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## Why a Comprehensive Facilities Plan?

- Increasing need for space
  - Increasing enrollment
  - Increasing special education needs
  - Changing instructional best practices
- Ensuring quality instruction and student opportunities
  - Need for space competing against best practice instruction
    - Widening inequality between elementary schools
  - Maximizing exploratory and career readiness opportunities

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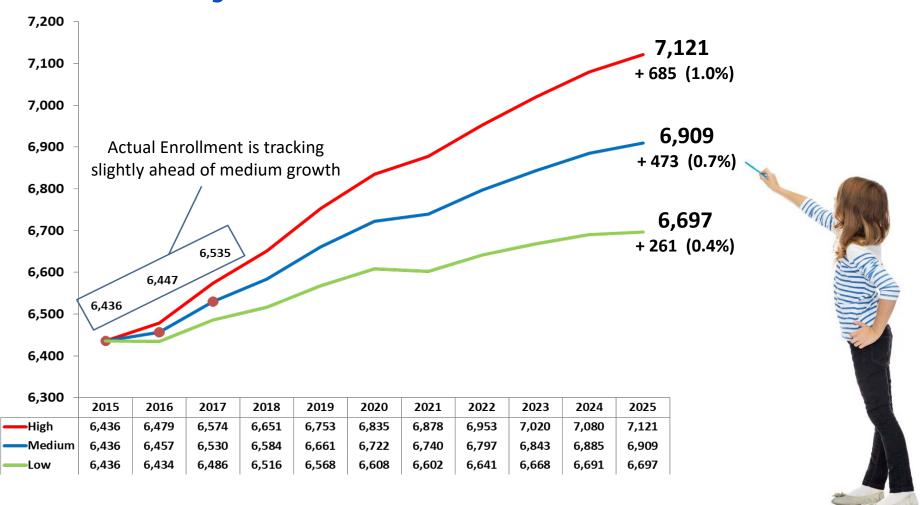
- Increasing maintenance costs with aging schools
  - Energy savings with modern updates
  - Operational efficiencies
- Cost & construction efficiencies with larger, bundled projects
- Proactive planning vs. reactive decisions
  - Strategic decisions are often more efficient & effective
- Ensure our schools represent our community values

## **Starting The Process**

## Gathering and Understanding Information

- Demographics and Enrollment
- Capacity of our Schools
- Condition of our Schools

## **Projected Enrollment Growth**



## **Capacity Of Our Schools**

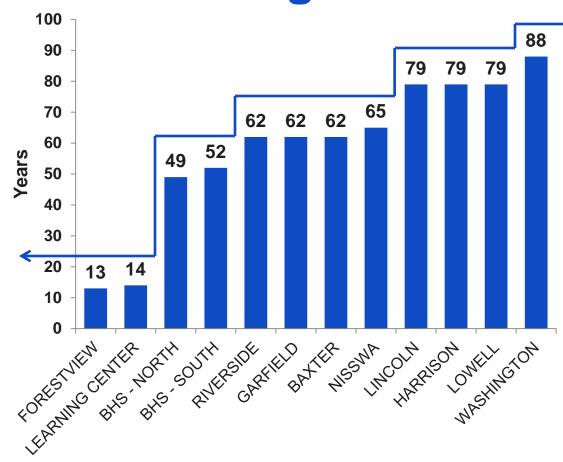
#### **Elementary Schools**



#### **High School**

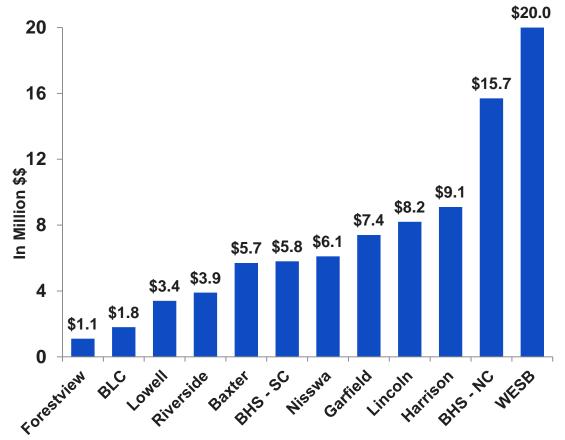
Current Enrollment	1,905	
<b>Enrollment with Average Growth</b>		1,963
<b>Current Capacity</b>	;	2,000

