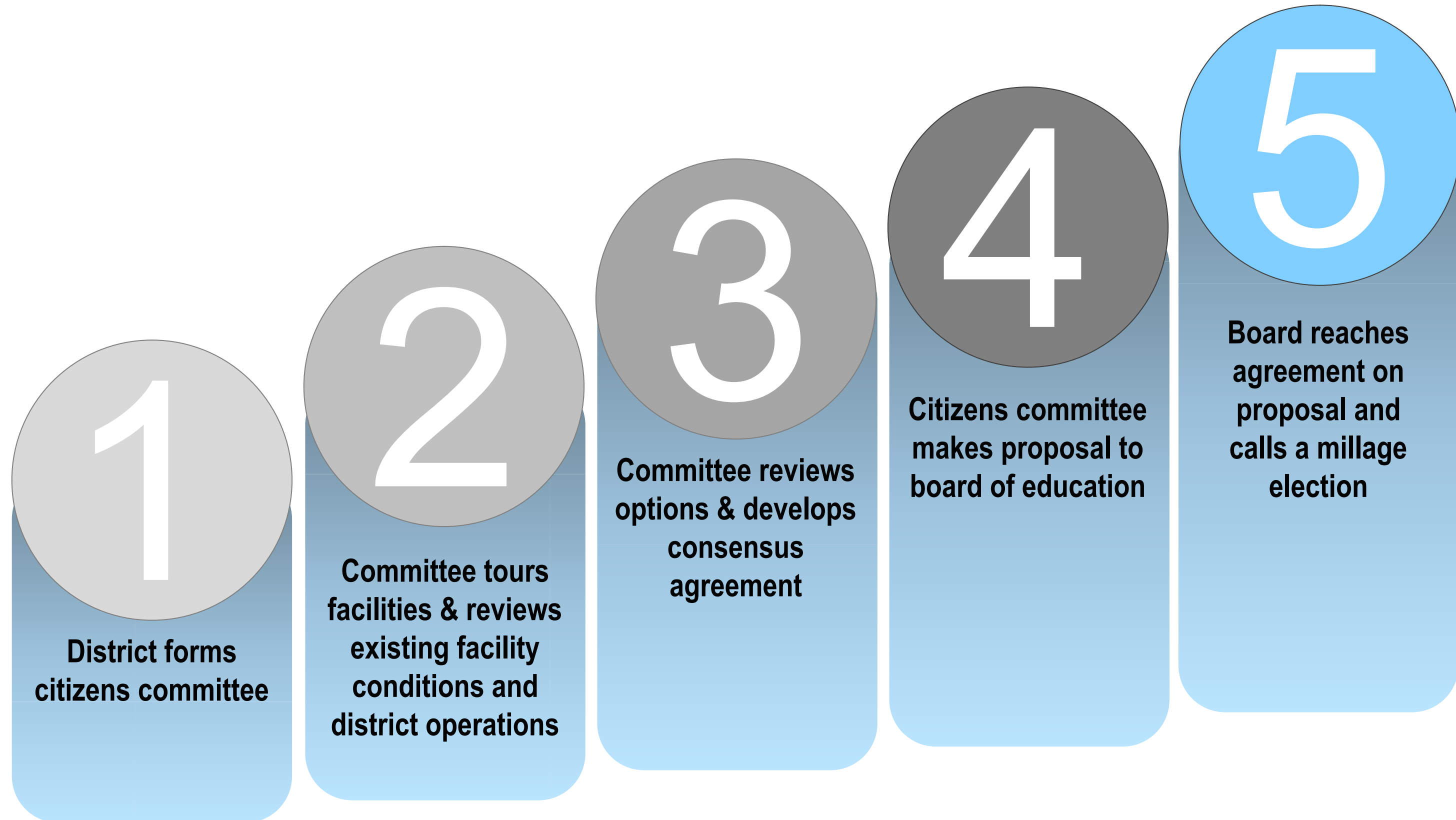


MARCH 12, 2018

# MILLAGE PROPOSAL



# Process



## VISION 2023 FORT SMITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

182+  
People

3,487+  
HOURS

67  
Days

450+  
Research Hours



59+  
MEETINGS

## Emphasis Areas

- ✓ Career Planning
- ✓ Equity
- ✓ Instruction
- ✓ Learning Environments/Facilities
- ✓ Staffing
- ✓ Technology
- ✓ Wellness

