

Joplin Schools  
**Long Range  
Facility Committee  
Report to the BOE**

August 26, 2025



# Purpose of the Committee

The Long Term Facility Committee was formed to provide the Joplin School District with valuable input to create a clear picture of what facility improvement projects need to be completed, and to ensure that ALL Joplin Schools students have access to safe, quality, and suitable learning environments district-wide.

# Purpose of the Committee

In order to meet this objective, the committee utilized the District's 5 Year Strategic Plan to help guide decision-making (last revised in 2024)

**Strategic Focus 2.1:** *Joplin Schools will use fiscal responsibility to be effective and efficient in processes that support high performing classrooms in measurable ways.*

**Strategic Goal 2.1.1** The district will provide a safe, healthy learning environment and adequate facilities for students and staff.

**Strategic Goal 2.1.2** The district will provide resources what are essential in supporting instruction goals including technology, textbooks, supplies, and instructional materials.

**Strategic Goal 2.1.3** The district budget will reflect priority of meeting classroom instructional needs.

# Profile of 40 Committee Members



- Community Members
- Parents
- Architect
- City Planner
- BOE members
- Principals
- Past BOE members
- District Administration
- Facilities Director
- Faculty & Staff

# Parameters of the Committee's Work

- ⇒ Focus on educational suitability and space for all students
- ⇒ Focus on adequate minimum standards for Special Education environments and intensive programs
- ⇒ Early Childhood/ Pre-K expansion
- ⇒ Gain stakeholder input for future new construction and facility addition decisions
- ⇒ Reflect bond and other funding scenarios that minimize taxpayer burden
- ⇒ Ensure that funding over time supports the sequence of school improvements

# Resources used by the Committee

- School Facilities Condition Assessment & Priorities Report 2020-2025
- Tours of ALL Joplin Schools Facilities
- Facility Size and Capacity Analysis
- Review of Operational costs per Elementary building
- Climate and Culture Results
- Demographic Study Report completed in 2019 and 2022
- Facility Standards presented to BOE in 2011
- Financial Condition for Long Term Capital Planning
- Costs Analysis for Remodeling and New
- Construction Options

# Long Range Planning

COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS  
COMMITTEE PRIORITIES (2025)  
DATA AND SUMMARY ANALYSIS/NARRATIVE  
ELEMENTARY IMPROVEMENTS CONCEPT DESIGNS  
BUDGET OVERVIEW  
TIMELINE (PHASE 1 & 2)  
FUTURE PROJECT PRIORITIES

INTRO

BACKGROUND

EXISTING CONDITIONS

LRP

PHASES

APPENDIX

# Preliminary Findings

- Robust process in place for allocation of maintenance capital expenditures
- Classrooms between similar sized buildings are not educationally suitable (*ex. bathrooms in K classrooms, square footage of learning spaces*)
- Annual Capital Outlay funds are insufficient for major new construction across all buildings (*ex. Remodel and adding additions*)
- District is currently a good steward of facilities (*clean and well maintained*)

# Preliminary Findings cont.

- There is a lack of space for specials and therapies (art/music/OT/PT)
- There is a lack of space across the district for intensive special education programs (ex. many buildings do not have adequate space for special education programs)
- There is a lack of space for preschool (0-3 and 4 year old classrooms)
- There is a need for additional space across the district for co-curricular activities, athletic programs, and 9-12 instructional space
- Capital Outlay funding is available, and Bonding capacity exists for a no-tax rate increase bond issue to complete identified projects

# Capital Outlay Projects 2020-2025

*Highlights include:*

- Energy and Cost Savings Projects
  - LED lighting across the district's schools
  - HVAC System Upgrades
- Window upgrades for 3 elementary schools
- Safety and Security Upgrades
  - Expanded Surveillance Systems
  - Asbestos removal plan district wide
  - Access Control on all main doors
- Major Systems Replacement Cycles and Building Specific Needs

# Kelsey Norman Elementary - History

1323 E. 28th St. | Joplin, MO 64804

**Year Built:** 1965

**Addition:** 1985, 2022

**Safe Room:** 2014

**SF:** 40,309

**Lot size:** 4.1 acres

**Class sections per grade:** 2

Kelsey Norman Elementary was constructed in 1965 with an addition in 1985. A community safe room was constructed in 2014, which provides for a safe location to secure students and community members during storm events. It also provided an opportunity to create additional space needed for physical education classes and other activities, as well as new office and conference room space. LED lighting upgrade was completed in 2019.

An 8,000+ square foot addition was constructed in 2021 that now houses new kindergarten rooms, literacy rooms, restrooms, a conference room and meeting space. This addition was made as a part of the 2020 No Tax Rate Increase Bond Issue.