## **Age of Our Schools**



- WESB built in 1929
- Forestview built in 2004
- Average age is 45 years
- Average replacement cycle was 7 years when BHS was built in 1968
- 35 years then passed before FMS was built in 2004
- With 12 buildings, a 10 year replacement cycle will result in a building life of 120 years.

## **Future Maintenance Costs**



- Total expected future costs of over \$89 million
- Completed by independent engineer & construction professionals
- Renewal & update of structures
   & systems reaching the end of their useful life.
- Deficiencies that the District hasn't had funds to address (ADA, Secured entrances)
- Roofs, boilers, air handling, windows, paving, tuckpointing, etc.





## **Our Overall Goal**

#### **Facilities that Promote...**

#### Opportunity, Innovation and Success for All Learners

#### **Eight Objectives:**

- Safe and secure facilities
- Mechanical and educational adequacy updates
- Space that fosters best practice instruction and 21st Century learning opportunities
- Spaces that promote robust opportunities in academics, arts, activities, & athletics
- Increased community collaboration, career & technical education opportunities, and workforce development initiatives
- Visionary technology integration
- Transparency, engagement, and community trust-building
- Highest quality educational opportunities for our taxpayers' generous investment

## **6 Phase Process**

- 1 Communications Planning
  - 2 Stakeholder Input
    - 3 Surveys & Assessments
    - Develop Options & Alternatives
  - 5 Bond Election Process
- 6 Construction Management

## Phase 1 – Communications Planning

- Dedicated website www.BLUEPRINT181.org
  - Comprehensive Information from Planning Process
  - Interactive Submit questions and feedback
  - Meeting Presentations and Videos
  - Answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
  - Links to Related News and Media Coverage

Visit the website to stay updated!!

#### Additional Communication Methods

- News Releases (including Viewpoint181)
- Radio (Community Focus segment)
- Social Media
- Stakeholder emails
- Handouts and takeaway pieces (placemat, trifold, etc)

## Phase 2 – Stakeholder Engagement

- Education-based listening sessions
  - Teachers
  - Administrators
  - Support Staff
  - Students



- Community Stakeholder listening sessions
  - School Board
  - Parents
  - Civic Groups
  - Business Community Partners
  - School Centered Neighborhoods
  - Community Members



## Findings from Stakeholder Input

- Great Teachers and Staff
- Quality Educational Opportunities
- Neighborhood Schools Very Important
- High School Campus Location Valued Part of Community
- Business Community Desires...
  - Enhanced Communication
  - Workforce Development Partnerships
  - Robust Career/Technical Education Opportunities
  - Comprehensive Technology Integration
- Forestview Quality Facility with Appropriate Amount of Space
  - All of the other schools have significant needs

## Findings from Stakeholder Input

- Lack of Physical and Functional Space at Elementary Schools and Functional Space at the Secondary Schools, Results in an Inequality of Educational Delivery
- Facilities Faced with Significant Deferred Maintenance Needs (With Exception Of Forestview Middle School)
- Safety and Security Concerns Across District
- Parking and Pick Up-Drop Off Concerns Across District (Need For Separation of Bus/Parent Drop Off-Pick Up)

## Phase 3 – Surveys & Assessments

- Public Polling Scientific Survey
- Online Survey
- GIS Student Mapping
- Traffic Studies
- Review of Demographic and Enrollment Data
- District Financial Review

