



BUILDING
GATESVILLE ISD



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Primary built in 1970 (2008 addition)
272 students in PreK - K

Elementary built in 2015
570 students in 1st - 3rd

Intermediate built in 1995 (2012 addition)
602 students in 4th - 6th

Junior High built in 1964 (1995 addition)
373 students in 7th - 8th

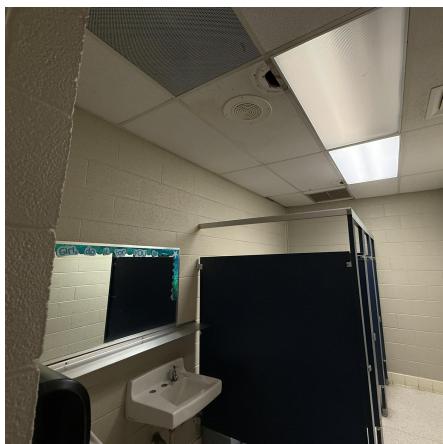
High built in 1955 (2008 renovation)
729 students in Grades 9th - 12th





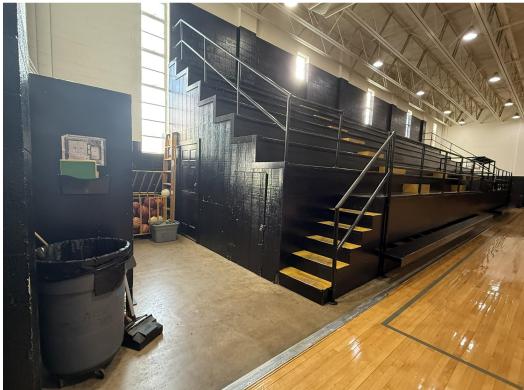
Challenges

Junior High



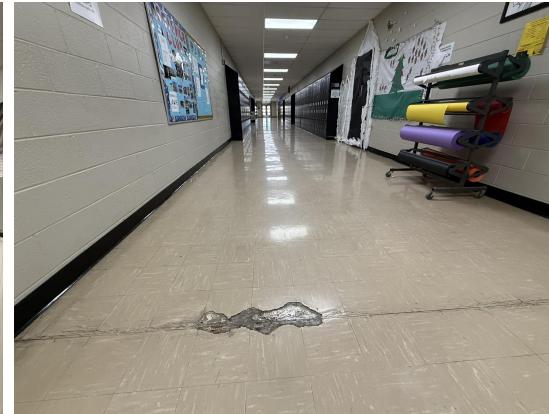
Junior High: Core Areas

- The GJHS building is 60 years old.
- Core spaces like the cafeteria, library, auditorium, restrooms, and gym need upgrades for safety, accessibility, and modern learning environments.
- Parking for visitors and staff and parent and bus drop-off queue are insufficient.
- Library and other core spaces are outdated and do not support flexible, collaborative learning.
- Need expanded cafeteria to serve additional students.



Junior High: 6th Grade Academics

- Bringing 6th grade back to the Junior High will increase enrollment by 180–200 students, requiring more classroom and core capacity.
- Existing classrooms are too small and not designed for collaborative or curriculum-based grouping.
- Portable buildings are outdated and less secure; lockers take up valuable hallway space.

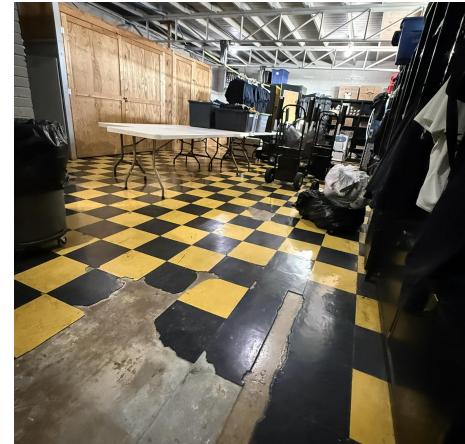


Junior High: Fine Arts

- Auditorium needs acoustical, seating and ADA accessibility improvements.
- Band program (250–275 students) needs specialized storage, percussion / ensemble room, and acoustic finishes.
- Choir program (140 students) lacks adequate practice rooms, risers, and storage.
- Theater Arts lacks a black box theater/ classroom with flexible seating and staging.
- Students currently cross the street for fine arts classes – a safety risk every day, every class period.



