAC Fails)

COMMUNITY-

Fewer Opportunities for the Community

School-to-Local Business "Pipeline" is Affected

Fewer Services for Families of Students

- **Transportation- \$45,896 Per Route – 29 Routes**
- **Elective Programs- \$100k per program- K-12**
- **Activities- \$11,306 per activity – 125 activities**
- **Increase Miscellaneous Mills (Board Approval Only)**

WHERE TO FIND MORE INFORMATION?

www.dickinson.k12.nd.us/vote

Dickinson PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Our District ▾ Departments ▾ Schools/Entities ▾ Families ▾ School Board ▾

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October 24, 2023 School Bond Referendum

In 2019, voters rejected two facility referendums for Dickinson Public Schools. As District leaders, we acknowledge and respect this decision. Since that time, we worked with various community groups to better understand what options we should explore to address the following challenges.

The Dickinson Public School Board proposes a \$69 million bond on the October 24, 2023, special election ballot to fund a renovation and addition at Dickinson High School and enhance safety and security in the elementary schools.

- [Notice of Special Election](#)
- [Bond Resolution](#)
- [Official Ballot](#)
- [Absentee Voter Application](#)
- [Bond Referendum Presentation](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Community Survey Results](#)
- [DPS Capital Maintenance Plan](#)
- [RSP Enrollment Report](#)

CHALLENGES

- Dickinson High School currently requires \$35 million in updates and repairs, including but not limited to the following:
 - Roofing repairs/replacement
 - Fire Protection systems
 - Kitchen/cafeteria upgrades
 - Electrical upgrades and improvements
 - Intercom and clock/bell system
 - Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accommodations
 - Safety and Security
- Increasing enrollment - Dickinson High School is at capacity
 - Dickinson High School is projected to go from 1,077 students to

PROPOSED SOLUTION

Dickinson High School

- Provides adequate classrooms, a cafeteria, and a secure educational entrance
- Renovation and construction of a new addition to the current Dickinson High School Campus
 - Student learning will have minimal classroom interruptions during construction
 - Replace the current classroom pods
 - Replaces inadequate and unsafe educational facilities

VOTE OCT 24 Dickinson PUBLIC SCHOOLS REFERENDUM

FAQs

1. What are the current challenges?
High School:

- Inadequate air quality
- Lacks adequate, secure, and controlled entrance

Dickinson Public Schools Tax Impact Calculator

\$69,000,000 Bond Referendum
Tuesday, October 24, 2023

RESIDENTIAL	ENTER FTV BELOW
Enter your Estimated True & Full Value (TFV):	<input type="text"/>
<small>You can find your FTV on your January 2023 property tax bill.</small>	
Your estimated MONTHLY property tax increase.....	\$0.00
Your estimated ANNUAL property tax increase.....	\$0.00
Your estimated property tax rate increase per \$1,000 FTV for school debt payments (beginning 2025).....	\$1.39

COMMERCIAL / AGRICULTURAL LAND	ENTER FTV BELOW
Enter your Estimated True & Full Value (TFV):	<input type="text"/>
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Your estimated MONTHLY property tax increase.....	\$0.00
Your estimated ANNUAL property tax increase.....	\$0.00
Your estimated property tax rate increase per \$1,000 FTV for school debt payments (beginning 2025).....	\$1.55

Long term borrowing amortized over 20 years at an estimated planning interest rate of 3.84%. Impact represents the increase in the sinking and interest levy by 30.92 mills for referendum. Mill rate based on 2022 District Taxable Valuation of \$165,561,391 with annual growth of 0.00%. Based on 2022 District Taxable Valuation the District's Value of one (1) Mill is \$165,561. All tax impact estimates provided by financial consultants from PFM, Inc.

*Celebrations as of November 2022

DPS TEAM RECOGNITIONS

DMS WRESTLING

1st place Junior High State Wrestling

DHS MIDGETTES

1st place at the state competition in the Novelty category and Team Scholar Award

DHS WRESTLING

3rd place at state Class A Championship

DHS GIRLS SWIMMING

3rd place at WDA

DHS GYMNASTICS

8th straight State first-place title & 6th WDA Champions

DHS SOFTBALL

State Runner-up

DHS BASEBALL

3rd place at State



DHS STUDENT RECOGNITIONS

LUKE MAVITY

2022 U.S. Presidential Scholar

ALEXANDRA SMITH

-2022 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program Finalist
-2022 National Merit Scholar Finalist
-2022 ND Academic Silver Team

ALAN ASH

-2022 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program Finalist
-2022 ND Academic Silver Team

ALYSSA HAIDER

-2022 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program Semifinalist
-U.S. Presidential Scholars Program Finalist
-ND Academic Bronze Team

TROY BERG

-2022 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program Finalist
-Class A Boys Wrestling Senior Athlete of the Year
-Placed 3rd at State Wrestling 160
-Senior Region Athlete of the Year



GRANT BITTNER

ND Academic Honorable Mention

GRACE DAHL

ND Academic Honorable Mention

DANTE DOMINE

Governor's Excellence in Student Leadership Award

AMY FRIDLEY

-WDA Gymnastics Vault Champion, 2nd All-Around
- USA Gymnastics Western Championships Vault Champion
- State Gymnastics - Vault Champion, 2nd All-Around, 3rd in Balance Beam