## Phase 4 – Develop Options and Alternatives





Administrative Committee









Surveys & Assessments
Work Groups
Stakeholder Feedback
Cuningham Report

#### Considerations

- Project Costs and Budgeting
- Identifying Operating Costs / Savings
- Possible Site Selection and Property Acquisition
- Financial Impact To Taxpayers
- Project Timeline Impacts to Costs
- Building / Program Transition during Construction

## Imagining Solutions – Discovering Opportunities

- R ightsize
- R enewal
- R einvest
- R epurpose
- R eplace



## Imagining Solutions – Discovering Opportunities

#### Renew and Right-Size

- Garfield Elementary
- Lowell Elementary
- Nisswa Elementary
- Riverside Elementary

#### Replace / Repurpose

Baxter Elementary

#### **TBD**

Harrison Elementary

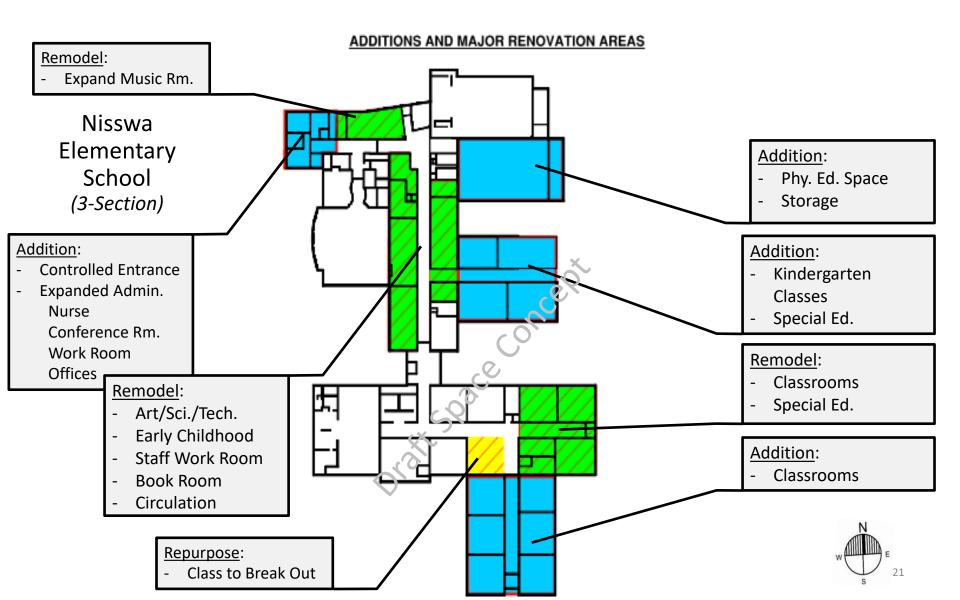


## Creating Consistency in our Elementary Schools

- Overall size and efficiency
- General condition of the building
- Safety and security
- Classroom size
- Supporting spaces
  - STEM
  - Special Education / Interventions
  - Gymnasium/Multipurpose
  - Media Centers / Technology
  - Cafeterias / Kitchens
  - Collaborative / Flexible spaces
- Playground / outdoor space
- Traffic / pedestrian safety and parking







