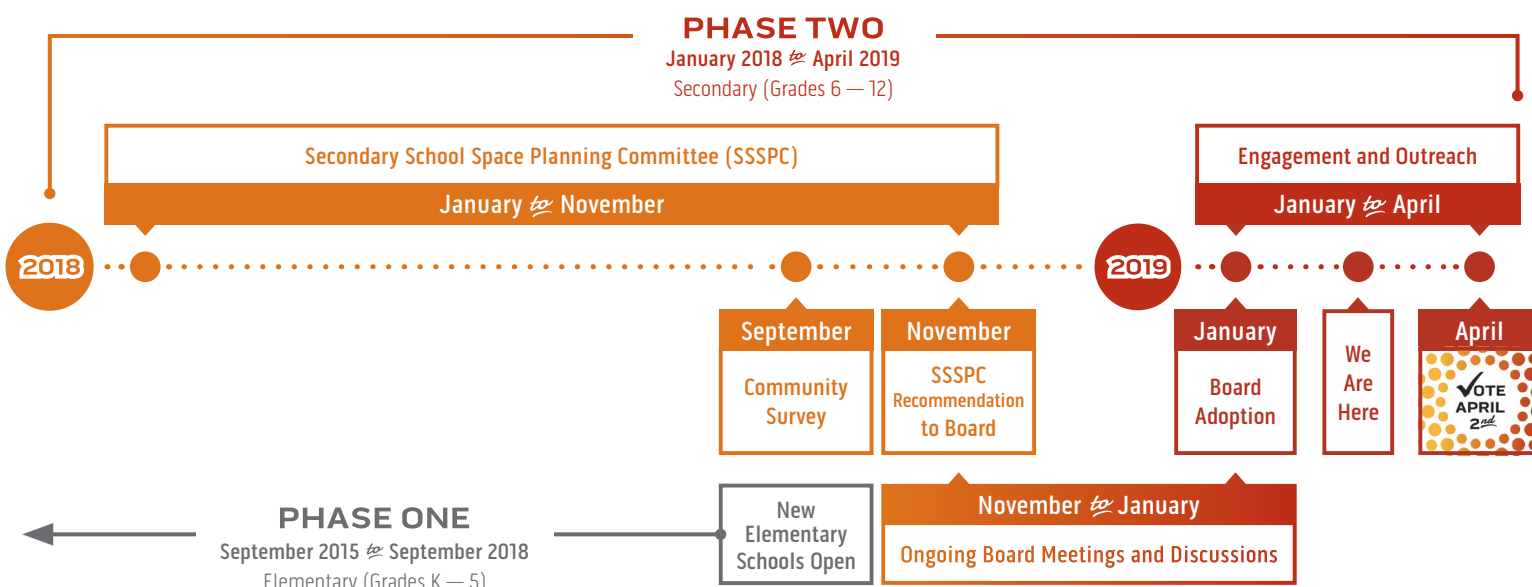




## REFERENDUM 2019 NEWSLETTER

**Timeline of the Secondary School Space Planning Committee's efforts:** Thanks to the community's support of our 2016 referendum (PHASE ONE), our current elementary space needs have been addressed through the construction of Meadow View and Token Springs Elementary Schools. The Secondary School Space Planning Committee (44 community members, students, and staff) was formed in January 2018 and met for 10 months to evaluate and address our secondary space needs (PHASE TWO). The Committee's proposed secondary space solution, which will appear on the April 2, 2019 ballot, was guided by these discussions and a community survey.



### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FROM OUR COMMUNITY\*

**Why would the operating referendum result in a higher tax impact than the capital referendum?** Tax impact is calculated by dividing yearly cost by property value. The operating referendum is \$5 million a year. The yearly debt service "mortgage" for the capital referendum is less than \$5 million a year, therefore there are different tax impacts.

**Why weren't the different secondary space solutions broken up into multiple referendum questions so each component could be asked independently?** Wisconsin Act 59, passed in 2017, limits a school board to no more than two ballot questions per year to issue debt or to exceed the district's state imposed revenue limit. Operating and capital referendum questions must be asked separately. All secondary school space solution components must be combined within each kind of question for no more than two questions.