ELIZABETH KARSKY

- WDA Gymnastics 2nd in Vault and Floor, 3rd in All Around and Uneven Bars
- State Gymnastics All Around and Uneven Bars Champion, 2nd in Vault, 3rd in Floor

GAGE GLASER

Placed 3rd at State Wrestling 113

HOUSTON CRIMMINS

3rd at State Wrestling 145

JACKSON MELVIN

Placed 3rd at State Wrestling 195

TAYA HOPFAUF

West Region Senior Athlete Softball Player of the Year



AGUSTIN ZETTEL

-ND Know Your State Champion
-Elected TSA State President

AGUSTIN ZETTEL & BRANDON SHUTES

-Perfect ACT scores
-2023 National Merit Finalist

BRAYDEN JANGULA

Elected TSA State VP

KADENCE REINDEL

State Range 2022 Gold Award

CHARLEY RATHGEBER

WDA Swimming - 1st in Butterfly

TAYLOR MILLER

WDA Swimming - 1st in 500 Freestyle

TAYLOR MILLER, ARYANA TWIST, MARA ELLERKAMP, AND CHARLEY RATHGEBER

State Swim 2nd place 200 yard Freestyle relay

TSA STUDENTS TOOK FIRST IN THE ND TSA CONVENTION

-Agustin Zettel - Extemporaneous Speech
-Jackson Halvorson - Music Production
-Shantae Rehbein and Ian Graves - Structural Design & Engineering
-Alan Ash, Ian Graves and Alyssa Haider - Technology Bowl Oral and Written
-Video Game Design - Zettel, Shilman, Shutes, Jangula



SKILLS USA

-Kelby Gion - Architectural Drafting - 1st place
-Hunter Moreno - Power Equipment Tech - 1st place
-Bailey Binstock - Prepared Speech - 1st place
-Dylan Smith - Architectural Drafting - 2nd
-Brayden Barnhart - Carpentry - 2nd
-Kate Enney - Job Demonstration- 2nd
-Jordyn Wanner - Pin Design- 2nd
-Trentin Urlacher - Power Equipment Tech- 2nd
-Drew Ficek - Technical Drafting- 2nd

ACALYMPIC TEAM PLACED 3RD AT WDA

-Mattiyn Biel - 1st in regional and state competition

STATE SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

-Lucas Shilman & Hunter Hicks- Detector Building 2nd Place
-Agustin Zettel and Abby Lange - Dynamic Planet 2nd Place



NAWIC STATE COMPETITION

-Kelby Gion - 1st Place
-Ty Nelson - 2nd Place

FFA STATE COMPETITION

-Gold Medal in Environmental Science and Meats Judging Teams
-Brayden Barnhart - Agriculture Mechanics - 3rd

UNIVERSITY OF MARY MATH COMPETITION

-Dickinson's "Z=4" team, Brandon Shutes, Agustin Zettel, Radheeka Weeraratne, and WesleyRae - 1st Place Team Test
-Wesley Rae - 1st Place 9th and 10th grade individual plaques



OTHER RECOGNITIONS

TAMMY PETERSON

Region 8 Principal of the Year Award



KRISTIN SEAKS

Stark County Spirit of Excellence Award

JAY SCHOBINGER

Inducted into the ND High School Association Hall of Fame/ National Coach of the Year finalist

TIFFANY AHMANN

ND Hands & Voices High 5 Teacher Award

PETE DOBITZ

-WDA Baseball Coach of the Year
-Voted Best Coach and Best High School Teacher, Dickinson Press Best of the Western Edge

KATHY MAVITY

-World Changer Award from Evergreen and Country House



DEB UNRUH AND JEANINE SCHMIDT

CAMILA CHORRO AND SARAH TRUSTEM

NSPRA Golden Achievement Award

LINCOLN ELEMENTARY

Received ND's 1st Cal Ripken Sr Foundation STEM center

TREVOR CONRAD

2022-2023 Educator of the Year



DANA TURCOTTE

2022-2023 Classified Staff of the Year

AUDREY KUNTZ

Stark County Spirit of Excellence Award

HEART RIVER ELEMENTARY

high-performing Title One school

WEST DAKOTA PARENT & FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

-Voted Best Parent Resources/Support, Dickinson Press Best of the Western Edge

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME



PUBLIC MEETINGS

 **Thursday, September 28 | 5:30 p.m.**

 **Tuesday, October 17 | 5:30 p.m.**

Dickinson High School

CHAMBER EGGS & ISSUES

 **Wednesday, October 11 | 7 a.m.**

Dickinson High School



VOTING

 **October 24 | 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.**

Heart River Elementary
Jefferson Elementary
Lincoln Elementary
Prairie Rose Elementary
Dunn County Courthouse



ABSENTEE BALLOT

Absentee voter applications are available from both Dunn County and Stark County. Voters may contact

Dunn County (701) 573-4448
or Stark County (701)456-7630

QUESTIONS?