Field House



Field House

- The existing field house is inefficient, difficult to maintain, and has accessibility issues, leaking roof, poor ventilation, low ceilings, and inadequate lighting.
- Current field house supports all boys' sports except basketball (~200 athletes) but lacks sufficient locker rooms, laundry, and storage.





Community Input

Community Engagement

October

Board review of engagement plan
Design Committee Visioning

November

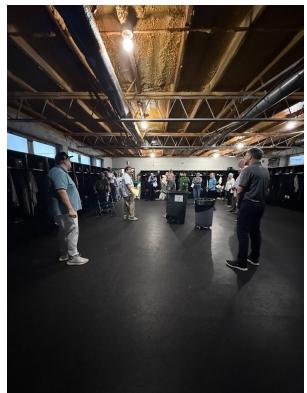
Community Stakeholders Focus Group

December

Design Committee detail meeting
Committee(s) summary report to Board

January

Community presentations
Continued design meetings



Community Feedback

BULLDOZE the fieldhouse! - it's silly how terrible it is in there.

The field house is a **scary place!** I can't imagine being a freshman going to the back locker room

Very sad feeling spaces... **Temperature issues. Pests and vermin.**

I want to see modifications and improvements that reflect the **value of investing in children**. An environment that is more alive and **not prison like**.

Dangerous situation in auditorium. Auditorium seats are **unsafe** and has **major sound issues**. Old gym is small, windows are broken.

I would **prioritize the safety aspect** of kids outside to go to band.

There's a great need for an investment here. I'm in!



Community Prioritization

Project	Description	Costs
1 JH: Fine Arts Classrooms	New JH band hall, choir & theater rooms, staff & student restrooms	\$4,200,000.00
2 JH/HS: New Field House	New field house behind current visitors side (all boys' athletics except tennis)	\$6,500,000.00
3 JH: Replace Portables	Remove JH portables; Add 4 new permanent classrooms; Connect to Gym	\$1,800,000.00
4 JH: Restroom Renovations	Update 3 student restrooms in the 3 main hallways	\$405,000.00
5 JH: Auditorium Renovation	Renovation of Junior High auditorium	\$750,000.00
6 JH: Cafeteria Expansion & New Library	Expand cafeteria into library; Add new library	\$2,000,000.00
7 JH: 6th Grade Addition	Add 10 classrooms, 4 student & 2 staff restrooms, 2 offices, 2 intervention rooms	\$4,500,000.00
8 JH: New Parking Lot	Add parking lot at grassy area at front of Junior High	\$375,000.00
TOTAL CURRENT COSTS OF ALL PROPOSED BOND PROJECTS		\$20,530,000.00

