



# Gatesville ISD

**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



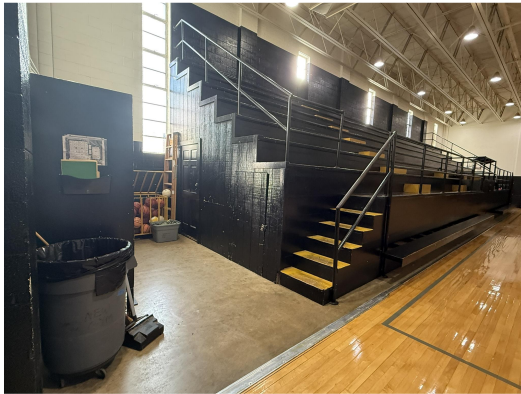
# Junior High





# 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- Library and other core spaces are outdated and do not support flexible, collaborative learning.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- Portable buildings are outdated and less secure; lockers take up valuable hallway space.



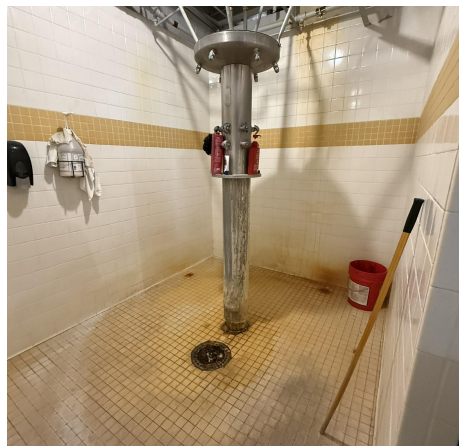
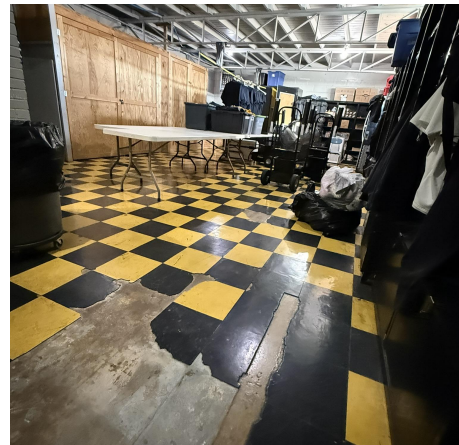
# Junior High: Fine Arts

- 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

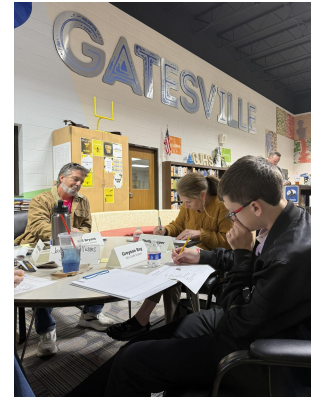
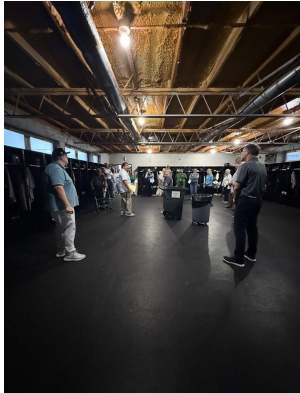
Design Committee  
detail meeting