# District Wide Facility Assessment

- District efficiently utilizes all facilities – with limited flexibility for adjustment, currently “force transferring” 450 students each day
- District Maintenance Staff – maintain facilities well
- Identified / prioritized entire district needs
- Technology – serves students well but technology is always changing so updates must continue



# Citizens Committee

5 Meetings • **57 People** • 900+ Hours



**Video**

# Proposed Projects & Millage Package

Recommended Projects Grouped by Grade Level and/or School	Priority Codes	Project Cost	Mills	Full Room				
				Others Committee Members Present	Enter the number of "Yes" for each project	Enter the number of "No" for each project	Percentage of "Yes"	Percentage of "No"
<b>High Schools</b>								
<b>Southside High School</b>								
Base Recommendation - Option 1 New Secure Entry Office and Media Center Ninth grade center New Cafeteria and kitchen Renovated Existing Admin, Media and Cafeteria to classrooms Add fire storm shelters	1	\$28,246,339	1.240	4	4	0	100%	0%
Option 3 Option 1 plus New 2500 seat Competition Gymnasium New Gymnasium New Locker Rooms	2	\$16,579,547	0.694	50	40	10	20%	20%
<b>Northside High School</b>								
Base Recommendation - Option 1 New Secure Entry Office Ninth grade center Expanded Cafeteria Renovated Existing Admin to classrooms Enclose corridor between Main building and Science Building Add fire storm shelters	1	\$21,196,563	0.930	4	4	0	100%	0%
Option 3 All Option 1 plus New 2500 seat Competition Gymnasium New Gymnasium New Locker Rooms	2	\$12,499,472	0.592	50	40	10	20%	20%
<b>Career and Technology Center</b>								
New Career and Technology Center in Existing Facility (Renovated) - Included Building cost	1	\$12,724,846	0.602	4	4	0	100%	0%
<b>Junior High Schools / Middle Schools</b>								
<b>Darby Renovations</b>								
<b>Elementary Schools</b>								
Barling (Permanent walls installation only)	1	\$2,443,222	0.107	4	4	0	100%	0%
Cook (Permanent walls installation only)	1	\$2,969,220	0.157	4	4	0	100%	0%
Woods (Permanent walls installation only)	1	\$2,523,185	0.111	4	4	0	100%	0%
Horizon (Permanent walls installation only)	2	\$1,021,247	0.080	50	40	10	20%	20%
<b>Maintenance Projects</b>								
<b>Safety and Security</b>								
(4) Doors access control at each campus Secure Entry statement (at all schools not currently equipped) Secure entrances at NHE, SHS, Darby, Ramsey - included in projects above Exterior and Site Lighting improvements at all campuses ADA improvements at campuses - Behavior and limited Interiors	1	\$5,500,000	0.244	4	4	0	100%	0%
<b>Staffing</b>								
School Resource Officers (O to Cover All Secondary Campuses)	1a	\$152,600	0.106	4	4	0	100%	0%
Grant Writer (1)	1a	\$80,627	0.040	4	4	0	100%	0%
Staff raise (\$1000 on base or average of 1.14 percent)	1b	\$223,106	0.101	4	4	0	100%	0%
Nurses (7 - Providence for every campus)	1a	\$407,232	0.202	50	32	17	66%	24%
<b>Technology</b>								
Wireless internet access annual replacement cycle	1	\$125,000	0.057	4	4	0	100%	0%
Student device 1:1 annual replacement cycle	1	\$1,500,000	1.025	4	4	0	100%	0%
<b>Total Dollar Amount &amp; Mills</b>		<b>\$120,264,557</b>	<b>6.888</b>					

Priority Codes  
1. Must Do  
2. Should Do  
3. Would Like to Do or Future Considerations

**15 Items** reduced from 65

**\$120 Million** reduced from \$658 Million

**\*6.888 Mills** reduced from 41.2 Mills

\*Committee supports reduction of original proposal amount or scope

- 1.Reduced interest rate calculation from 4.5% to 4.0%**
- 2.Staffing recommendations removed**
- 3.Ramsey Junior High Secure Entry added**
- 4.Student device 1:1 project cost reduced**
- 5.Wireless networking to support 1:1 removed**