# Kelsey Norman - Facility Report

1323 E. 28th St. | Joplin, MO 64804

## Major Future Capital Projects

HVAC- Expected Replacement  
(20 years)

- 19 Units 2035-2040
- 5 Units 2034
  - \$300,000

Roof Replacement (25 Years)

- Durolast '12- 2032
- TPO '19- 2044
- TPO '21- 2046
- Saferoom MOD '14 - 2044

## Priority Areas for Development

### 1. Safety

- Secure outside freezer and refrigerator

### 2. Learning Environment Enhancement

- Updated classroom furniture (Summer 2025)
- Modernized learning spaces to support contemporary educational methods

### 3. Facility Maintenance and Aesthetics

- New Windows: New windows will provide improved classroom comfort and efficiency.
- Remodel Kitchen and Cafeteria: Improve space for staff and students.
- Outdoor Signage: New exterior signage for improved campus identification and wayfinding

### 4. Recreation and Safety Infrastructure

- Playground Equipment: Comprehensive replacement program to ensure continued safety and engagement including turf installation for fall protection

# Kelsey Norman - Spatial Analysis

## 40,309 sf

133 sf/student\*

302 students

Desired Range: 135-150 sf/student

Site<sup>9</sup> acres: 4.1

Average students per classroom: 23/20<sup>1</sup>

### Classroom sf<sup>3</sup>:

Grades 1-5 900 sf

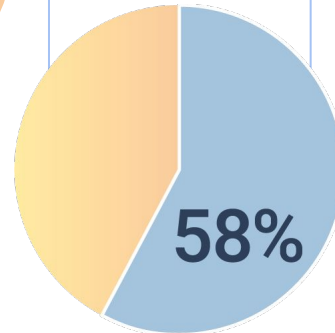
Kindergarten 1200 sf

100% of K classrooms have a RR

Food Service sf<sup>5</sup>: 48%

SPED sf/student<sup>6</sup>  
5

% of standard sf:  
**SPECIALS<sup>2</sup>**  
art, makers,  
music, comp. lab



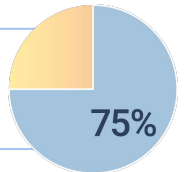
SAFEROOM:  FLEX:

PILOTS: TK  | 4yr

OT/PT<sup>8</sup> sf: 300

COUNSELING<sup>7</sup> sf: 135

% of standard sf: NURSE<sup>4</sup>



# Jefferson Elementary - History

130 S. McKinley Ave. | Joplin, MO 64801

**Year Built:** 1954

**Additions:** 1964, 1985

**Safe Room:** 2014

**SF:** 29,960

**Lot size:** 2.6 acres

**Class sections per grade:** 2

Jefferson Elementary was built in 1958 with additions in 1964, 1985 and 2014. Recent remodels included restroom renovations, carpet and tile in the classrooms, and the addition of a small art room. Parking and a parent drop-off at the front door were also added. A community safe room was constructed in 2014, which provides for a safe location to secure students and community members during storm events. It also provided an opportunity to create additional space needed for physical education classes and other activities. LED lighting upgrade was completed in 2019

As a part of the District's Phase I Capital Improvements in 2025, the school will be gaining a new addition for kindergarten, a newly renovated front entrance with new principal's office, and additions for a special education classroom and 4-year old classroom. The library, nurse and counselor offices, and cafeteria will also be renovated.



# Jefferson - Facility Report

130 S. McKinley Ave. | Joplin, MO 64801

## Major Future Capital Projects

### HVAC- Expected Replacement

- 20 Units 2036-2040
- 3 Units 2034
  - \$300,000

### Roof Replacement (25 Years)

- Durolast '08- 2028
- Durolast '16- 2031
- Saferoom MOD '14- 2044

## Priority Areas for Development

### 1. Traffic Flow and Safety

- Challenge: Current parent drop-off and pick-up procedures create safety concerns and traffic congestion
- Solution: Comprehensive redesign of traffic flow patterns to improve safety and efficiency

### 2. Learning Environment Enhancement

- Updated classroom furniture purchase (Summer 2025)
- Modernized learning spaces to support contemporary educational methods (Phase 1)
- Add square footage to create classroom space for students (Phase 1)

### 3. Facility Maintenance and Aesthetics

- Outdoor Signage: New exterior signage for improved campus identification and wayfinding.
- New Windows: New windows will provide improved classroom comfort and efficiency. (Phase 1)

### 4. Recreation and Safety Infrastructure

- Playground Equipment: Comprehensive new playground adjacent to property and replacement program to ensure continued safety and engagement. Reinstall Turf fall protection in 2030.

