



Lowell Area Schools

Bond Proposal Information

February 2023



Agenda

Process Overview

Proposed Bond Program

Impact to Taxpayers

Discussion/Questions





We conducted a comprehensive Facility Assessment of Lowell's school facilities to identify district needs.



Planning Process



- **Facility Assessment** – 2022
- **Community Visioning** – May 2023
- **Community Needs Survey** – June 2023
- **High Level Prioritization** – October 2023
- **Community Forums to Present Potential Bond Scope** – October 2023
- **Board Approval of Potential Bond Scope** – November 2023
- **Board Resolution calling for a May 2024 election** – February 2024

Planning Process



Care for
what we have



Modernize
learning
environments



Improve fine arts,
athletics +
community spaces



Update aging
infrastructure



Be financially
responsible

Bond Program Goals



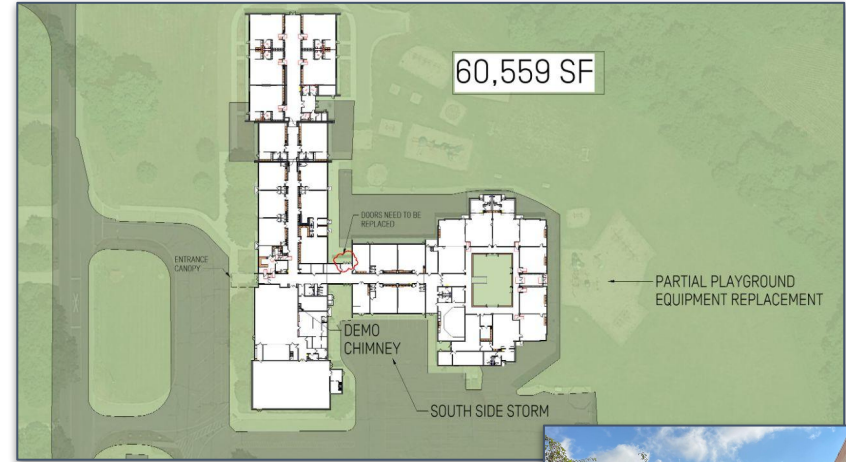
Bond Proposal:

\$104M investment

Projects addressing our district's most pressing facility needs to impact academics.



- Renovation of older style classrooms
- Site improvements
- New canopy
- Mechanical upgrades,
- Renovated kitchen
- New playground equipment
- Roof replacement

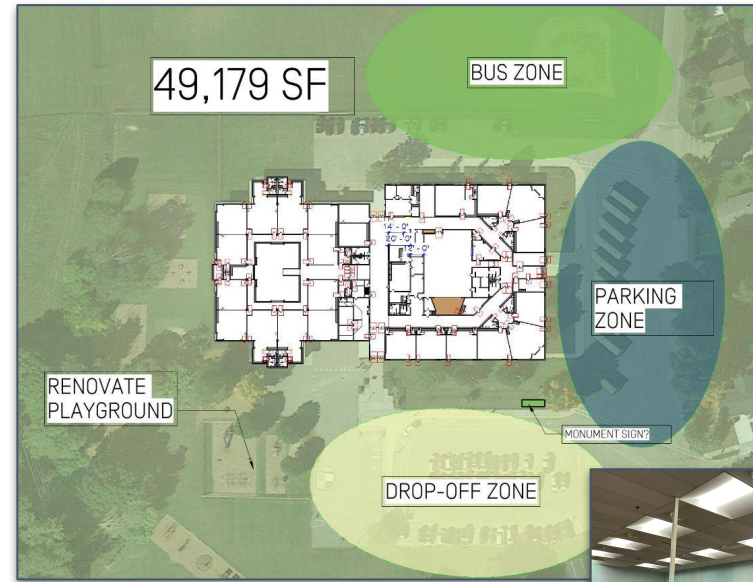


Alto Elementary

\$6.5M



- Mechanical + electrical replacements
- New classroom finishes
- New exterior doors
- Roof edge + fascia repair
- Repurposing old computer labs for intervention spaces
- Playground renovation
- Restroom renovations

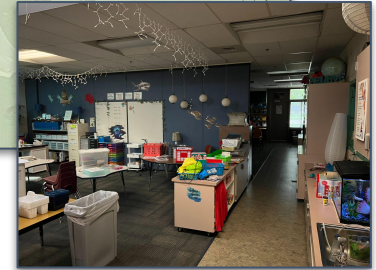


Bushnell Elementary

\$6.8M



- Major renovation of the entire school + site
- Classroom separation
- Shared learning commons
- Small group learning rooms
- Renovated STEM lab + art spaces
- New site configuration
- New playground equipment



Cherry Creek Elementary

\$29.9M



- New classroom + corridor finishes
- Site drainage
- Mechanical upgrades



Murray Lake Elementary

\$1.4M



- Complete mechanical + electrical replacements
- New classroom + corridor finishes
- New exterior doors
- New furniture
- Complete lighting replacement
- Upgraded security at classroom doors
- Site accessibility + safety improvements