SECURE ALL  
CAMPUSES



EXPAND TECHNOLOGY  
TO 1 TO 1



CAREER AND TECHNICAL  
EDUCATION FACILITY



CREATE EFFICIENCIES  
THROUGHOUT DISTRICT

# Proposed Projects & Initiatives

## SAFETY & SECURITY

**\$5,500,000**



- Access control
- Installation of secure entries
- Exterior and building site lighting
- ADA upgrades to district facilities
- Alarm upgrades



## Barling, Woods, Cook and Morrison Elementary Schools

**\$10,365,975**

- Internal renovations to construct permanent walls at classrooms
- Improves security
- Improves instructional environment



# Career & Technical Education Center (CTC)

**\$13,724,046**

- Expand career and college offerings for all high school students
- Provide focused and specific specialty labs
- Connection to local business and industry



# Career & Technical Education Center (CTC)

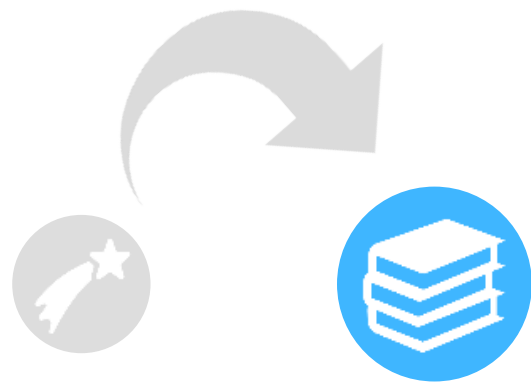


## Why?

- ✓ Recommended by the Vision 2023 Action Teams as a way to improve access to career planning and development, skills training and technology for all Fort Smith Public Schools high school students
- ✓ Provides focused education and training in specialty areas
- ✓ Provides additional space for high demand programs
- ✓ Complements partnership with WATC (Western Arkansas Technical Center)
- ✓ Would be aligned with the immediate and future needs of multiple, local industries and prepare students with skills to enter the workforce upon graduation



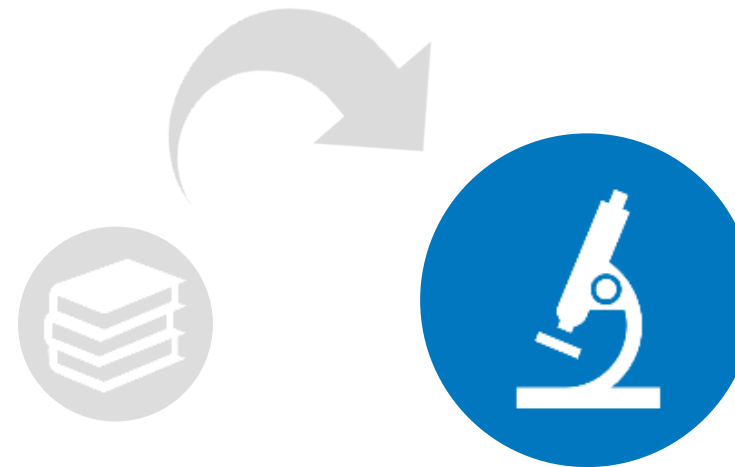
## Elementary



### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Removes 925 students (6<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Opportunity to reduce 450 forced transfers