# Jefferson - Spatial Analysis

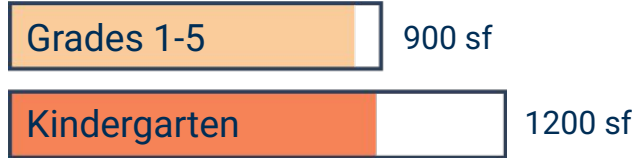
## 29,960 sf



**218 students**

Average students per classroom: **18/20<sup>1</sup>**

### Classroom sf<sup>3</sup>:



*0% of K classrooms have a RR*

**Food Service sf<sup>5</sup>: 40%**

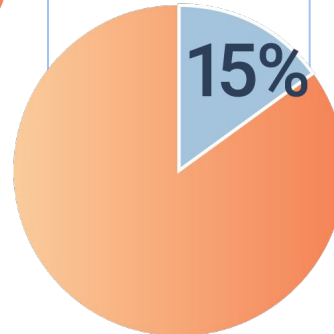


**Site<sup>9</sup> acres: 2.6**



*\*resource only*

% of standard sf:  
**SPECIALS<sup>2</sup>**  
art, makers, music, comp. lab



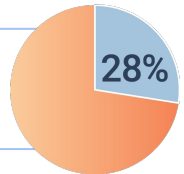
**SAFEROOM:**  **FLEX:**

**PILOTS:** TK  | 4yr

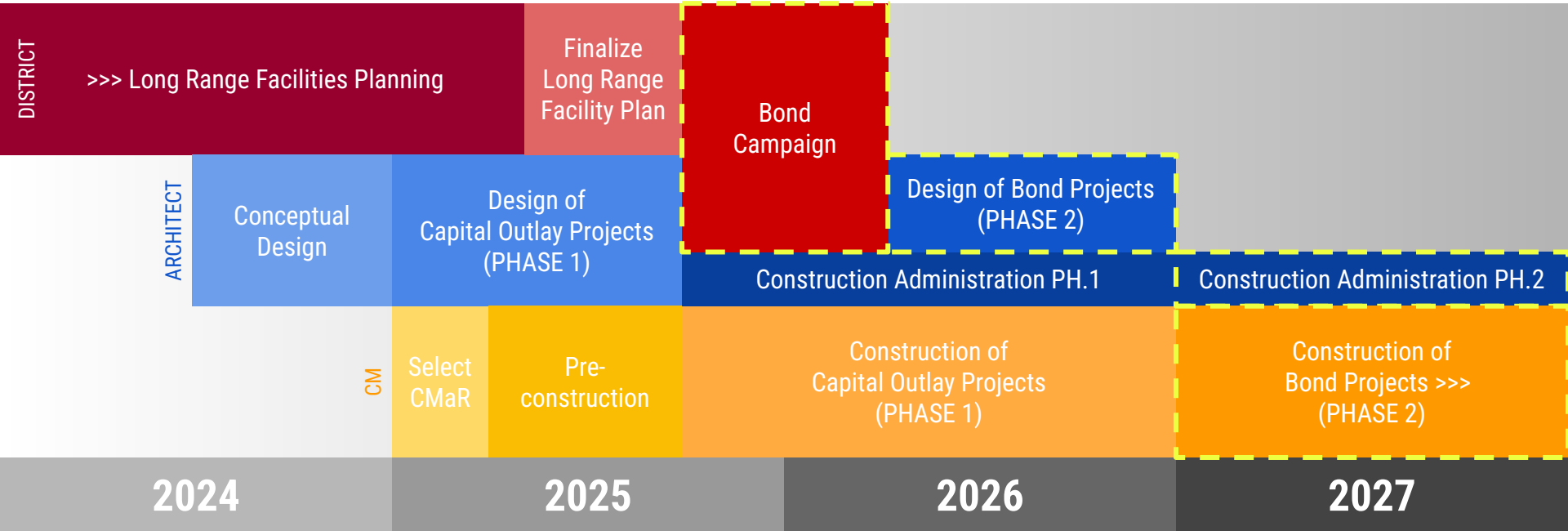
**OT/PT<sup>8</sup> sf: 0 corridor**

**COUNSELING<sup>7</sup> sf: 95**

% of standard sf: **NURSE<sup>4</sup>**



# PHASE 1-2 TIMELINE



# Facility Improvement Phases

PHASE 1  
PHASE 2  
PHASE 3  
PHASE 4

2025 – 2034>>>

# PHASE 1

## 2025 PROJECTS IN PROGRESS (Capital Reserves)

### ADDITIONS & RENOVATIONS:

Jefferson Elementary  
Mckinley Elementary  
Royal Heights Elementary

*Designs to be completed August 2025*

*Construction to be completed August 2026*

### NEW ELEMENTARY CLASSROOM FURNITURE

Stapleton, Cecil Floyd, Eastmorland, Kelsey Norman, Jefferson, McKinley, & Royal Heights

### COMPREHENSIVE WINDOW REPLACEMENT

Jefferson, McKinley, & Royal Heights

### WEST CENTRAL & ROI S WOOD

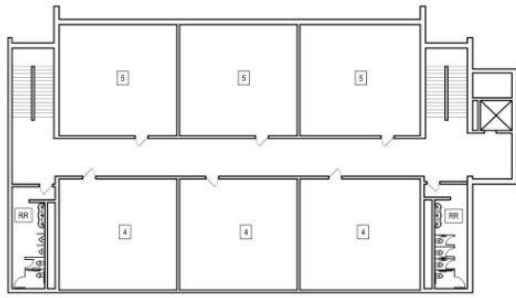
upgrades for usage needs



- Renovate space for a secure entry and new admin suite
- Renovate old admin space for nurse and counselor
- 4,300 sf Kindergarten and SPED addition at the SE corner
- 800 sf 4-yr classroom addition
- Renovate library, art classroom, music classroom, SPED resource, cafeteria, and offices for ELL and Literacy

# Jefferson

## FLOOR PLAN



② 2ND FLOOR - PROGRAM  
Scale: 1/16" = 1'-0"

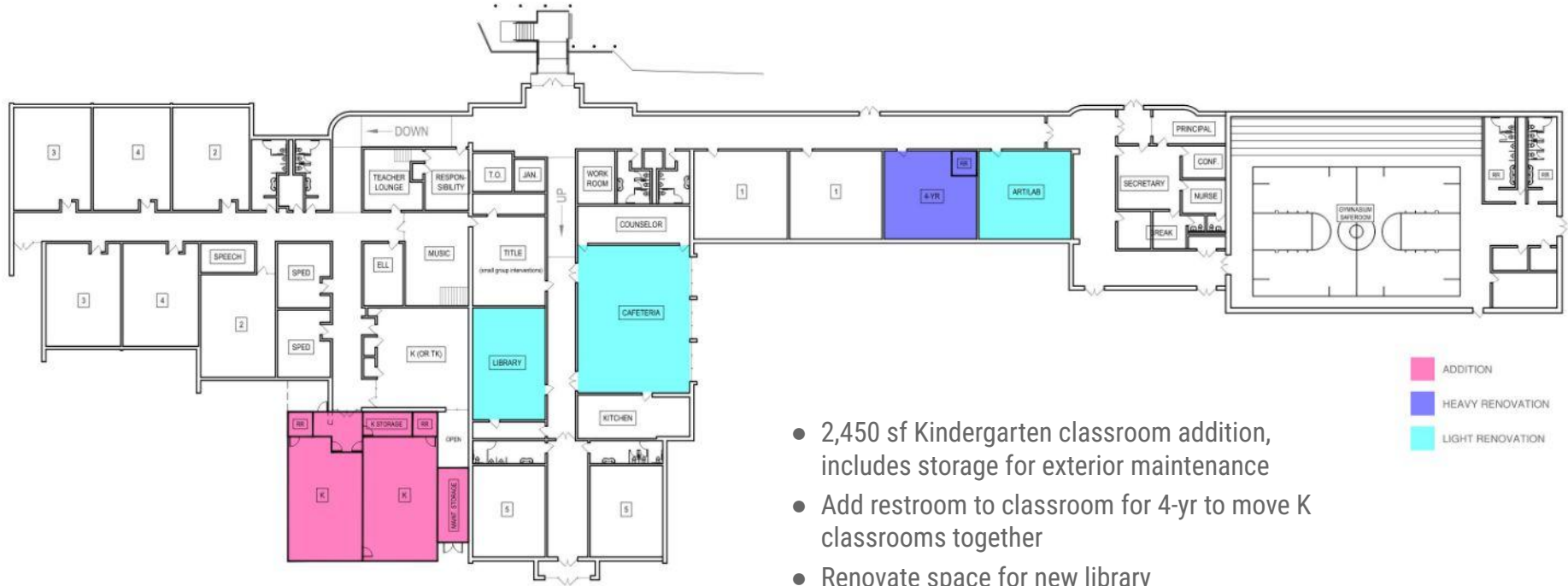
- Renovate nurse's office and restroom
- New counselor's office and workroom / lounge
- Renovate 3rd grade classroom for adjacency
- Renovate library and SPED rooms, subdivide room for OT/PT and SPED
- Expand kitchen, demo stage to enlarge cafeteria
- Add restroom to K classroom
- 2,000 sf addition for music, art, and 4-yr classroom



① 1ST FLOOR - PROGRAM CONCEPT & ADDITION  
Scale: 1/16" = 1'-0"

# McKinley

## FLOOR PLAN



- 2,450 sf Kindergarten classroom addition, includes storage for exterior maintenance
- Add restroom to classroom for 4-yr to move K classrooms together
- Renovate space for new library
- Renovate cafeteria
- Renovate classroom for Art

# Royal Heights

## FLOOR PLAN

# PHASE 2

## 2026 RECOMMENDATIONS (*Capital Reserves and Bond*)

### ADDITIONS & RENOVATIONS:

Stapleton Elementary  
Eastmorland Elementary  
Cecil Floyd Elementary

**SITE ACCESS SAFETY & PARKING IMPROVEMENTS:** Eastmorland, Stapleton, Cecil Floyd, McKinley, Jefferson , Royal Heights

**INDOOR FACILITY:** Joplin High School Site

**JHS LOCKER ROOM:** Tennis, Baseball, Softball Complex

**JUNGE CAMPUS:** BG&T Remodel, Parking Improvements (Gas Pumps) and concrete bus lot, Renovate Visitor Locker Room and Concessions at Stadium

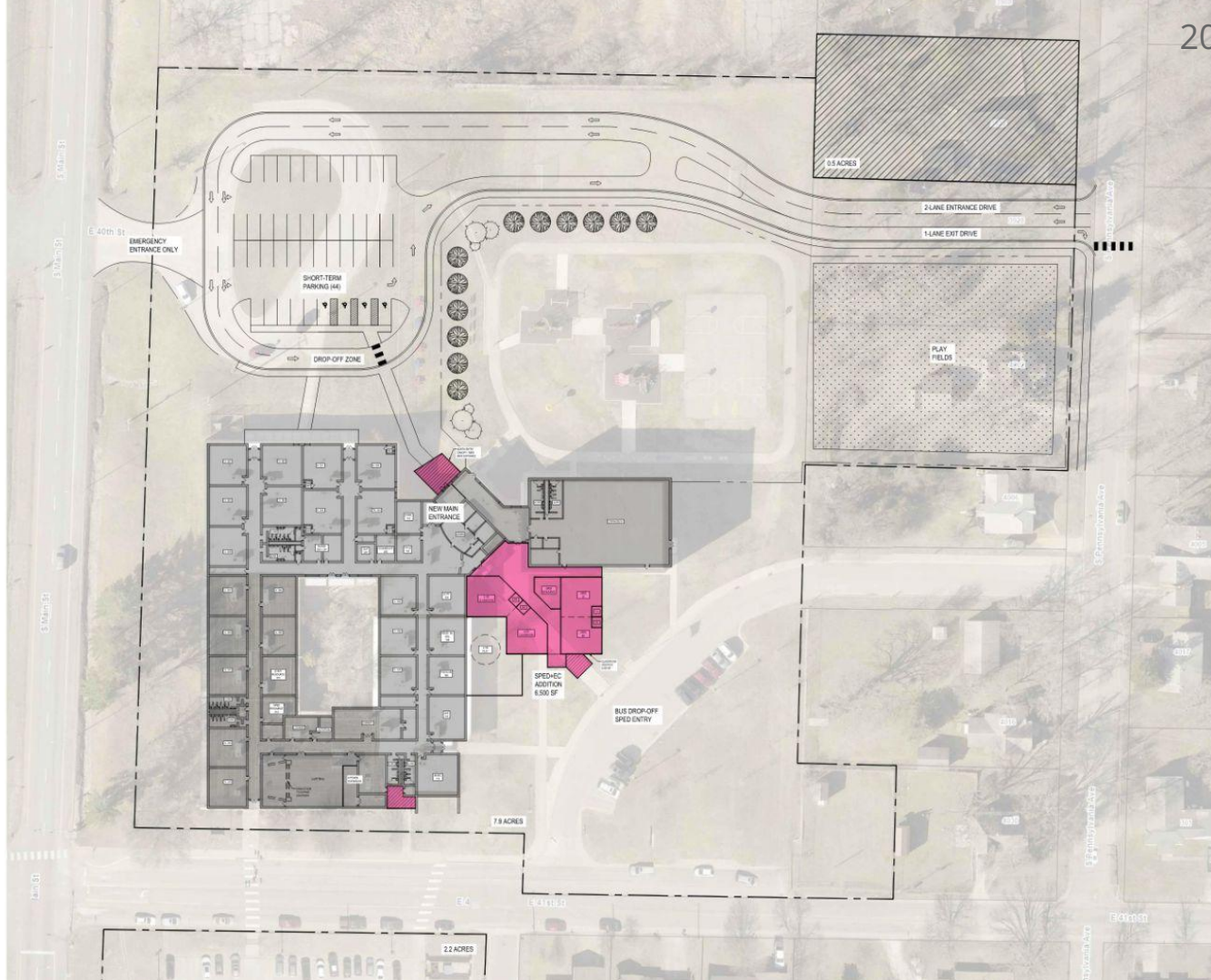
**COMPREHENSIVE WINDOW REPLACEMENT:** Eastmorland, Stapleton, Kelsey Norman, Cecil Floyd,



# Stapleton

## PARKING / DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS

- New 2-lane entry drive from Pennsylvania Ave. for parent drop-off (70-80 stacked cars)
- New entrance canopy
- 6,500 sf addition
- Kitchen addition to enclose cooler
- Existing drop-off lane will be for buses and SPED
- New play fields



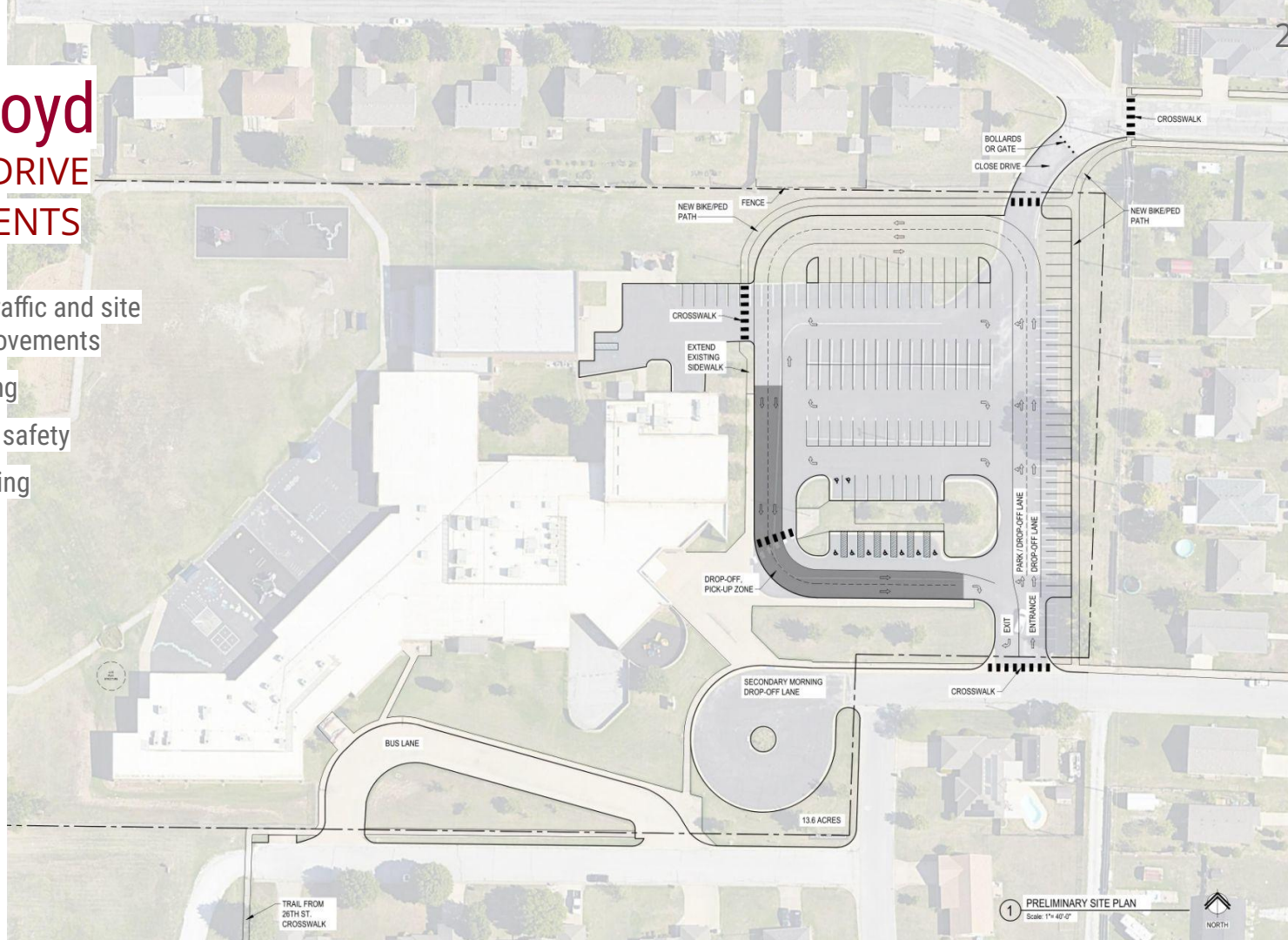




# Cecil Floyd

## PARKING / DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS

- Neighborhood traffic and site circulation improvements
- Expanded parking
- Pedestrian/bike safety
- Accessible parking improvements

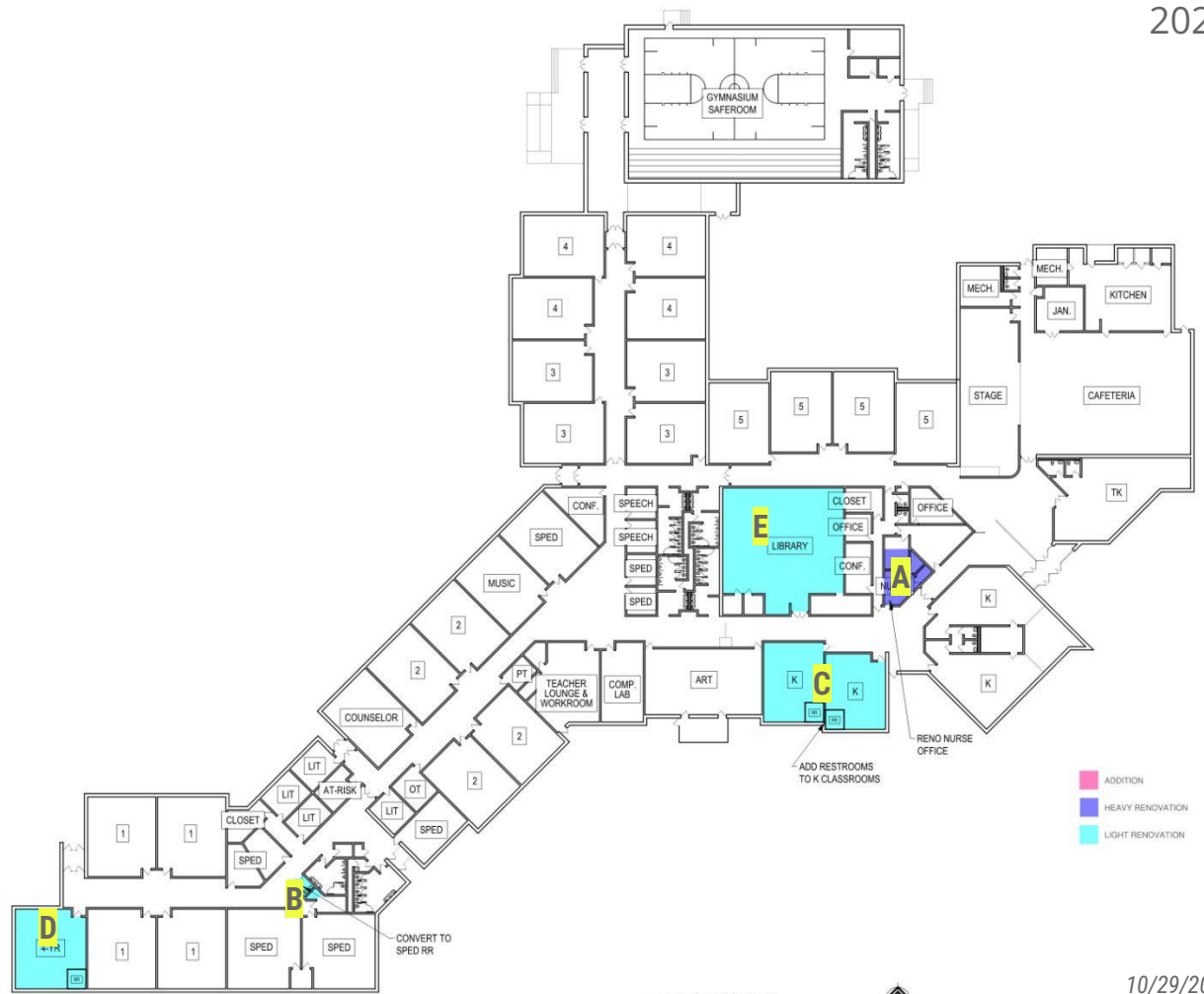


# Cecil Floyd

## INTERIOR RENOVATIONS

A. Nurse	\$59,309
B. SPED restroom	\$7,213
C. K Classrooms (2), add RRs	\$143,532
D. 4-yr Classroom, add RR	\$84,544
E. Library	\$210,672
Sidewalks	\$75,567
Restripe lot, change circulation	\$15,389
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$596,226</b>
Parking lot expansion option	\$361,806
<b>Subtotal Const. Budget</b>	<b>\$1,005,933</b>
Contingency	\$43,929
FFE	\$30,897
Technology / Equipment	\$17,572

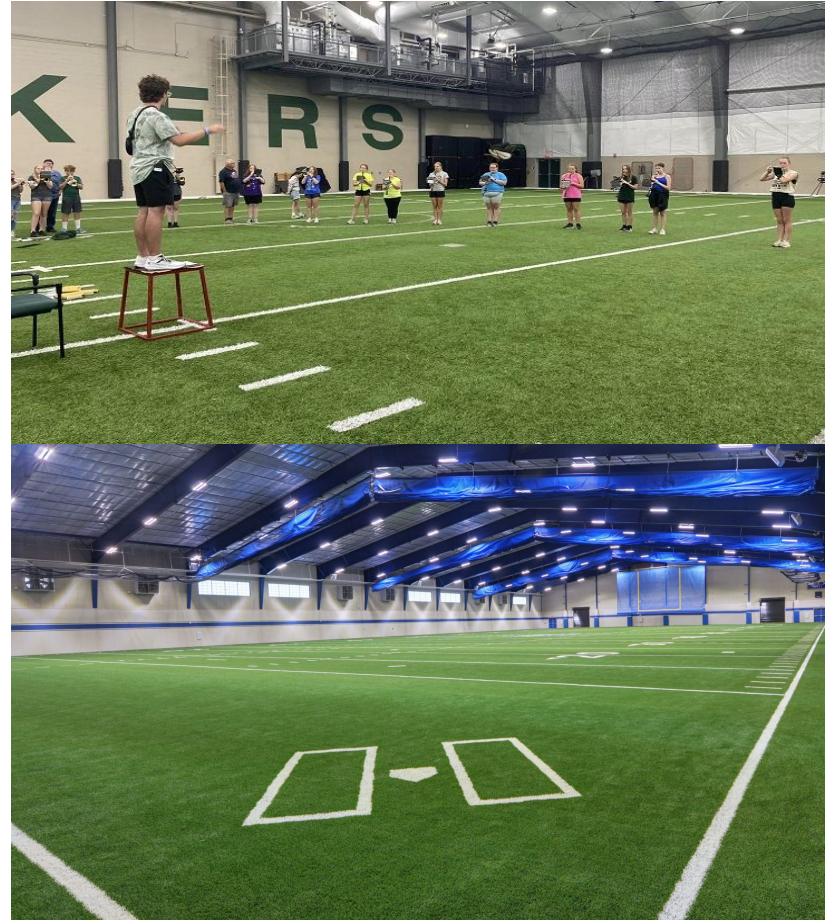
**TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET \$1,098,325**



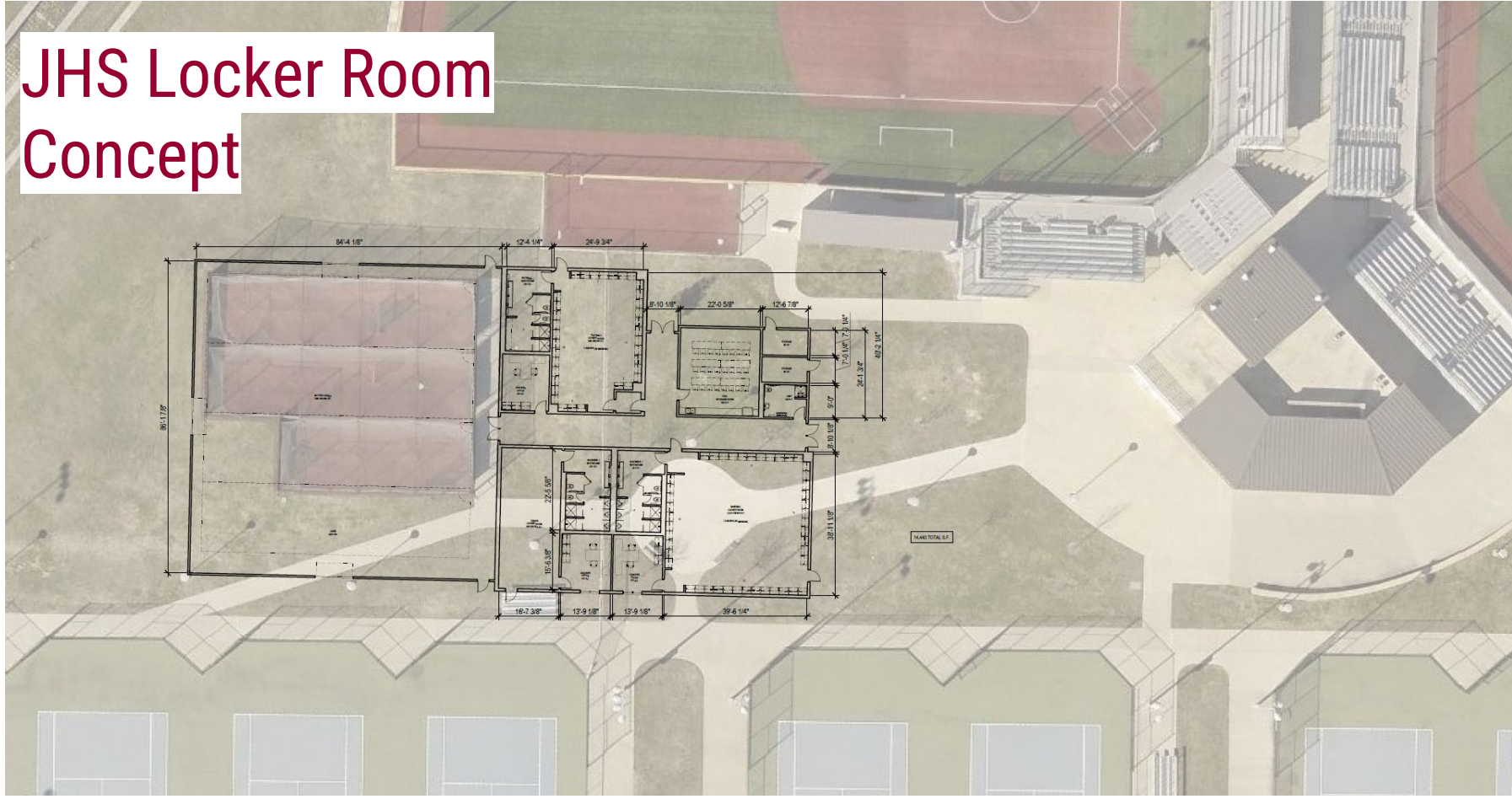
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# JHS Indoor Facility Concept



# JHS Locker Room Concept



# PHASE 3

## 2028-2033 RECOMMENDATIONS (Capital Outlay and Reserves)

ENERGY RESOURCES (SOLAR)

FACILITY SOLUTION FOR GIFTED EDUCATION

EXPLORE FEASIBILITY OF BIRTH TO THREE CHILDCARE

ONGOING ROOF AND HVAC MAINTENANCE / REPLACEMENTS

ONGOING CAPITAL OUTLAY MAINTENANCE / IMPROVEMENTS

# PHASE 4

## 2034+ RECOMMENDATIONS (Capital Reserves and Bond Issue)

### FACILITY MAINTENANCE:

- Roof replacements for 2013-2015 facilities
- HVAC replacements for 2013-2015 facilities
- Re-turf athletic facilities and playgrounds

# Summary Recommendations

## PHASE 2

- Construct new additions and interior updates to Stapleton, Eastmorland, Cecil Floyd Elementaries at a cost estimate of \$ 12 million (est.)
- Replace out of date windows at Kelsey Norman, Stapleton, Cecil Floyd, and Eastmorland- 1.5 million (est.)
- Construct improved and secure parking for parent pick up and drop off at Jefferson, Royal Heights, Stapleton, McKinley, and Eastmorland- \$3 million (est.)

# Summary Recommendations

## PHASE 2 *cont.*

- Construct new indoor facility and locker facility at Joplin High School that is a multi-purpose space for instruction, activities, athletic, and community space - \$12 million (est.) excluding sponsorships to be sold to reduce overall cost)
- Construct improved middle school locker facility and parking improvements at Junge Stadium 4 million (est.)

# Summary Recommendations

- Utilize a no tax rate increase bond issue within the district's estimated bonding capacity of \$35-\$40 million dollars
- The BOE should consider the April 2026 election window for the bond issue
- Utilize Capital Outlay Reserves to fund the projects not covered by the bond issue

These recommendations address educational sustainability between all elementary campuses, as well as traffic safety and space upgrades

# Summary Recommendations

- Utilize Capital Outlay Reserves to fund the projects such as partial roof and HVAC replacements as well as additional remodels and upgrades to district buildings not covered in Phase 1 and 2 (Phase 3)
- Utilize a no tax rate increase bond issue in 2034 within the district's estimated bonding capacity of \$100 million dollars to update HVAC, Roofs and other upgrades to buildings constructed in 2014.

These recommendations address educational sustainability and building sustainability between all campuses, and district buildings.

# Questions