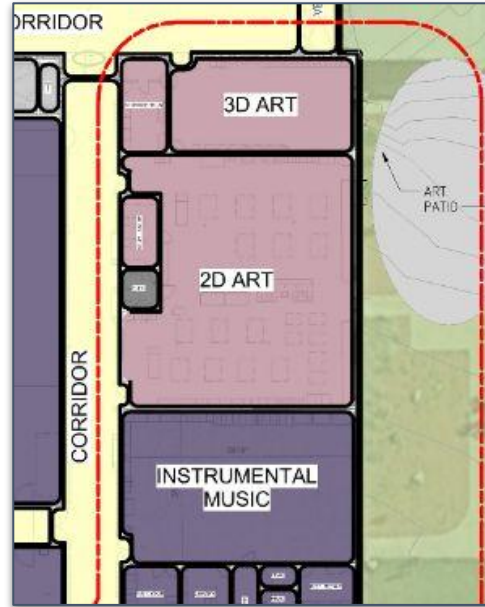


High School

\$32.4M



- Arts wings improvements

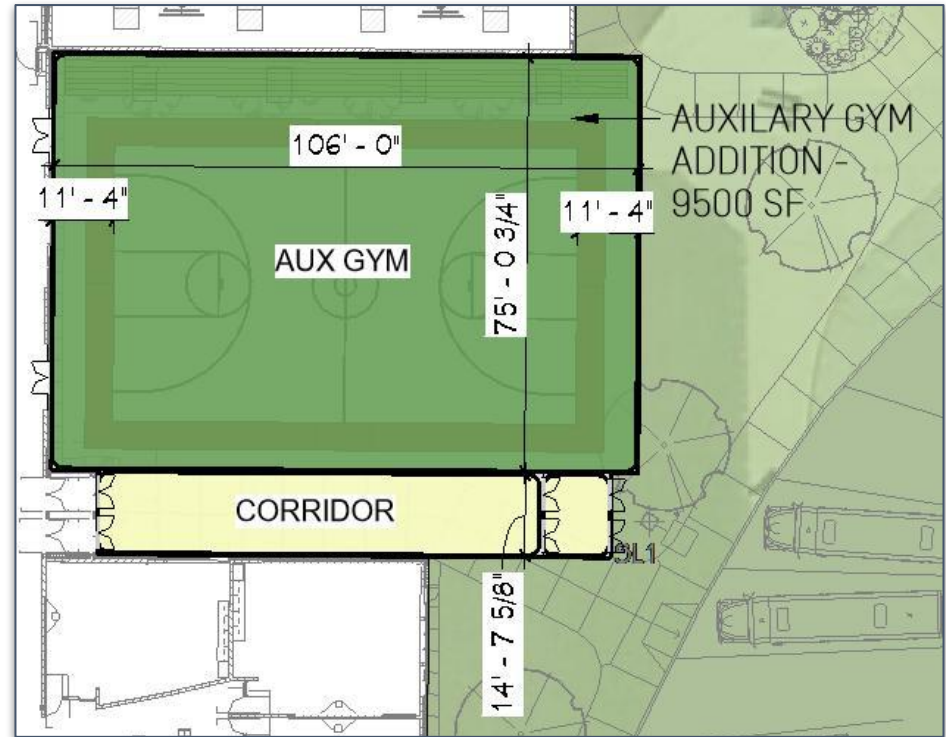


High School

\$32.4M



- Auxiliary gym addition



Middle School

\$6.8M



- New classroom + corridor finishes
- Replace mechanical
- New exterior doors + windows
- Replace ceilings + lights
- Classroom door security upgrades
- Restroom remodel for ADA compliance

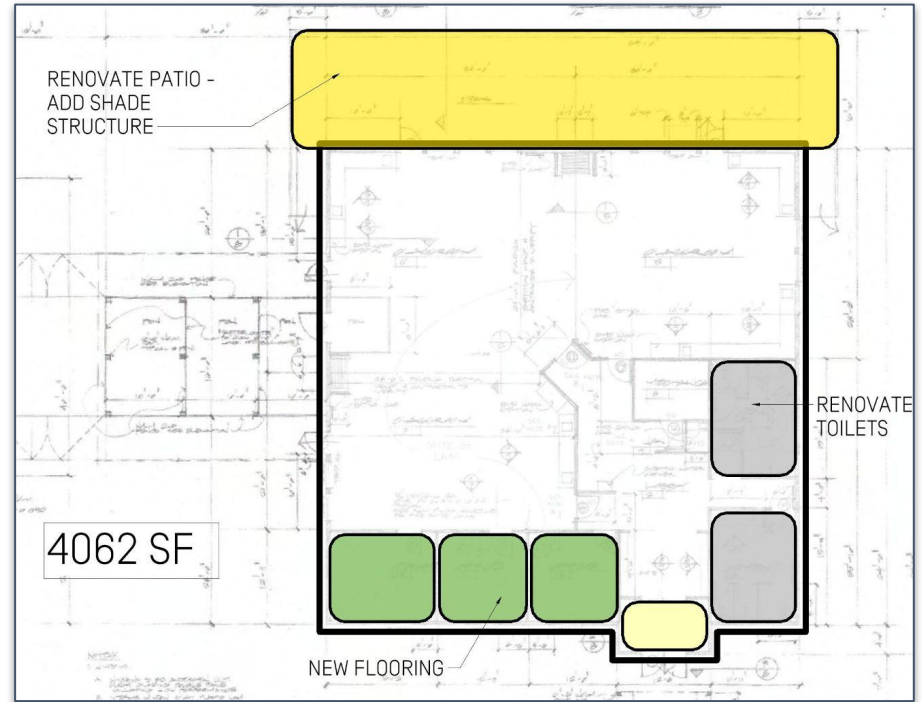


Unity High School, TOTS, Admin

\$6.8M



- New flooring
- Restroom renovations
- Mechanical updates

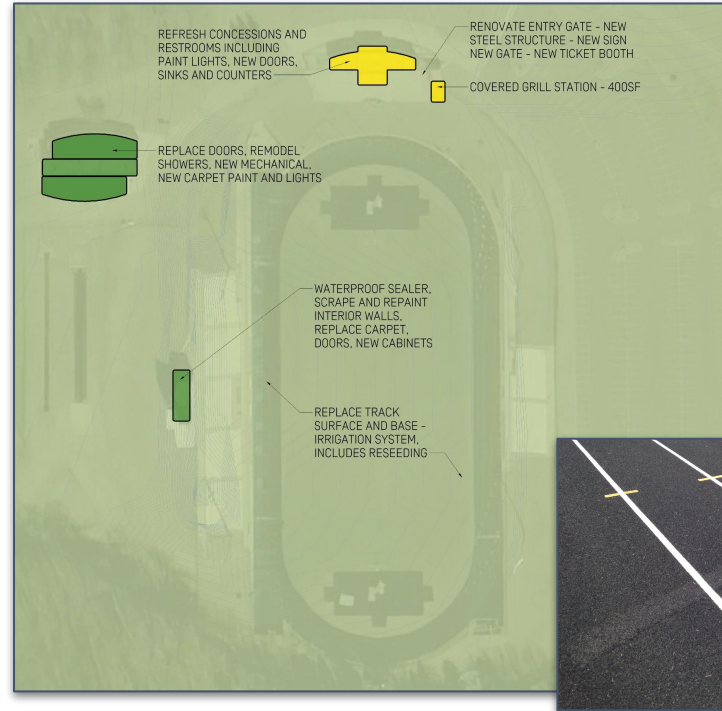


Wittenbach Center

\$150k



- Renovations to concessions stands + press box
- Stadium irrigation system + a new track surface
- Renovations to team building including new doors, restroom remodel, new mechanical systems, + interior finishes



High School Athletics

\$3.8M



Project Summary

Alto Elementary	\$6.5M
Bushnell Elementary	\$6.8M
Cherry Creek Elementary (includes furniture)	\$29.9M
Murray Lake Elementary	\$1.4M
High School	\$32.4M
Unity High School/TOTS/Admin	\$6.5M
Wittenbach Center	\$150K
Transportation	\$113K
Technology	\$3.1M
Athletics	\$3.8M
High School Arts Improvements	\$6.6M
Middle School aux gym addition	\$6.8M
Total	\$104.07M



How are schools financed?





Bond Funding Options

Current Millage:

7.0 mils

Millage Increase:

0.0 mils

Total Millage:

7.0 mils

est. thru 2031

Keeping bond ***below maximum***
(roughly \$130m) gives more
flexibility down the road to meet
new needs that may arise

Cost increase per household:

\$0/yr

- Senior citizens and low income households can qualify for a property tax credit which can reduce a households property taxes.
- Millage rate estimates assume 4.5% taxable value growth in first 5 years, followed by 3% growth each year thereafter (5 year average = 6.3%)



Series / Budget / Funding

Series 1 - 2024 **\$32.7M**

Cherry Creek Elementary (includes furniture)	\$29.9M
Track and irrigation	\$1.9M
Technology	\$1.0M

Series 2 - 2028 **\$33.6M**

High School and Freshman Center	\$32.4M
Technology	\$1.1M

Series 3 - 2030 **\$37.8M**

Alto Elementary	\$6.5M
Bushnell Elementary	\$6.8M
Murray Lake Elementary	\$1.4M
Unity High School/ECC/Admin	\$6.5M
Stadium Concessions, pressbox, team bldg	\$1.9M
Wittenbach Center	\$150K
Transportation	\$113K
Technology	\$1.0M
High School Arts Improvements	\$6.6M
Middle School aux. gym addition	\$6.8M

Total **\$104.07M**



- **Polling locations** open Tuesday, May 7, 2024 from 7am to 8pm
- **Absentee Voting:** Begins March 28! Watch your mail for applications to vote absentee. Or download one from the SOS website.
<https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/Home/Index>
- Not registered to vote? Register today at <https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/Home/Index>

Election Day is Tuesday, May 7, 2024



Questions?