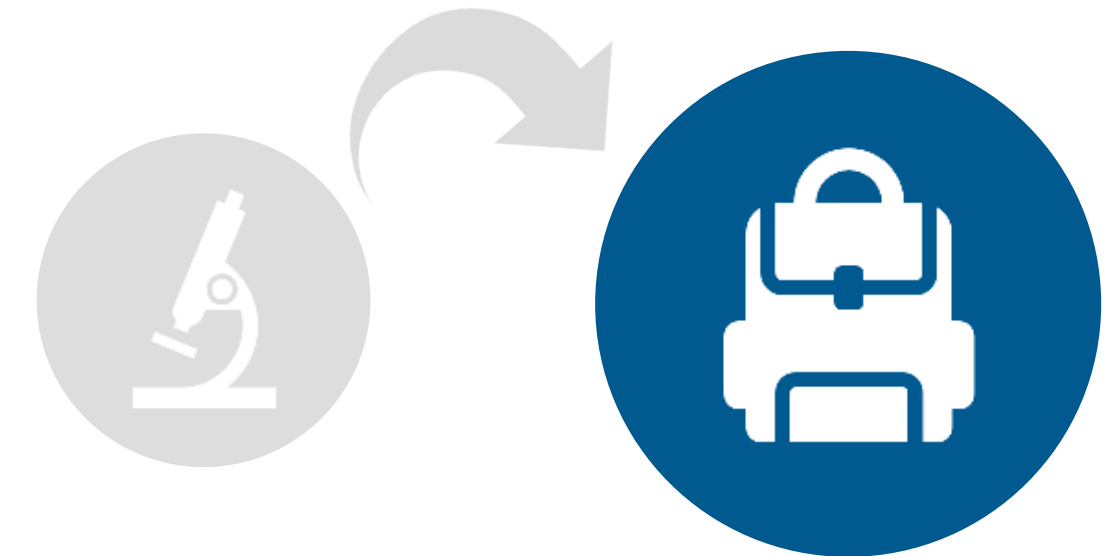
6<sup>th</sup>



### 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TO MIDDLE SCHOOLS

- Adds 6th grade students to middle school population  
(minimal student # changes)

9<sup>th</sup>



### 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TO HIGH SCHOOL

- Adds 1,000 +/- students to high school population

## Why?



- ✓ State recommended grade configuration: K-5, 6-8, 9-12
- ✓ High instructional priority
- ✓ Recommended by three Vision 2023 Action Teams
- ✓ Opportunity to reduce forced transfers at elementary schools

### **Ninth Grade**

- ✓ Improving graduation rate
- ✓ Increasing access to Career Tech and Concurrent Credit opportunities
- ✓ Improved access to access to Advanced Placement classes
- ✓ Transcripts begin at 9<sup>th</sup> Grade
- ✓ Early exposure to education and career planning, resources and guidance

### **Sixth Grade**

- ✓ Access to innovative instructional programs offered in middle schools
- ✓ Earlier access to education and career planning, resources and guidance
- ✓ Earlier access to fine arts instruction and other skills based programs

# So this means ...

## HIGH SCHOOLS



The high school will need more capacity for 9<sup>th</sup> graders

## MIDDLE SCHOOLS



Middle schools already have adequate space to serve 6-8

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS



Space at elementary schools will contribute to the reduction of forced transfers  
(currently 450 students)



# Southside High School

**\$43,824,936**

- New secure entry and media center
- Two new storm shelters
- Kitchen and cafeteria expansion and renovation
- New competition gymnasium
- Renovations to existing spaces
- 9<sup>th</sup> grade center



