# APRIL 1, 2025 SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SHEBOYGAN FALLS

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# SINGLE REFERENDUM QUESTION TO ADDRESS CRITICAL FACILITY NEEDS

In response to the November 2024 results, the District has identified our most critical needs at both the elementary and high school. The **revised and reduced** \$70 million plan includes our highest-priority projects, focused on providing space at the elementary school, investing in our existing buildings, and improving learning environments.

The District has *eliminated* the second November 2024 question, which included building a new auxiliary gym, new multi-sport field, and new track at Sheboygan Falls High School. The Board also *reduced* the first question by more than \$8 million by removing space for childcare and further prioritizing projects at both buildings.

PROPOSED PROJECT SUMMARY	Project \$ Amount	SF High School	SF Elementary School
Safety, Security, Accessibility	\$7.2 M	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Critical Capital Maintenance	\$3.9 M	<b>V</b>	<b>✓</b>
Repair/Replace Aging Building Systems	\$6.2 M	<b>/</b>	<b>✓</b>
Renovate Learning Environments	\$12.4 M	<b>V</b>	<b>✓</b>
Renovate Physical Education and Athletics	\$10.2 M	<b>✓</b>	
Construct New Career & Technical Education Wing, Community Fitness Center	\$24.2 M	<b>✓</b>	
Construct 4-Year Old Kindergarten New Addition	\$5.9 M		<b>✓</b>

#### **TAX IMPACT**

The revised facilities plan has an estimated maximum annual tax rate increase for debt of \$0.25 per \$1,000 of equalized (or fair market) property value compared to the 2024 tax bill.\*

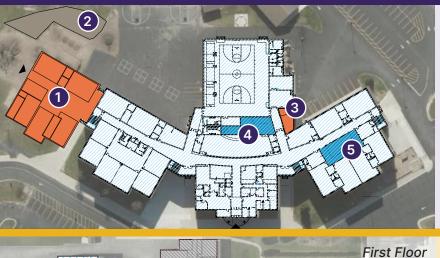
Equalized (Fair Market)	Not-to-Exceed Project Cost \$70 Million (\$0.25 per \$1,000)		
Property Value	Estimated Cost Per Year	Estimated Cost Per Month	
\$100,000	\$25.00	\$2.08	
\$250,000	\$62.50	\$5.21	
\$500,000	\$125.00	\$10.42	

\*Preliminary estimates are based on a phased borrowing approach, with interest rates estimated at 4.75% to 5% for tax-exempt municipal bonds. Taxpayers will note this increase on their 2026 tax bill, which will be sent to property owners in December 2025. Financial planning estimates provided by Robert W. Baird & Co.

# WHY IS THE ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT SO MUCH LOWER COMPARED TO THE NOVEMBER REFERENDUM?

The reduced impact is caused by both the smaller project size and strategic decisions made by the Board to manage existing debt.

- ✓ The School Board continues to budget funds to prepay the loans borrowed for the 2016 middle school referendum with the intent of stabilizing the tax rate.
- The middle school loans have been reduced by 6 years saving taxpayers \$4.4 million in interest.
- ✓ The strategy creates an easier transition to the payments for the proposed 2025 referendum, maintaining tax rate predictability for residents.



#### **SF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

- 4K Addition
- **Modify Playground**
- Vestibule/Storage Addition
- **(4**) Kitchen Renovation
- Kindergarten Large (5)**Group Renovation**



**ADDRESSING** OVERCROWDING



**CRITICAL** CAPITAL **MAINTENANCE NEEDS** 



**IMPROVING LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS** 

## SF HIGH SCHOOL

- **Fully Renovated Science** Labs, Former Computer Labs, Special Ed Area, **Small Group Rooms**
- **Update Classroom Wing**
- Renovate Stairs, Elevator, Restrooms
- Demolish and Replace CTE Wing (Reduced Size)
- (5) **Update Music Spaces**
- Renovate and Repair **Existing Gym and Locker** Rooms
- Add New Community Fitness Center (Reduced Size)
- Renovate And Repair
- Wrestling And New Rec Multipurpose Space Center
- Replace And Expand **Tennis Courts**

#### Preliminary & Conceptual Site Plans





Medium Renovation



Heavy Renovation



Construction

Second Floor



To Be Removed



#### Capital Improvements

Learn more & stay

informed

(including window, door and roof section replacements, mechanical, electrical and plumbing system updates, flooring, ceiling, paint, casework, and lighting upgrades)

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

#### **VISIT**

us online sheboyganfalls.k12.wi.us/o/sfsd/page/2025

#### CALL

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#### ATTEND

- a Referendum Information Session & School Tour:
  - Tuesday, March 4, 6:30pm @ SF High School
  - Tuesday, March 11, 6:30pm @ SF Elementary School
  - · Wednesday, March 12, 6:30pm @ SF High School
  - Tuesday, March 18, 6:30pm @ SF Elementary School

