

GUIDING STUDENTS. EMPOWERING FUTURES. BEAVER DAM UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT REFERENDUM FACT SHEET

WHAT IS ON THE NOVEMBER 5th BALLOT?

On August 12, 2024, the BDUSD - Board of Education unanimously approved and adopted a resolution for a November 2024 referendum as follows:

"Shall the Beaver Dam Unified School District, Dodge County, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$107,000,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school building and facility improvement project consisting of: construction of a new Middle School building and campus, including community and athletic space improvements; construction of additions, renovations and building infrastructure improvements at Washington Elementary School; district-wide safety, security, ADA accessibility, recreation and site improvements; possible removal of all or part of the existing Middle School building; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment?"

WHAT ARE THE DISTRICT NEEDS?

Since our facilities assessment study in 2012, the Beaver Dam Unified School District has been proactively addressing the needs within our district. In 2022, a comprehensive, independent assessment was conducted and identified **key areas of concern at the Middle School and Washington Elementary School**. The century-old middle school is showing signs of wear, raising safety concerns, and limiting the effectiveness of its learning environments. Both buildings currently do not comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and their electrical and HVAC systems are outdated, with exterior maintenance also required. **Taking action now is crucial to enhance safety, accessibility, and the quality of education for our students.**

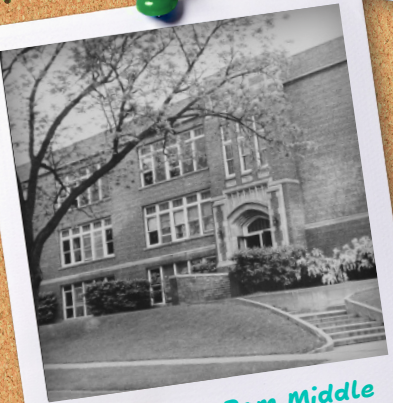
DID YOU KNOW?

Washington Elementary School was built in 1949 and has not been updated in over 25 years.

The current five-acre middle school site limits the potential for future expansions and creates safety issues around drop-off, pick-up and parking.

Wilson Elementary School will close in 2025 and be leased to a community childcare provider to improve local access to childcare.

VOTE!



The Beaver Dam Middle School was built in 1922

GO BEAVER DAM!

THE SOLUTION

New Middle School

LEARNING SPACES

- spacious classrooms that support collaborative learning
- improved technical educational areas for hands-on learning
- environment to support agricultural education curriculums
- designated cafeteria and common areas that enrich students' social opportunities
- flexible performance/collaboration spaces dedicated for physical education, fitness center, and outdoor practice fields

SAFETY & SECURITY

- classroom security, exterior lighting, and secure entrances
- on-site drop-off, pick-up, and parking separating pedestrian and vehicle/bus traffic

MAINTENANCE & BUILDING SYSTEMS

- an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible building
- energy-efficient systems and more natural lighting, HVAC air quality, and improved ventilation that provides healthier learning environments
- ability to serve our current enrollment while also having ample room for future growth and expansion

Washington Elementary

- additional classrooms to accommodate Wilson Elementary students
- updated HVAC, plumbing and electrical systems
- addition to support art, music, nursing/health and a commons area for students, families, and our community

District-Wide Improvements

- playground updates
- improvements to drop-off/pick-up areas and overall site safety
- enhancements to improve community access to recreational areas



THE TAX IMPACT

The school board takes their responsibility to be good financial stewards of your tax dollars very seriously. If the referendum is successful, it will result in an average increase of \$1.20 per \$1,000 of fair market property value over the life of the loan. With this increase, the mill rate for the school district portion of your tax bill is anticipated to be below the mill rate from the 2021-22 school year.

**ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT ON A
PROPERTY VALUE OF \$100,000**

**\$120
PER YEAR**

**\$10
PER MONTH**

**\$0.33
PER DAY**



**NEW BEAVER DAM MIDDLE SCHOOL
Proposed Site Plan**

FUTURE READY

The facilities referendum will provide our students with upgraded learning environments that equip them with the skills needed to be career-ready. These improvements will create opportunities for hands-on learning, advanced technology access, agricultural education and modernized classrooms, ensuring our students are well-prepared for their future careers.



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ATTEND

COMMUNITY INFO SESSION
The Watermark Community Center
September 4 @ 10:00 a.m.

COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE
Beaver Dam Middle School &
Washington Elementary School
September 7 @ 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY INFO SESSION & TOUR
Beaver Dam Middle School
September 12 @ 7:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY INFO SESSION & TOUR
Washington Elementary School
September 19 @ 7:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY INFO SESSION
The Watermark Community Center
October 9 @ 12:00 p.m.

COFFEE

Chat with the School Board
Washington Elementary School
October 3 @ 8:00 a.m.