Recommend **\$26M Bond** **for May 2, 2026 Election** to address



Student Safety



Growing Programs



**Middle Grades
Academics**



Aging Facilities

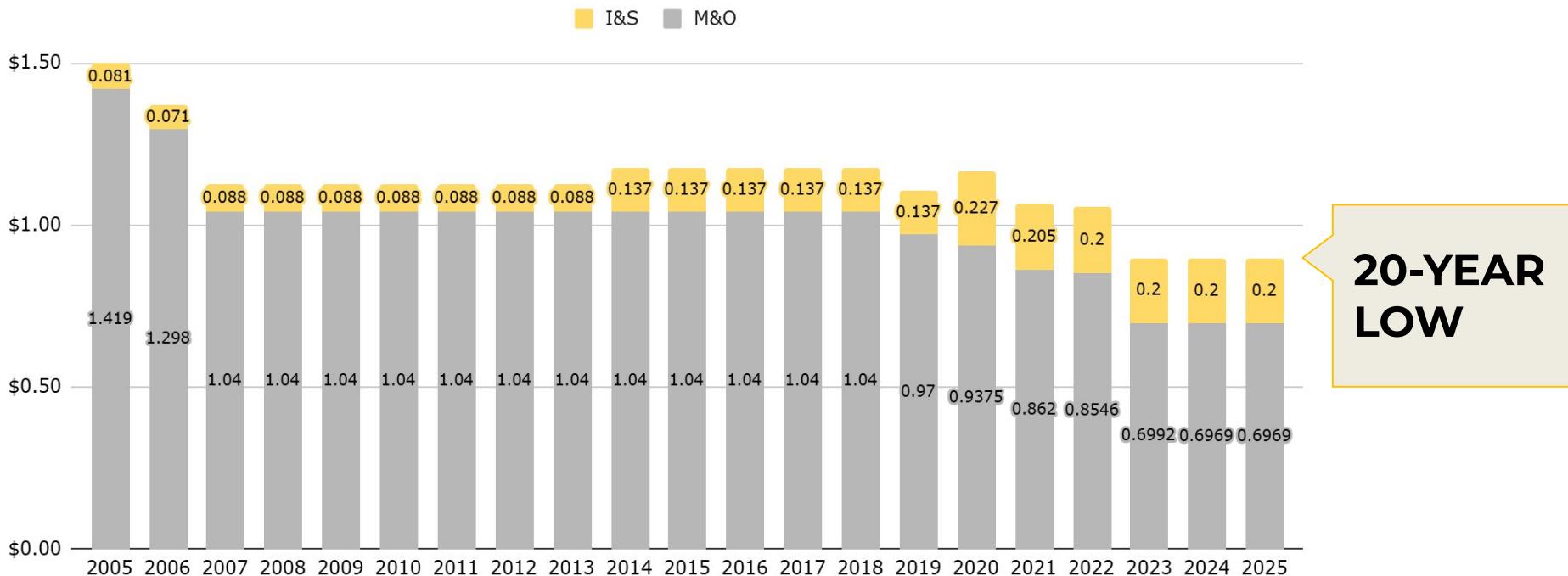
No Tax Rate Increase

Following the passage of a \$26M May bond election,

**the total tax rate would remain
at or below the current total tax rate**

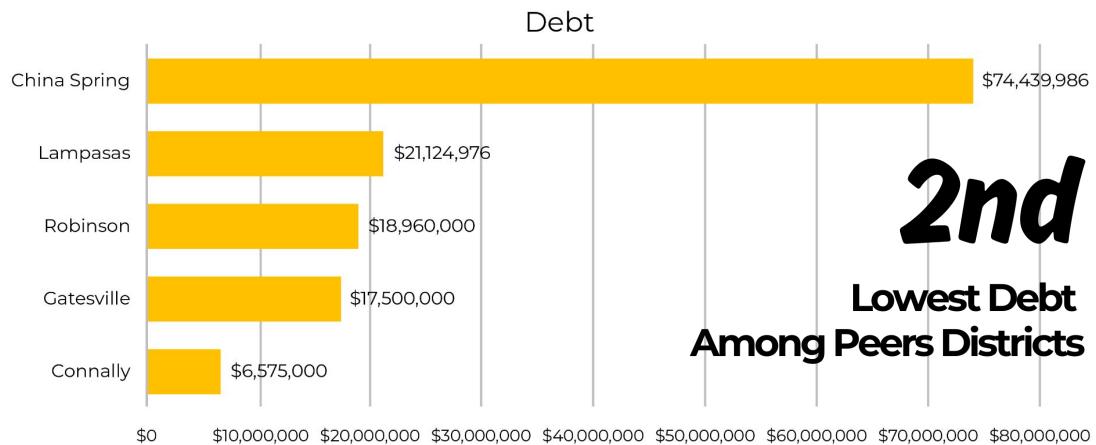
of \$0.8969 per \$100 of home value after exemptions
(made up of \$0.6969 for the maintenance and
operations component and \$0.200 for the interest and
sinking component).