# Northside High School

**\$34,696,035**

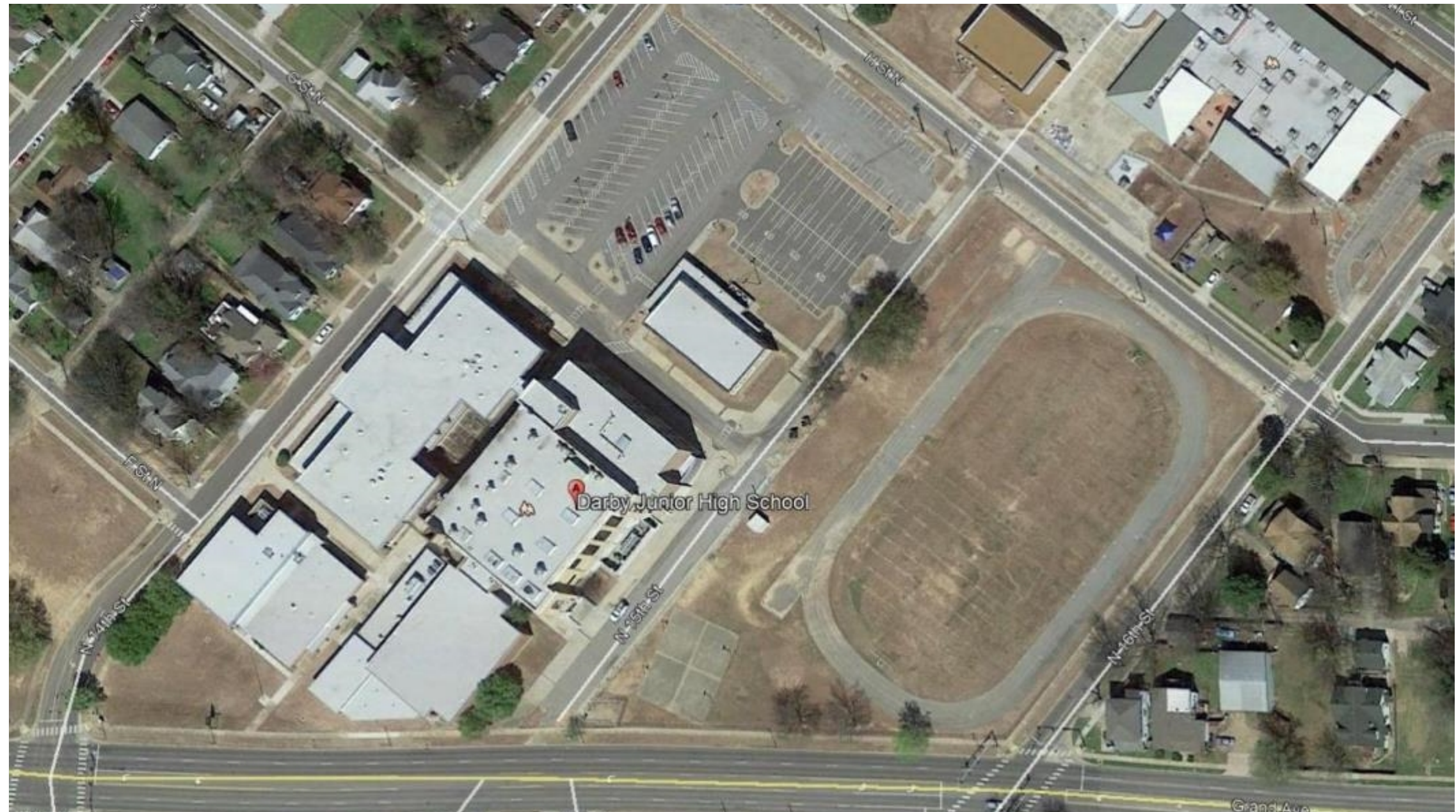
- New secure entry
- Two new storm shelters
- Kitchen and cafeteria renovations
- New competition gymnasium
- Renovations to existing spaces
- 9<sup>th</sup> grade center



# Darby Junior High School

**\$9,664,990**

- Secure entry
- Renovations to 2nd and 3rd floors of existing building, including the enclosure of open-space classrooms and walkways
- Exterior security fencing