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			<b>\$20,530,000.00</b>



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



Student Safety



Growing Programs



Middle Grades  
Academics



Aging Facilities

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# No Tax Rate Increase

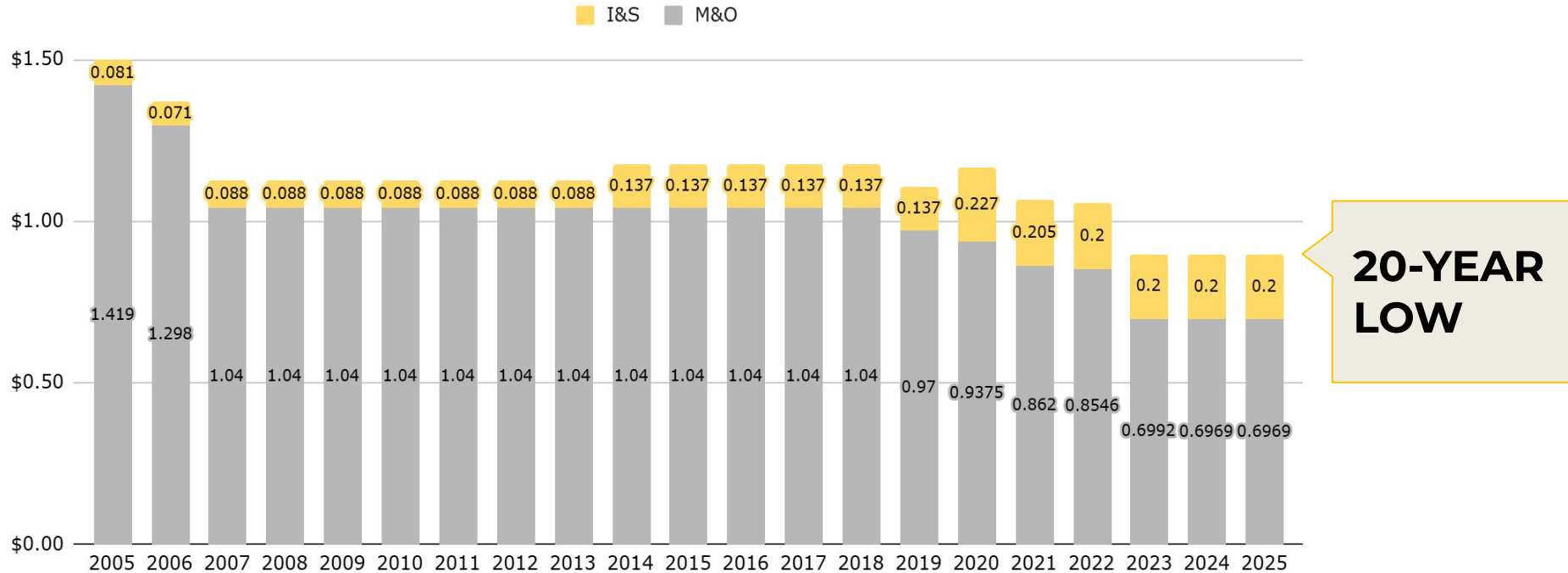
Following the passage of a \$26M May bond election,

**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).

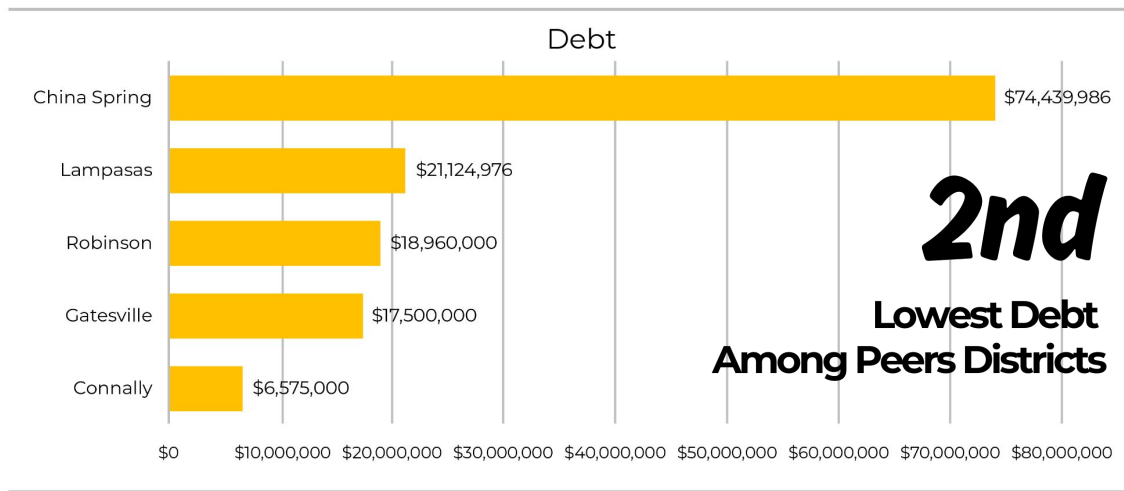
# Maintain Current Tax Rate



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



# Fiscal Responsibility of Debt



**Aa3**

Moody's Credit Rating



No Debt for Technology or Buses

**\$500K**

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

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Makes it possible to  
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**without a tax rate  
increase**