Maintain Current Tax Rate



Gatesville ISD's total tax rate DECREASED by 60¢ since 2005

Fiscal Responsibility of Debt



2nd
Lowest Debt
Among Peers Districts

Aa3

Moody's Credit Rating



No Debt for Technology or Buses

\$500K

GISD pays \$500K extra in principal annually to pay off bonds early

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- Will be done paying off 2014, 2020, 2021 bonds (\$18,336,104) to be paid off in 2035

Fiscal Responsibility of Debt

Makes it possible to have a \$26M bond **without a tax rate increase**



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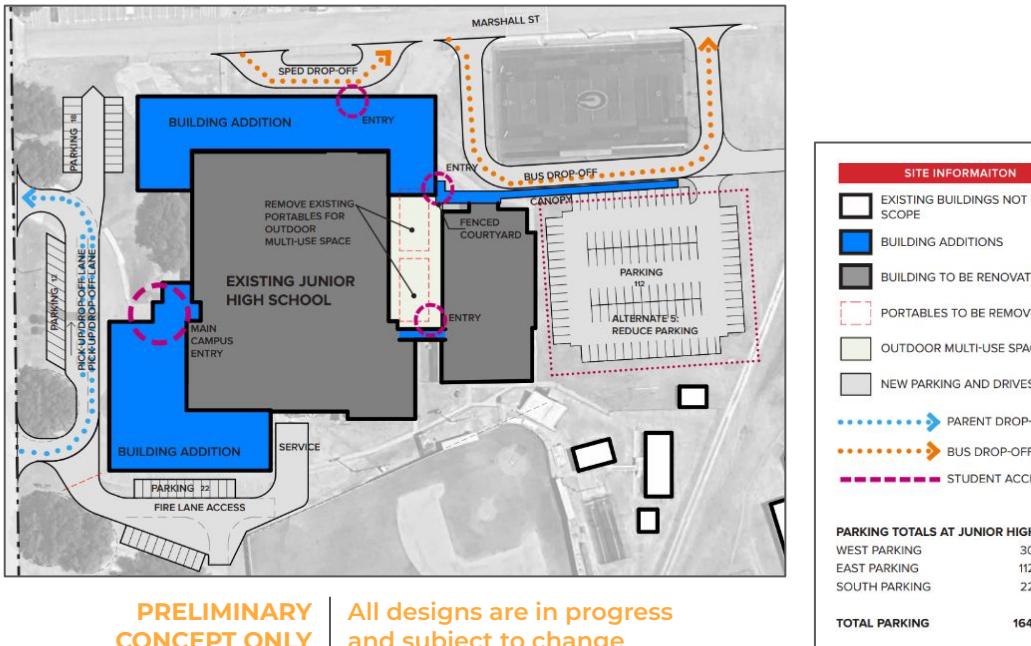
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Jr High: Core Areas

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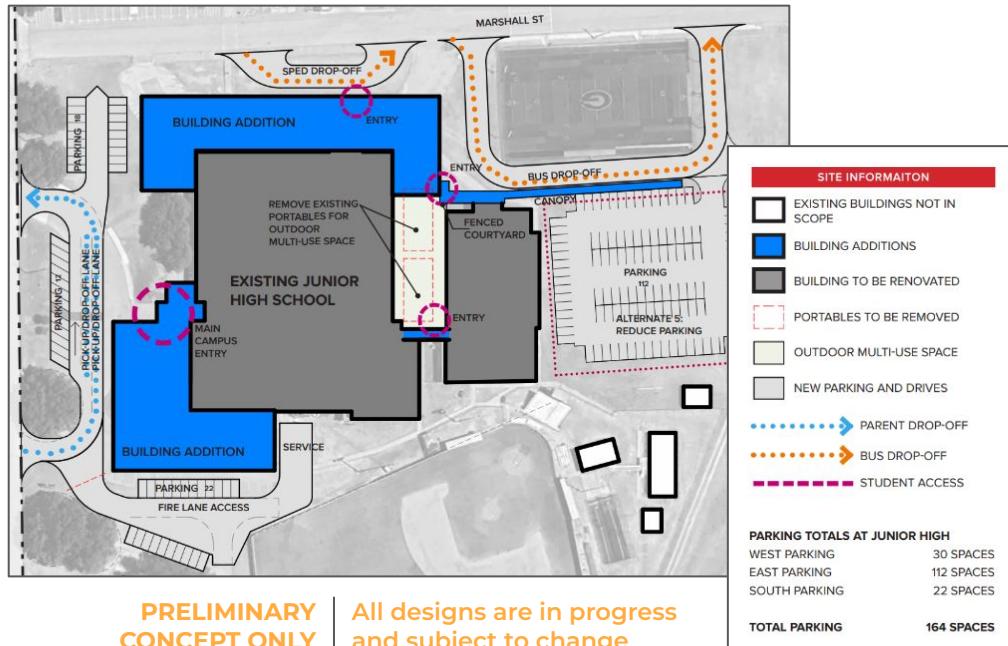
- Expand the cafeteria into the library space
- Create new library in the building addition
- Redesign parking and traffic flow
- Upgrade and add restrooms
- Improve connection to large gym
- Replace bleachers at small gym
- Create fenced courtyard for outdoor instruction
- Master planned for future additions & renovations



Jr High: 6th Grade

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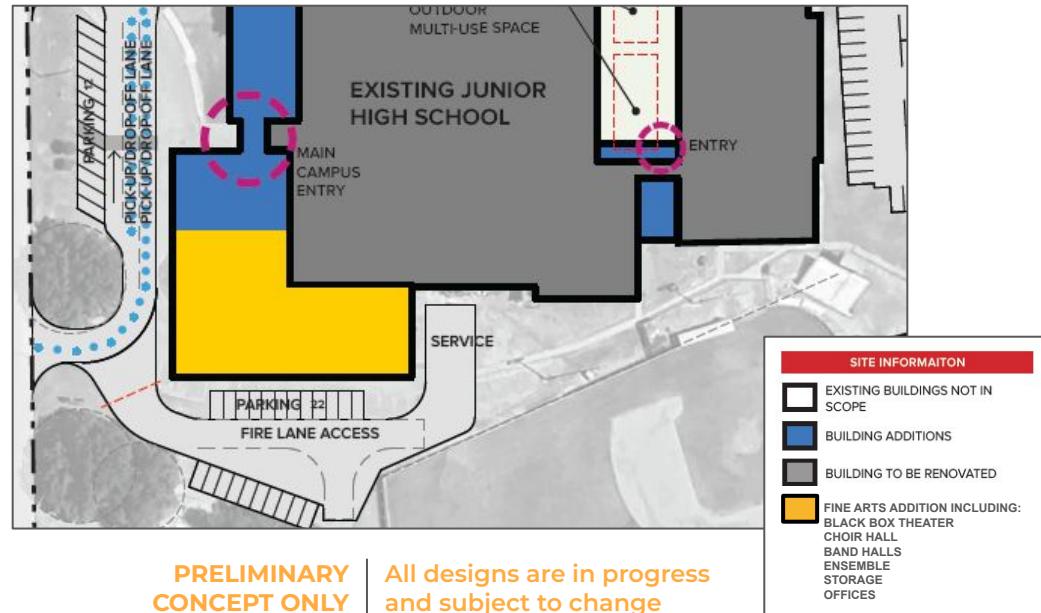
- Bring 6th grade back to junior high to align grades, teaching teams, and student activities with state curriculum
- Build larger, collaboration-friendly classrooms
- Remove lockers
- Renovate and add specialized spaces such as life skills, dyslexia, speech, content mastery & intervention rooms
- Free up space at the intermediate school for intervention and special programs



