

Oostburg School District
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Oostburg, WI 53070

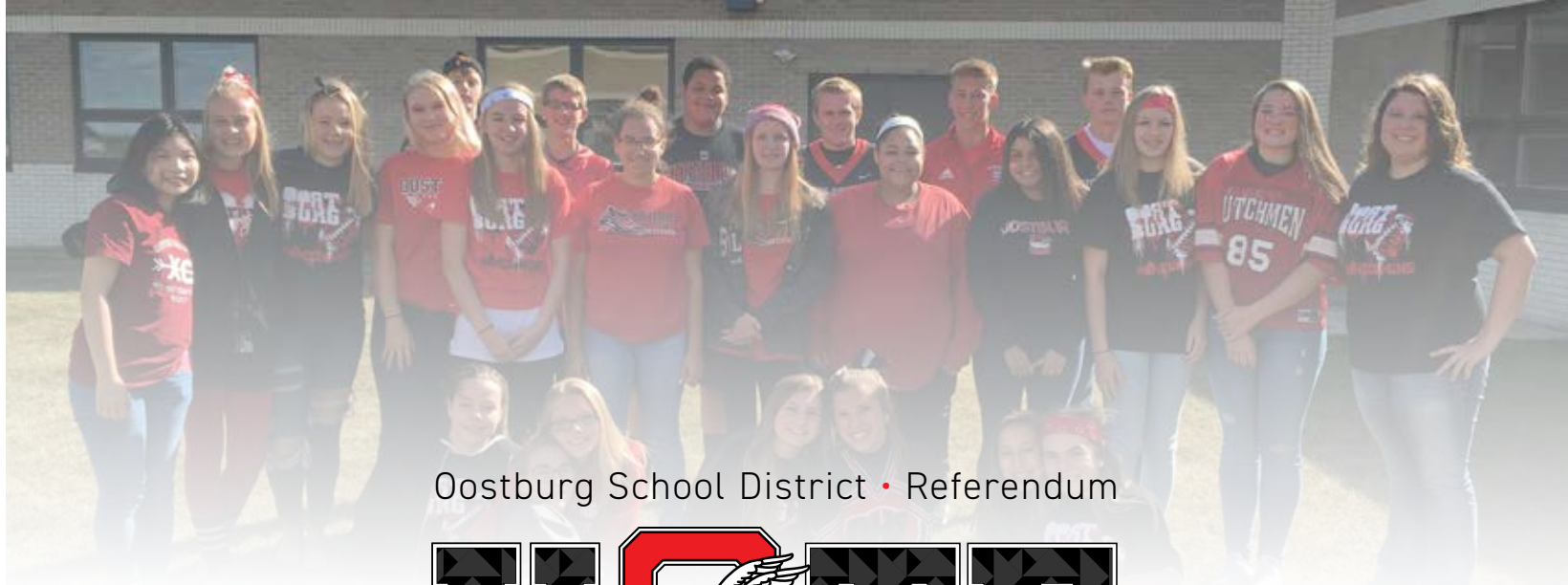
Oostburg School District • Referendum



We are in the
top 10 of approximately 400
Wisconsin school districts
on Composite ACT score.



Our District has the lowest per pupil
spending possible while placing in
the top 3% for student achievement.
We rank #1 in Wisconsin.



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APRIL 7, 2020

We are very thankful for the ongoing support we receive from the Oostburg community, including the approval of the 2016 Referendum that provided funding to upgrade Oostburg Elementary School. This project came in well under budget, and we were able to make additional investments to replace and upgrade existing elementary school lighting and flooring.

Furthermore, due to careful planning and lower-than-anticipated interest rates, the \$9.59 million project did not result in any project-related tax increase and Oostburg taxpayers **will not** see a project-related tax increase for the duration of the bond lifespan.

Since the 2016 Referendum, the Long-Range Planning Committee (LRPC) has been hard at work to prioritize the needs at our high school. *See the timeline inside for key highlights of the process.*

The District's long-range master planning efforts, good financial stewardship, and a community-wide survey guided the Board's decision to place a referendum question on the April 7, 2020 ballot.

INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

Meetings will be held in the high school theater from 7:00 - 8:00 PM.

- ▶ February 26
- ▶ March 17

- CALL**
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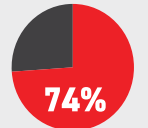
2019 COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

Conducted in mid-October through early November 2019 by School Perceptions.

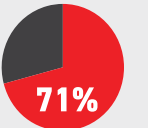
938 total responses



participation rate
(average 18-20%)



of all resident respondents
stated they supported
the district in exploring a
referendum.



of all resident respondents
stated "definitely yes" or
"probably yes" when asked
if they would support a \$7.5
million referendum for the
proposed plan
(high school upgrades).



THE QUESTION (as it appears on the ballot)

“Shall the School District of Oostburg, Sheboygan County, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$7,500,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school building and improvement program at Oostburg High School consisting of: renovations and remodeling for a theater in the current gymnasium location and expansion of the library and cafeteria/kitchen; construction of an addition for a new gymnasium, fitness/weight room and classrooms; updates to the office and entry to enhance safety and security; building infrastructure and site improvements; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment?”

Yes No

THE NEED

Gymnasium

- High school gymnasium floor requires immediate attention.
- Our expectation was to replace the floor in the next five to seven years. However, the floor was recently exposed to increased moisture levels.
- Temporary repairs are being used until a long-term solution is determined.