## Forestview Middle School

- Controlled Entrance
- Parent Drop-off / Pick-up





## Brainerd High School







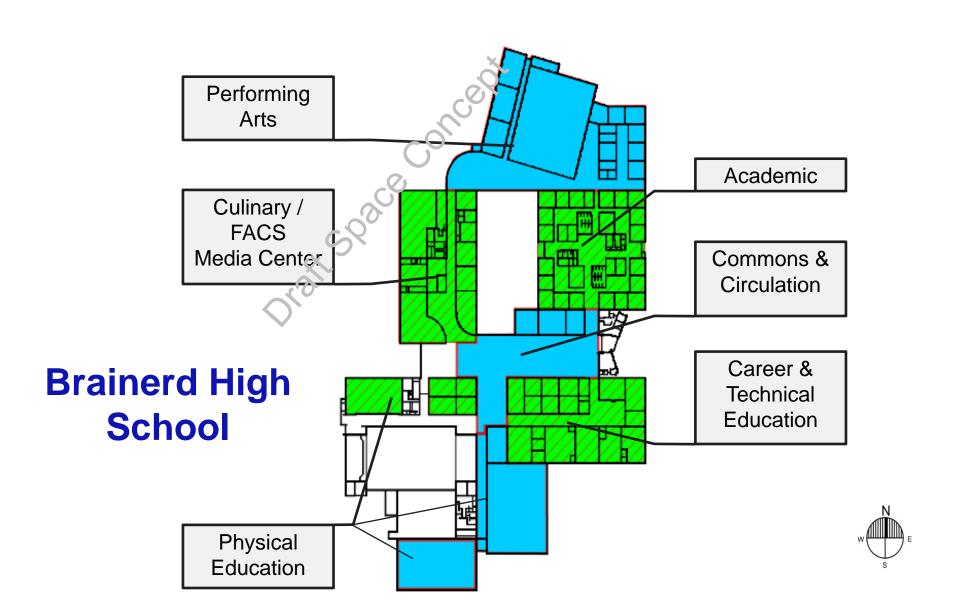






### **Brainerd High School Project Highlights**

- Improved security and supervision
- Renovate existing facility throughout to modernize
- Combine North and South Campus spaces for a grades 9 12 building with improved programming opportunities and gain operational efficiencies
- Additional space for classrooms, health and wellness, performing arts and dedicated collaborative spaces.
- Improve and enhance career and technical education, technology integration, workforce development & community partnerships
- Provide dedicated collaborative spaces for students and staff
- Create a welcoming commons space for our students and community
- Relocate Lincoln Education Center in a right-sized south campus for potential program expansion & improved access to high school career-tech programs
- Increase accessible and safe parking