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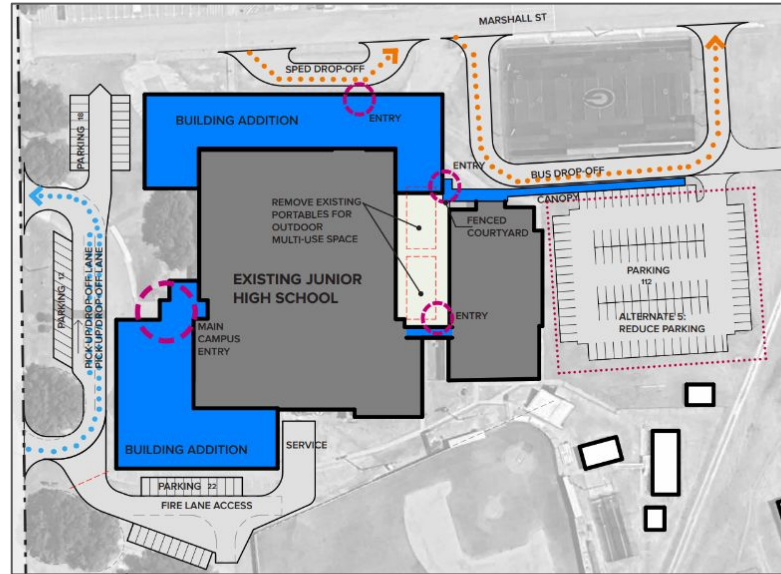
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# Jr High: Core Areas

# BOND PROJECT

- 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



**PRELIMINARY  
CONCEPT ONLY**

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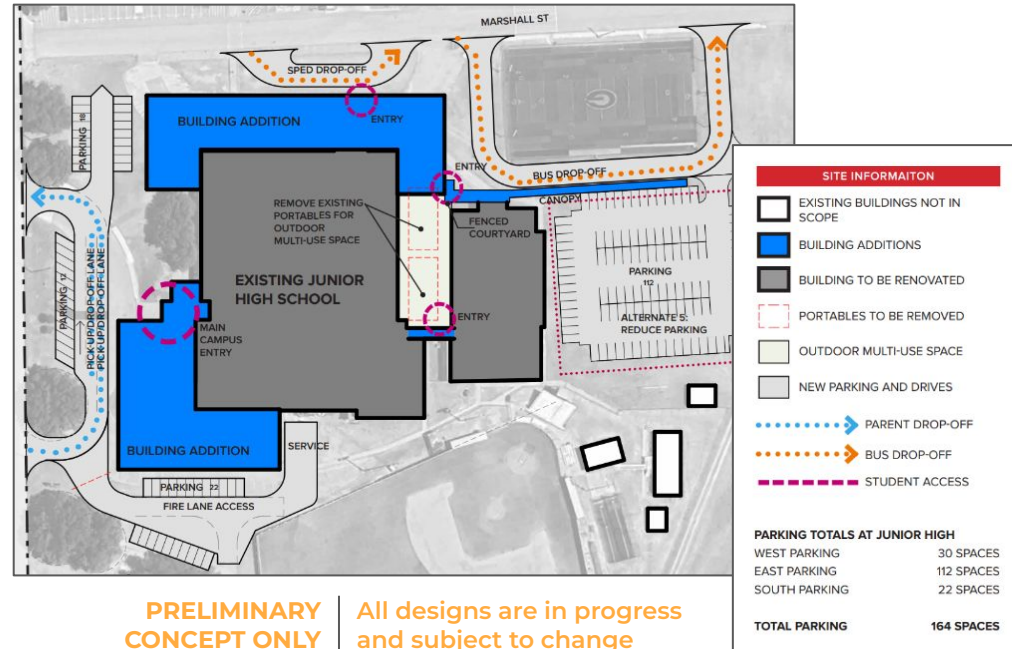
SITE INFORMATION	
	EXISTING BUILDINGS NOT IN SCOPE
	BUILDING ADDITIONS
	BUILDING TO BE RENOVATED
	PORTABLES TO BE REMOVED
	OUTDOOR MULTI-USE SPACE
	NEW PARKING AND DRIVES
	PARENT DROP-OFF
	BUS DROP-OFF
	STUDENT ACCESS
PARKING TOTALS AT JUNIOR HIGH	
WEST PARKING	30
EAST PARKING	112
SOUTH PARKING	22
TOTAL PARKING	164