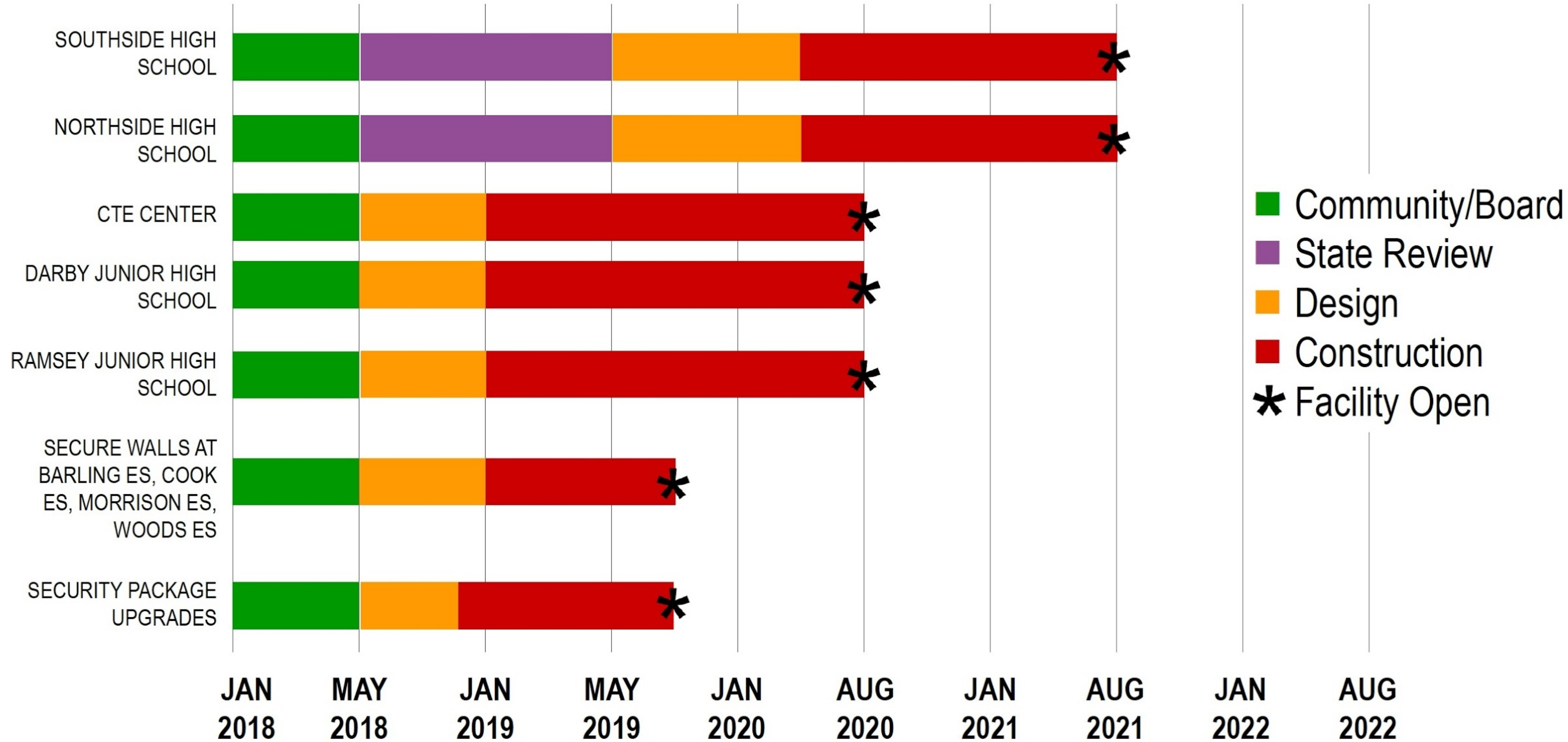
**\$3,046,588**

- Secure entry and new office
- Renovation of existing office to instructional space



# POTENTIAL SCHEDULE

## PROJECT PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION





## TECHNOLOGY

**\$825,000 annual expense**

- Student device 1:1 annual replacement cycle
- Grades 3-12 would have take-home devices for homework, research, reading, projects, collaboration and more

# Proposed Millage Increase



SECURE ALL  
CAMPUSES



EXPAND TECHNOLOGY  
TO 1 TO 1



CAREER AND TECHNICAL  
EDUCATION FACILITY



CREATE EFFICIENCIES  
THROUGHOUT DISTRICT

**5.558 Mills**

**or**

**\$120.8 Million in**

**Construction/Renovation**

**&**

**\$825,000 Annual Expense**

# Millage Rate

CURRENT  
36.50

+

PROPOSED INCREASE  
5.558

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NEW  
42.058



# Revenue Generated Per Mill

District	Revenue Generated per Mill	# of Mills	# Students
Pulaski County	\$2,508,999	40.7	12,198
Rogers	\$1,855,514	41.9	15,398
Bentonville	\$1,853,987	48.5	16,608
Springdale	\$1,551,776	40.5	21,524
Fayetteville	\$1,495,418	45.65	9864
Fort Smith	\$1,449,979	36.5	14,340

# Estimated Tax Impact

## AVERAGE HOMEOWNER



*Per \$100,000 in real estate value*

# Millage Proposal

Project	Dollar Amount	# of Mills
Safety & Security Package & Walls/Doors at Elementary Schools	\$15,865,975	.655
Southside High School & Gym	\$43,824,936	1.81
Northside High School & Gym	\$34,696,035	1.432
Career & Technology Center	\$13,724,046	.567
Darby JHS Renovations	\$9,664,990	.399
Ramsey JHS Renovations	\$3,046,588	.126
<i>Student Device 1:1 Program</i>	<i>\$825,000</i>	<i>.569</i>
	<b>Total Mills</b>	<b>5.558</b>

<p><b>Total Construction Projects</b> \$120,822,570</p>
<p><i>Total Annual 1:1 Program Cost</i> <i>\$825,000</i></p>

THANK YOU!

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS