



Vote Tuesday, November 4, 2008

School District of Jefferson

Revised High School Facilities Referendum



NOVEMBER 4TH REFERENDUM *at a glance...*

Two Questions Now on the Ballot

Question #1

Requests approval to borrow up to \$39,700,000 to construct additions to the high school, including a two-story classroom addition, pool, and gymnasium; renovate and improve a portion of the existing high school, demolish a portion of the existing school, and improve the high school grounds including the track and replacing the tennis courts.

Question #2

Requests approval to exceed the revenue limit placed on schools by \$300,000 a year for five school years only (starting in 2009/10 and ending in 2013/14) to provide funds for other facilities maintenance projects throughout the District.

Do We Still Need this Referendum?

Yes. The District still believes very strongly that the revised High School Facilities Project, as well as ongoing district-wide maintenance projects, are needed. While we have reworked the proposed solution and added the maintenance cost question in response to our community, our needs have not changed.

- Jefferson High School is still an aging, outdated, and inefficient High School.
- Our facility challenges continue to affect our High School learning environment.
- The cost of waiting continues to increase, both educationally and financially.

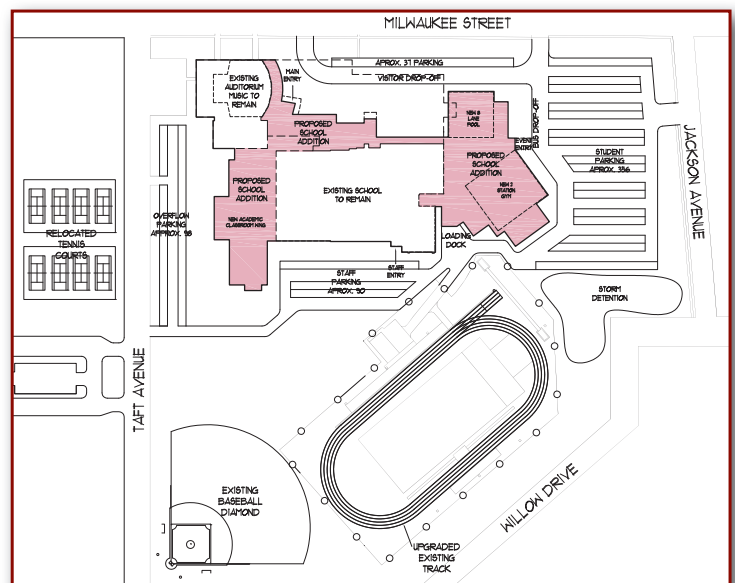
How has the High School Facilities Project Changed?

While many elements of the original plan remain (such as rebuilding the academic classroom areas, providing a secure and identifiable main entrance, replacing the pool, and installing a geothermal heating and cooling system), the revised plan does renovate and repurpose a significant portion of the current building compared to the former proposal. Specific changes now include:

- Reducing the total amount of new construction from approximately 226,000 square feet to approximately 155,000
- Relocating the new gymnasium and pool additions to the east of the renovated portion of the school, towards Jackson Avenue
- Reducing the number of new general classrooms and science labs
- Preserving the existing music wing, tech ed/ agricultural area, competition gym, and kitchen

continued

Revised Site Plan



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- Converting the existing small gym into a new library
- Converting the existing swimming pool into an additional gym
- Relocating the tennis courts due to the new design
- Reducing the amount of renovations to the auditorium and district office space
- Eliminating the need to relocate the Physical Education/practice football fields, and the baseball diamond due to the new design
- Eliminating the concession stand/restrooms/storage facility

Revised Project Cost Breakdown

Project Component	April 1, 2008 Referendum	November 4, 2008 Referendum	Cost Difference
New Construction	\$42,133,500	\$30,419,996	(\$11,713,500)
Renovations	\$2,130,500	\$8,435,004	\$6,304,504
Tennis, Track, Field Upgrades	\$836,000	\$645,000 (Now Only Tennis & Track Improvements)	(\$191,000)
Demolition	\$500,000	\$200,000	(\$300,000)
Total Project Cost	\$45,600,000	\$39,700,000	(\$5,900,000)

Understanding the Costs**Question #1:** \$39,700,000

- This cost translates to an average tax impact of \$1.98 per thousand (\$1,000) of assessed valuation or \$198 more per year (\$16.50 per month) on a \$100,000 property.
- For a property with an assessed valuation of \$200,000, Question #1 would cost \$396 more per year or \$33 per month.
- This is a bond issue that will be financed in three phases (2008, 2009, 2010) of 20 years each.
- Compared to the original project, this lower-cost option reduces the annual tax impact by \$70.

Question #2: \$300,000 per year for five school years

- This cost translates to an average tax impact of \$0.30 per thousand (\$1,000) of assessed valuation or \$30 more per year (\$2.50 per month) on a \$100,000 property.
- For a property with an assessed valuation of \$200,000, Question #2 would cost \$60 more per year or \$5 per month.
- This is a tax rate increase that would only be authorized for five school years, starting in 2009/10 and ending in 2013/14.

Make an Informed Decision

on Tuesday, November 4, 2008:

- Visit the District website at www.jefferson.k12.wi.us
- Attend information meetings (schedule on district website)
- E-mail us at JHSReferendum@jefferson.k12.wi.us
- Call us at 920-675-1009