# Jr High: 6th Grade

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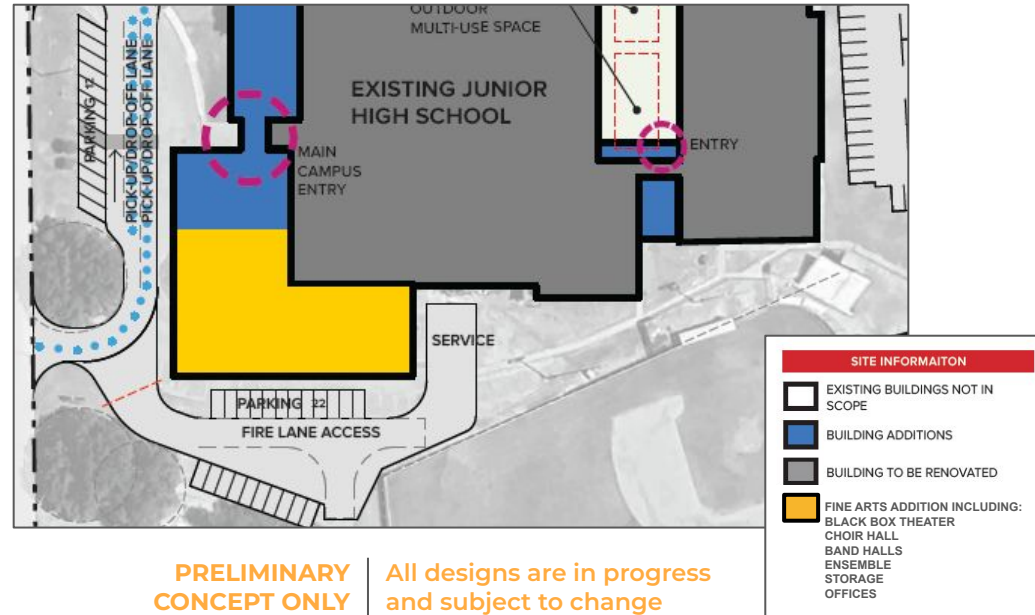
- Bring 6th grade back to junior high to align grades, teaching teams, and student activities with state curriculum
- Build larger, collaboration-friendly classrooms
- Remove lockers
- Renovate and add specialized spaces such as life skills, dyslexia, speech, content mastery & intervention rooms
- Free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



# Jr High: Fine Arts

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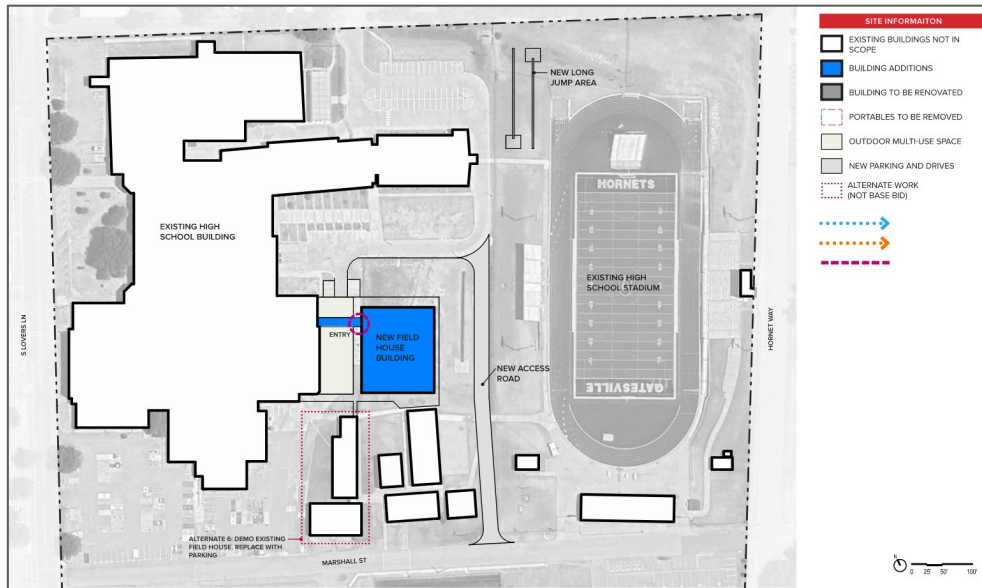
- Renovate auditorium
- Create large, well-equipped band and choir rooms
- Build a black box theater adjacent to the auditorium
- Expand fine arts facilities within the junior high so students do not have to travel to the high school



# 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



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# Next Steps

# Timeline

**February 9** - Call for Election action item

**February-May** - Community engagement

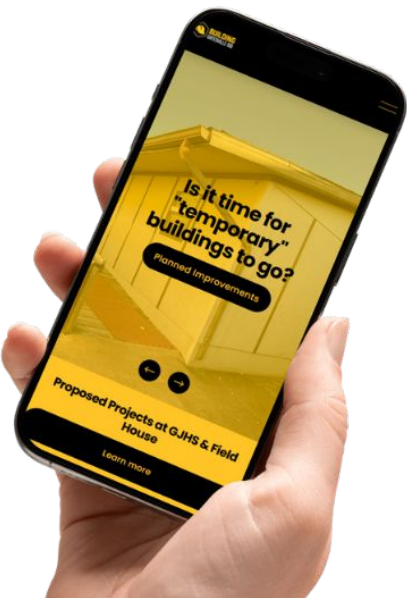
**May 2** - Election Day for voter approval of funding

**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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