\* Additional FAQs can be found on our website



For more information, visit [sunprairieschools.org/ref2019](http://sunprairieschools.org/ref2019)

# Referendum 2019 NEWSLETTER

February 2019



SUN PRAIRIE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
**BUILDING**  
 — PHASE TWO —  
 for every child, every day

*Dear Sun Prairie School District Area Community,*

It is an exciting time in the Sun Prairie Area School District. While the growth continues, it is something that the District has planned for dating back to 2005.


On **November 24, 2005**, the Sun Prairie Area School District voted in a special Board meeting to move forward with a new high school on the east side of Sun Prairie, temporarily housing grades 10 — 12. The proposal also recommended a second high school on the west side of Sun Prairie once the high school on the east side of Sun Prairie reached capacity. The high schools would then return to a 9th — 12th grade configuration.

On **June 27, 2016**, after a comprehensive community engagement effort including a community-wide survey, the School Space Planning Committee recommended a **long-range facilities plan**. It included two phases. Phase One was for the construction of two elementary schools, while Phase Two would be for the construction of the second high school, as originally planned for in 2005.

On **November 26, 2018**, after another comprehensive community engagement effort and community-wide survey, the Secondary School Space Planning Committee **recommended continuing with the long-range facilities plan** to construct a second high school.

This newsletter provides information about the District's needs, the recommendation made by the Secondary School Space Planning Committee, and more information about the referendum to keep you informed prior to voting on April 2, 2019.

I encourage you to attend one of our open house events, visit the website, and reach out with questions via email to [ref2019@sunprairieschools.org](mailto:ref2019@sunprairieschools.org). If you have a group that would like to have me visit and share more information about the referendum, please call 608.834.6562 to make arrangements.

*See you soon,*  


**Brad Saron**  
 Sun Prairie Area School District Superintendent



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO ATTEND AN OPEN HOUSE

**Tuesday, February 26 | 5:30 — 7:00pm**  
 Sun Prairie High School Library  
 888 Grove Street

**Wednesday, March 13 | 6:30 — 8:00pm**  
 Meadow View Elementary School  
 200 North Grand Avenue

### WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE REFERENDUM?

- Call**  
608.834.6687
- Email**  
[ref2019@sunprairieschools.org](mailto:ref2019@sunprairieschools.org)
- Visit**  
[sunprairieschools.org/ref2019](http://sunprairieschools.org/ref2019)

Si necesita ayuda en español favor de comunicarse con Isabel Simonetti 608.834.6522.

### DID YOU KNOW?

We are projected to be

**560 STUDENTS OVER CAPACITY**

at the 6th — 12th grade levels in two years. Also, it takes three years to design and build a high school.

**Watch for more information in March!**



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# WHAT IS THE NEED?

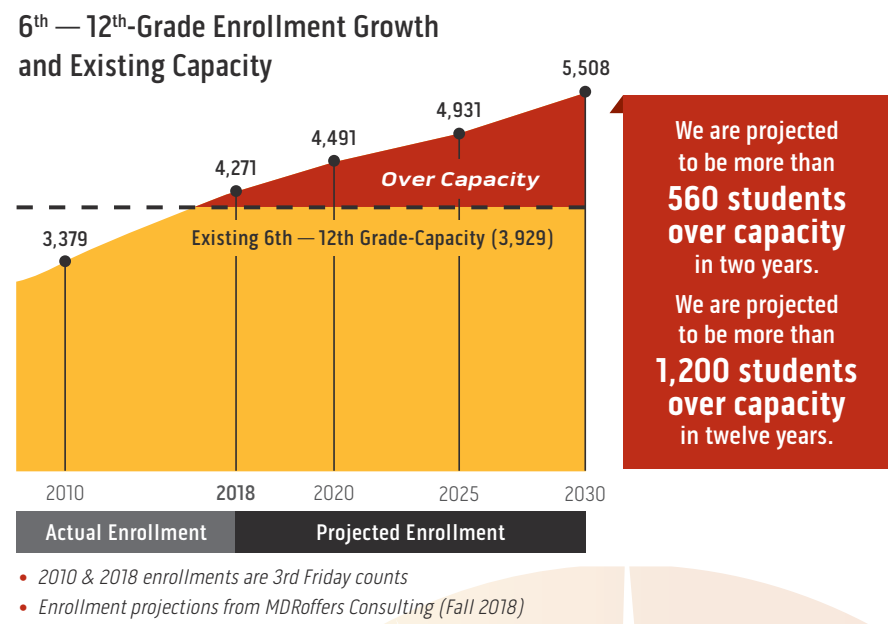
As the District is already over capacity at the 6th — 12th-grade levels and projected to continue growing, the referendum questions would address *four major needs*:

  
Secondary Space Capacity

  
Aging Prairie Phoenix Academy Building

  
Outdoor Multi-Purpose Facilities

  
Operational Funding



## ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT

Per \$100,000 of Fair Market Property Value	Secondary Space Solutions \$164,000,000		Operational \$5,000,000 per year		If Both Questions Are Approved	
	Yearly	Monthly	Yearly	Monthly	Yearly	Monthly
	\$56.00	\$4.67	\$72.00	\$6.00	\$128.00	\$10.67

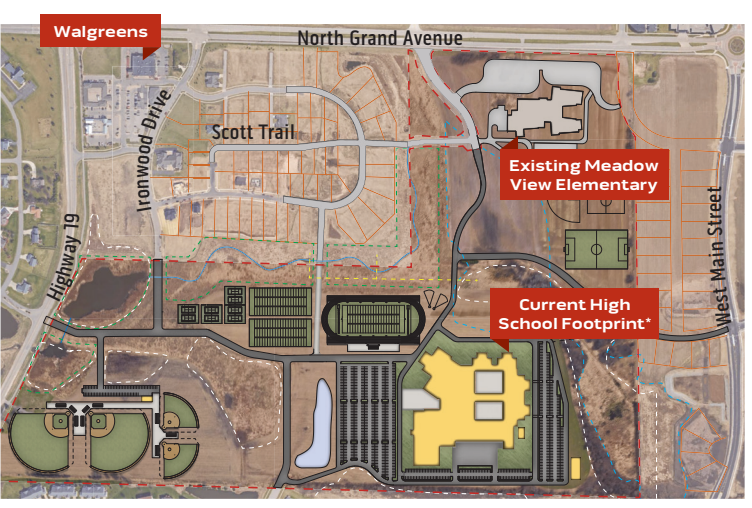
Assumptions | 20-year bonds (phased in over 3 years): 4.75% — 5.25% projected interest rate; 2% — 8% annual property value growth for 5 years, 1.00% thereafter. Information provided by Robert W. Baird.

# HOW DOES THE SOLUTION MEET THE NEEDS?

- ### Secondary Space Solutions
- \$164,000,000
- #### Address secondary space capacity (6<sup>th</sup> — 12<sup>th</sup> grades):
- Build a second high school with similar building features (fieldhouse, auditorium, pool, etc.) and programming as the current high school
  - Reconfigure Cardinal Heights Upper Middle School (CHUMS) to serve 6<sup>th</sup> — 8<sup>th</sup> grades, and make minimal updates to secondary schools
- #### Remove aging Prairie Phoenix Academy (PPA) building:
- Move PPA to a separate and dedicated space within the existing CHUMS building with its own entrance, gymnasium, cafeteria, library, and learning spaces
- #### Add additional outdoor multi-purpose facilities:
- Build baseball/softball fields, tennis courts, track, etc., at the proposed second high school (similar to the current high school)
  - Build a new multi-purpose stadium at the Ashley Field site for use by both high schools

- ### Operational Funding
- \$5,000,000 Annually
- #### First three years (beginning fall 2019):
- \$10 million: For construction and capital maintenance projects, which will decrease the District's total borrowing for Referendum Question 1 and **save \$6 million in interest**
  - \$5 million: For salary alignment for teachers, which will help us bring salaries in line with the Dane County market
- #### Fourth year and thereafter:
- \$5 million: Fund staffing, maintenance, utilities, and annual operating expenses associated with a second high school