Cafeteria / Library Media Center / Classrooms

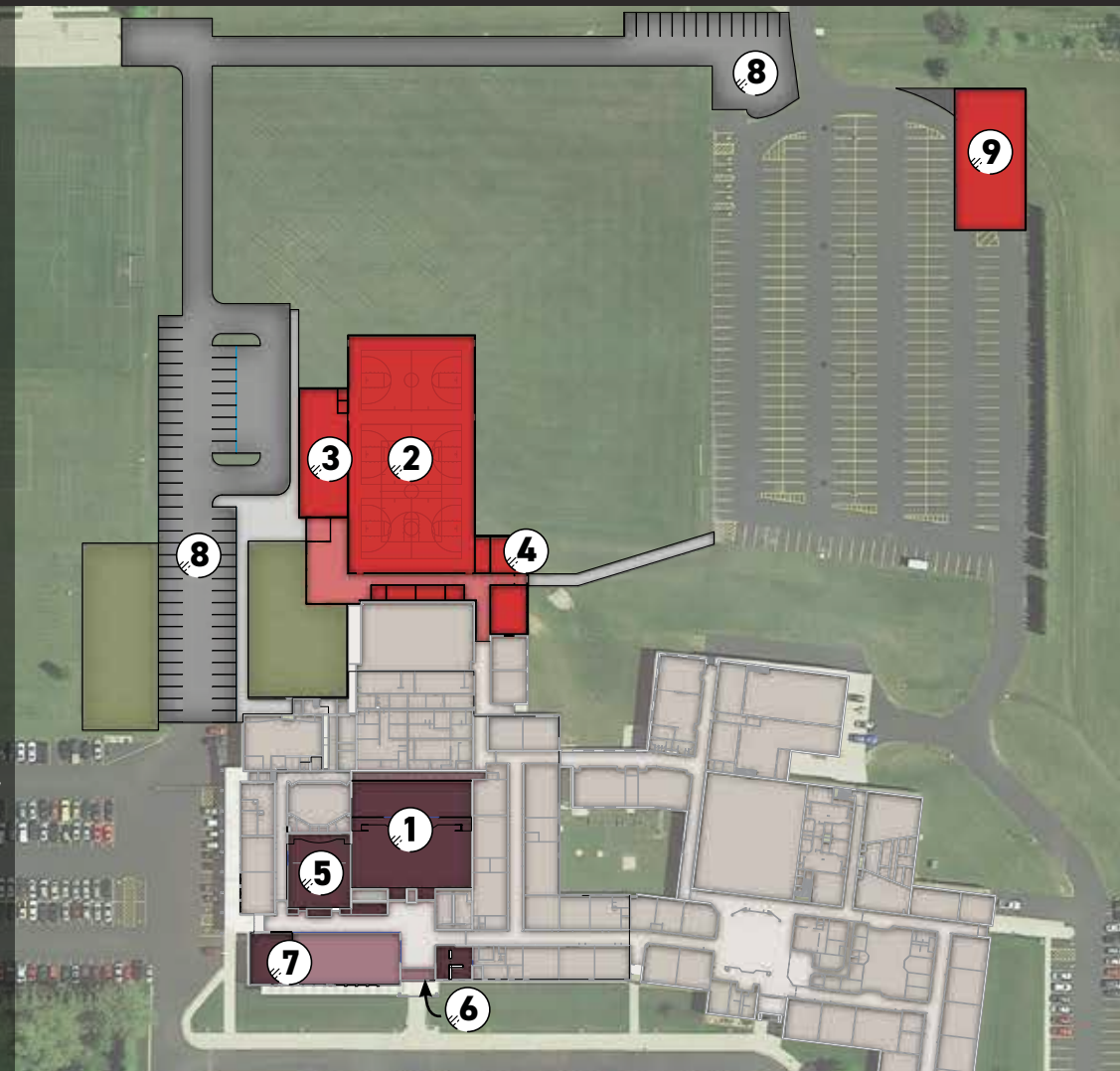
- If an auditorium is built in the existing gym space, the current theater space would be repurposed into a larger library and student art gallery, allowing for a cafeteria expansion.
- This change would improve seating and serving capacity as well as allow for the existing high school entrance to be reconfigured to improve school security.
- Additional classrooms are also needed to meet current and future needs of students.

Auditorium

- Theater stage needs to be increased in size and a significant investment is required to update seating, curtains, and lighting/sound systems.
- Current area does not have dressing rooms, storage, or backstage space.
- Large school performances regularly sell out and can require the use of the high school gym in order to provide enough seating. This results in scheduling conflicts for that space.
- If a new gymnasium is constructed, the old space would be large enough to create a true auditorium with a seating capacity for 450 compared with the current capacity of 210.
- A new auditorium would allow the District to seat the entire high school student population.
- The District could then host large extracurricular and community performing arts events (e.g. *extending summer concert series, hosting community dinner theater and music festivals*). The space could also be rented for private recitals and other community events.

THE SOLUTION

- 1 New auditorium through renovation of existing gymnasium
- 2 New 3-station gymnasium addition
- 3 New fitness center/weight room addition
- 4 New classroom addition
- 5 New library/media center through renovation of existing theater
- 6 Enhanced secure entry through renovation of existing office
- 7 A renovated/expanded cafeteria/kitchen
- 8 A new parking lot
- 9 Relocation of existing maintenance building



THE COST

If approved, this \$7.5 million referendum will have no project-related tax increase. This is due to the District's favorable financing from previous elementary school project, allowing prepayment of some bonds, saving using new ability for capital expenditures, and grant donation.

PROCESS TIMELINE

