

ECSD Referendum Information

Pre-Referendum Process Timeline

- Staff survey of school district needs March 2017
- Bray Architects evaluates district facilities June 2017
- Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) is formed July/August 2017
- Bray Architects completes facilities assessment August 2017
- CAC reviews facilities assessment September 2017-April 2018
- Community survey (facilities and operations) February-March 2018
- CAC reviews community survey results March 2018
- CAC presents recommendations to the School Board April 2018
- School Board adopts two ballot questions June 2018

Community Survey Results

- 908 responses; 22% (18-20% is average return rate)
- 72% of resident respondents stated “definitely yes” or “probably yes” to renewing the operational referendum for the next five years
- 58% of resident respondents advised the School Board to pursue a referendum to update schools
- 57% of resident respondents support a plan to demolish a majority of the middle school, reuse portions and build new school sections
- 53% of resident respondents placed high priority on improving Grove Campus (elementary and intermediate schools)

Ballot Questions

Question #1 | Operating

Shall the Evansville Community School District, Dane, Green and Rock Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$1,200,000 a year beginning with the 2019-2020 school year and ending with the 2023-2024 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of maintaining educational programming and operating the district?

Question #2 | Facilities

Shall the Evansville Community School District, Dane, Green and Rock Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$34,000,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a district-wide school building and improvement plan consisting of: construction of a new middle school on the current middle school site and demolition of a majority of the existing building; an addition and renovations for technical education/STEAM improvements and roof replacement at the high school; safety, security, building infrastructure and general remodeling improvements at the Grove Campus; district-wide capital maintenance and building infrastructure improvements; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment?

Why Now?

- Respondents of the 2014 community survey advised the District to develop and present a facilities solution in five years.
- Respondents of the 2018 survey echoed that advice, with 58% advising the District to pursue a referendum to update our schools.
- The current operational referenda, totaling \$1,002,400 for the last year, will end on June 30, 2019.
- In 2021, the District will pay off a loan that funded past building projects.
- As a result, the debt portion of the school tax levy will drop.
- This reduction of loan payments will minimize the tax impact of any new spending.
- Interest rates remain relatively low.
- Construction costs will continue to rise.

Needs and Solution

Operational Needs

Renew the current operational referendum to maintain:

- Small school class size
- College/AP/elective course offerings at the high school
- Curriculum and textbook resources
- Student and staff access to technology
- Competitive staff salary and benefits
- Hiring of new staff as needed

Operational Solution

Operational referendum to include an estimated cost per year for five years:

- \$468,000 for technology
- \$432,000 for staffing
- \$200,000 for staff compensation
- \$100,000 for curriculum

Total costs of Operational Needs

- \$1.2 million each year for 5 years, for a total of \$6 million

JC McKenna Middle School Needs

- Security, infrastructure and building systems, such as plumbing, HVAC, and electrical
- Classroom floors, lighting, ceilings, and cabinetry
- Exterior updates
- Air supply to most rooms does not meet current code requirements
- Sections of the building are poorly insulated
- Building updates to be compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Potential remodeling options are limited due to the large number of load-bearing walls
- Flexible learning and collaboration spaces
- Band and choir rooms are too small with poor sound treatment
- Lack of adequate gym space

JC McKenna Middle School Solution

- Retain the current cafeteria and library
- Build new sections of classrooms and office space
- Provide separate bus and parent drop-off/pick-up areas

Grove Campus Needs

- Safe/secure entry and office areas
- Traffic flow and safety
- Public address systems, emergency exit lighting
- Fire alarm systems and smoke detectors
- Heating, ventilation and air conditioning, plumbing and electrical components
- Energy efficient lighting
- Exterior building; masonry, doors, fascia windows and some remaining roof replacement

Grove Campus Solutions

- Extension of South Third Street to Fair Street
- Create bus drop-off and pick-up area on South Third Street
- Utilize the south loop parking area on Fair Street for parent drop-off and pick-up
- Improve/expand the south loop parking to create a safer entry/exit and improve traffic flow
- Addition and/or renovate main entrances to Levi Leonard Elementary and Theodore Robinson Intermediate

High School Needs

- Roof replacement
- Technical education/STEM classrooms for manufacturing, woods, construction, welding, electronics and computer programming

High School Solutions

- Begin replacing roof sections
- Addition and Renovate of technical education classrooms for metals, welding, power, transportation/autos and manufacturing
- Renovate classrooms for design/computer work and fabrication, which includes 3D printers and lasers engravers

Total Cost of Facilities Needs

- \$34 million

Estimated Annual Operational Referendum Tax Impact for Five Years

- \$9 per \$100,000 home value
- \$18 per \$200,000 home value
- \$27 per \$300,000 home value

Estimated Annual Facilities Referendum Tax Impact for 20 Years

- \$15 per \$100,000 home value
- \$30 per \$200,000 home value
- \$45 per \$300,000 home value

Total Estimated Annual Tax Impact of Both Referenda

- \$24 per \$100,000 home value
- \$48 per \$200,000 home value
- \$72 per \$300,000 home value