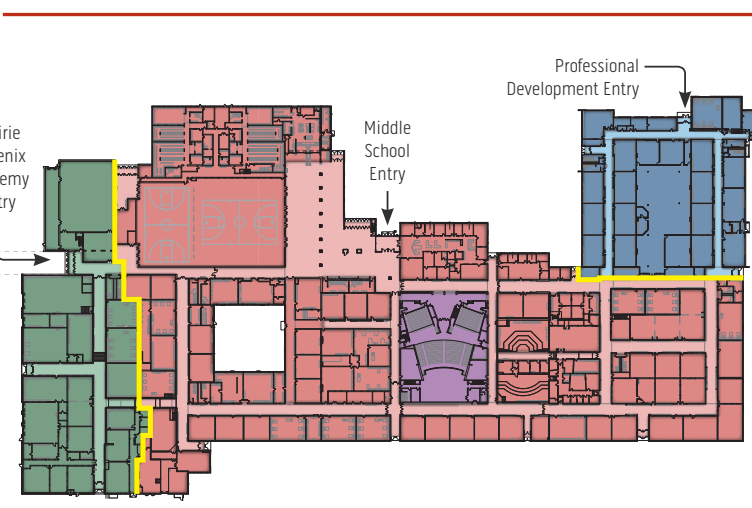
# MAJOR COMPONENTS OF REFERENDUM



### Conceptual Site Plan for Proposed Second High School

The District purchased this 90-acre property in 2005. It has five access points (three more than the existing high school), which makes this a good location for a second high school. This site would include baseball/softball fields, tennis courts, track, etc. (similar to the existing high school).

*\* The final site and building plan for the second High School will be determined upon a successful referendum.*

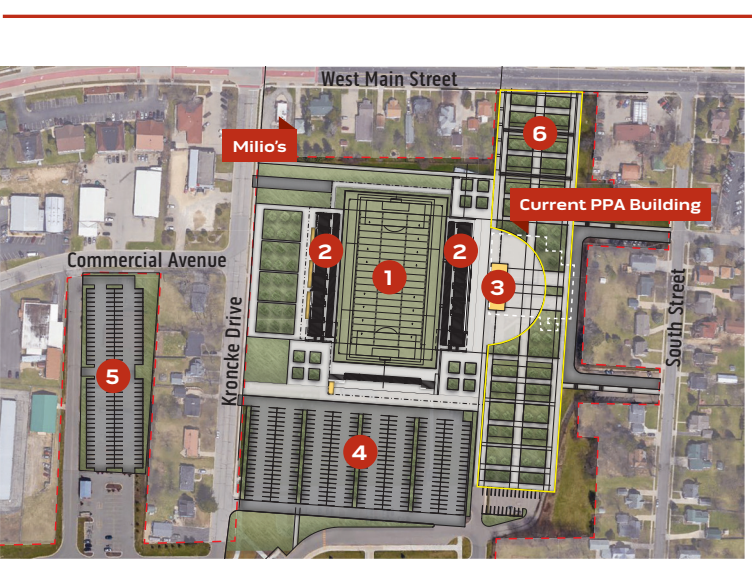


### Conceptual Building Organizational Plan for Cardinal Heights Upper Middle School\*

The proposed plan would reconfigure CHUMS to serve 6<sup>th</sup> — 8<sup>th</sup> grades (in addition to Prairie View and Patrick Marsh Middle Schools), move Prairie Phoenix Academy (PPA) to a separate and dedicated space within the building, and provide professional development space.

*\* This is the existing building floor plan and does not show any renovations that will be made. It depicts the current floor plan with three separate and distinct areas.*

— Wall separation between dedicated spaces    ■ 6 — 8 Middle School    ■ Professional Development  
■ Prairie Phoenix Academy    ■ Community Auditorium



- ### Conceptual Site Plan for New Multi-Purpose Stadium at Ashley Field Site\*
- 1 Multi-Purpose Synthetic Turf Field
  - 2 New Bleachers
  - 3 New Concession Stands & Restrooms
  - 4 Additional Parking
  - 5 Potential Additional Parking
  - 6 Potential Plaza Development (not currently included in budget)
- \* The current Ashley Field has an east/west orientation. The proposed solution constructs the multi-purpose stadium in the preferred north/south orientation.*