Jr High: Fine Arts

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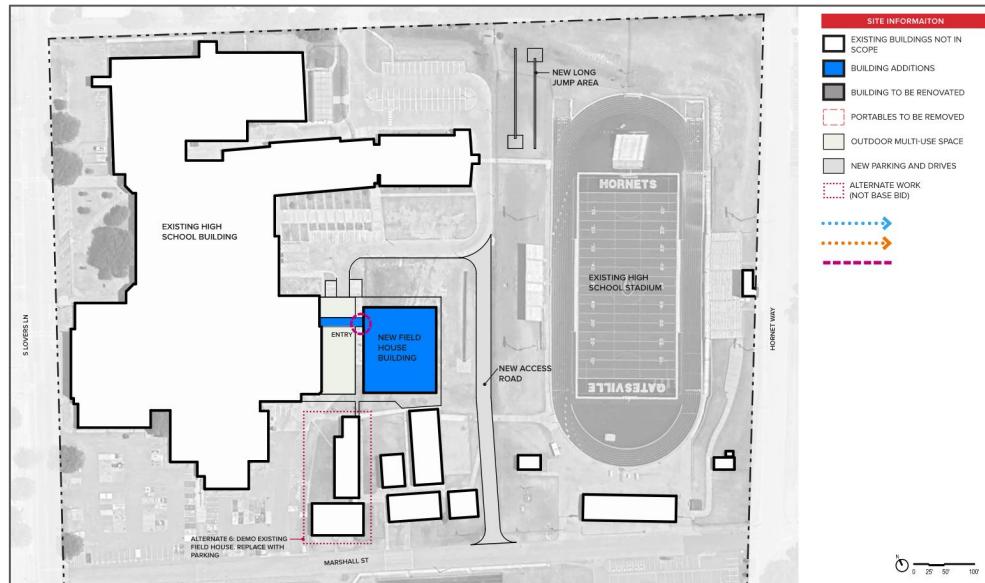
- Renovate auditorium
- Create large, well-equipped band and choir rooms
- Build a black box theater adjacent to the auditorium
- Expand fine arts facilities within the junior high so students do not have to travel to the high school



Field House

BOND PROJECT

- Build a new field house between the stadium and the high school
- Add separate locker rooms, laundry facilities, storage areas, and offices
- Address deficiencies in accessibility, supervision, heating/cooling, and lighting
- Reconfigure current baseball, track & soccer locker rooms for cheer & dance



PRELIMINARY
CONCEPT ONLY

All designs are in progress
and subject to change



Next Steps

Timeline

February 9 - Call for Election action item

February-May - Community engagement

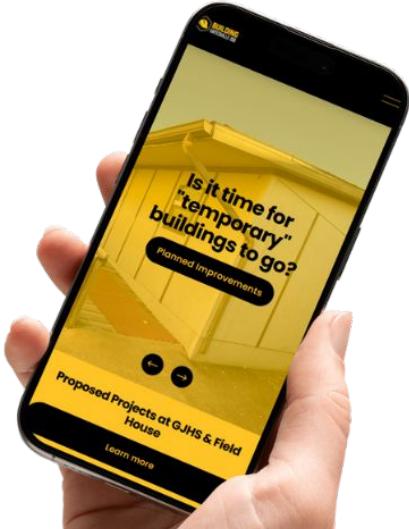
May 2 - Election Day for voter approval of funding

Summer 2026 - Construction begins

Fall 2028 - Intended opening of new facilities



Community Information



- **Gallery of current conditions**
- **List of intended improvements**
- **Enhanced with project designs as available**
- **Voting information** (to be added once election is called)
- **Tax information**
- **FAQs**

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