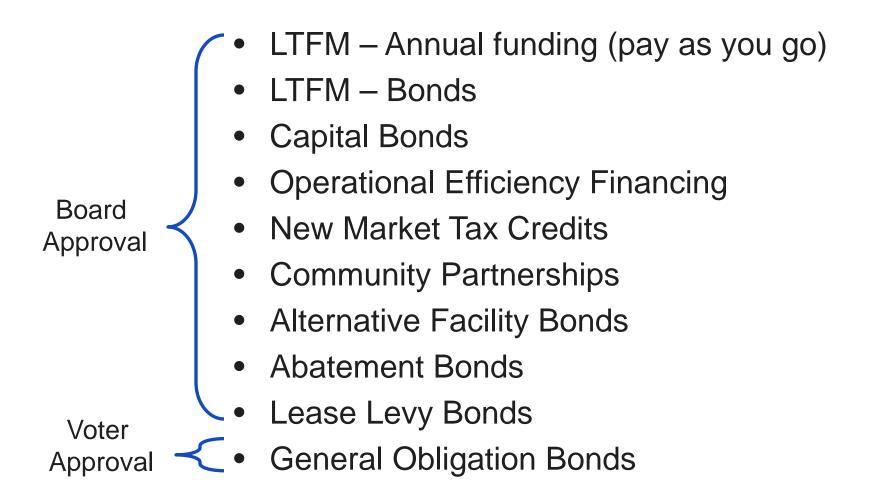


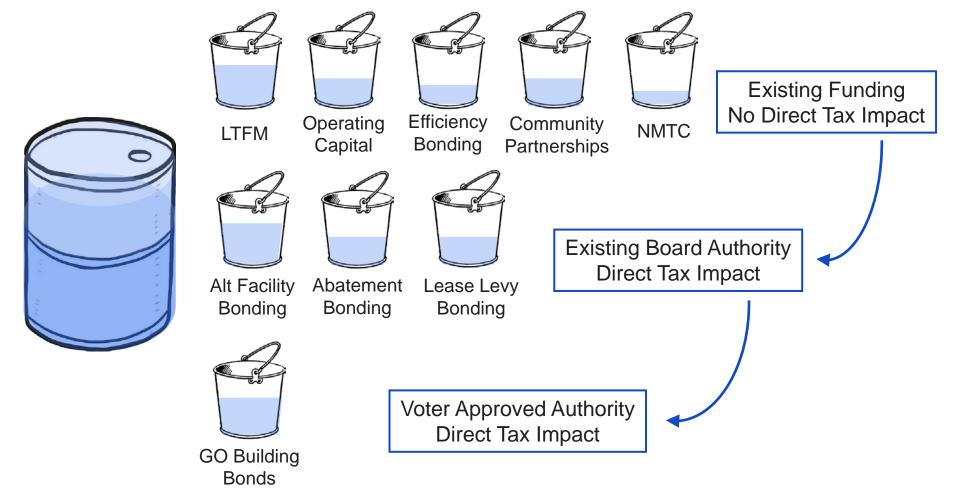




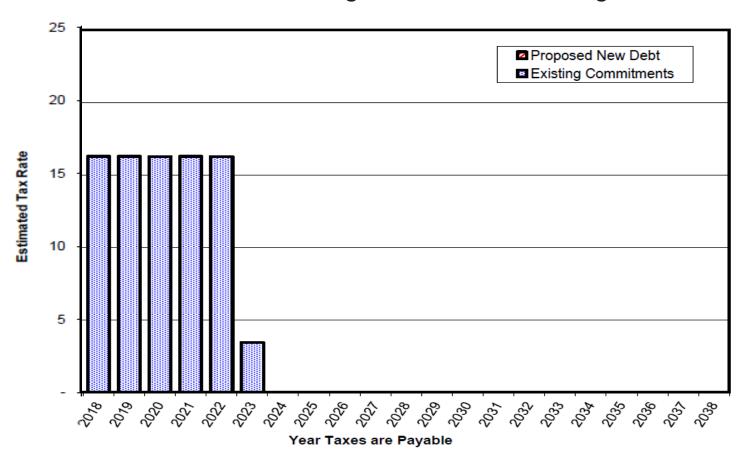
- LTFM Annual funding (pay as you go)
- LTFM Bonds
- Capital Bonds
- Alternative Facility Bonds
- Abatement Bonds
- Lease Levy Bonds
- Operational Efficiency Financing
- New Market Tax Credits
- Community Partnerships
- General Obligation Bonds

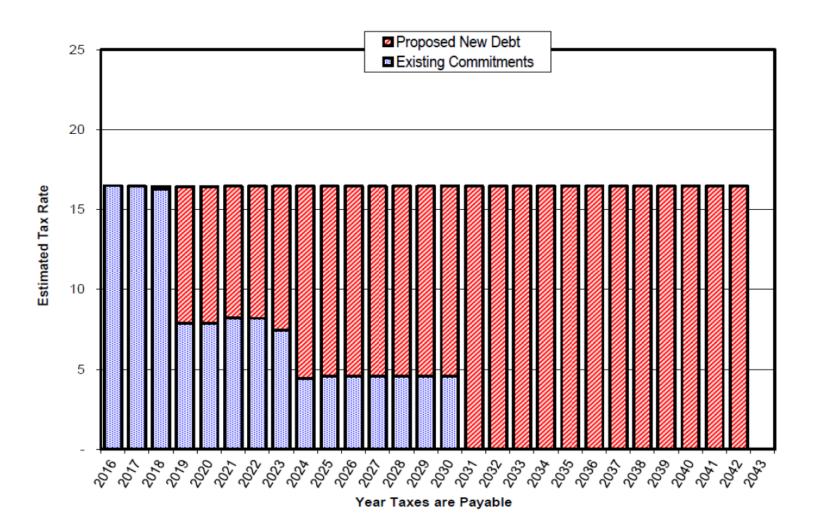






School District's Outstanding Debt and Remaining Debt Service





## Phase 5 – Bond Election Process

- Identify a preferred date
- Encourage public review of the proposed facilities plan and tax impacts
- Develop ballot question(s)
- Submit plan (review and comment) to Education
   Department for approval

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