

**Shared Key
Interests**

1. Advance student learning, achievement, and success by keeping it at the heart and as the filter for our decision making.

2. Utilize research-based curricula that reflects 21st Century themes and applications and are responsive to the needs and potential of all students, preparing them for a global society.

3. Provide real-life, diverse learning opportunities with practical applications in the classroom and beyond.

4. Inform and engage the community in shaping educational strategy and formulating responses to change.

5. Attract, retain, and develop a high quality, diverse, creative, and innovative workforce of leaders.

6. Provide safe, secure, flexible, inviting, and well-maintained environments that nurture student well-being and enhance teaching and learning.

7. Identify, integrate, and expand technology to foster adaptability and maximize learning for all.

8. Foster mutually beneficial partnerships and collaborations that expand learning opportunities and resources.

Wausau School District

Board of Education Meeting Agenda

In Compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law

Public Notice s.19.84 (3)
Exemptions s.19.85

James Bouché, President
Karen Vandenberg, Clerk

A Education/Operations Committee Meeting of the BOARD OF EDUCATION will be held in the **Nicholson Board Room, 415 Seymour Street, Wausau, Wisconsin 54403** at **5:00 PM** on **Monday, September 25, 2023.**

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- I. Call to Order
 - II. Approve the Minutes
 - III. Public and Student Comment
 - IV. WEA Member Benefits Foundation and Connexus Donation
 - V. Secondary Science Discussion (**Action Requested**)
 - VI. End of the Referendum Investment Plan (**Action Requested**)
 - VII. Adjourn

NOTICE POSTED: Friday, September 22, 2023, at 3:30 pm

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Minutes of REGULAR MEETING

The Board of Education Wausau School District

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A Education/Operations Committee Meeting of the Board of Education of the Wausau School District was held Monday, August 28, 2023, beginning at 5:00 PM in the Nicholson Board Room, 415 Seymour Street, Wausau, Wisconsin 54403.

Present: James Bouche; Jon Creisher; Pat McKee; Jennifer Paoli; Joanna Reyes; Cory Sillars; Lance Trollop; and Karen Vandenberg.

Absent: Cody Nikolai;

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.

II. Approve the Minutes

Pat McKee moved to approve the minutes of June 26, 2023, seconded by Jon Creisher. The motion carried 8-0.

III. Public and Student Comment

There was none.

IV. Marathon County Facility Study (Action Requested)

Jon Creisher moved to recommend to the full Board the approval to contribute \$5,000 to the Marathon County Parks and Recreation Department feasibility study, seconded by Pat McKee. The motion carried 8-0.

V. Nutrition Services Presentation

Nutrition Services Director, Karen Fochs, described exciting new developments in the nutrition services department.

VI. Bussing Presentation

First Student Director, Scott Anderson, shared preparations for the start of the 2023-24 school year and entertain Board member questions.

VII. Referendum Update

Nick Anderson, of Nexus and Josh Viegut, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, provided a brief update on the status of referendum projects for the beginning of this school year.

VIII. Legal Expenses Summary for 2022-23

Josh Viegut, Assistant Superintendent of Operations presented a summary report presenting all legal counsel expenses incurred during 2022-2023.

IX. Approve List of Legal Firms (Action Requested)

Lance Trollop moved to recommend to the full Board the approval of the attached list of law firms the Board and the District shall access for legal services deemed necessary by the Superintendent of School or his/her designee, seconded by Karen Vandenberg. The motion carried 8-0.

X. Set Annual Meeting Date and Location (Action Requested)

Lance Trollop moved to recommend to the full Board the approval of Monday, September 25, 2023, as the date for the 2023-2024 Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the Nicholson Board Room at the Longfellow Administration Center, beginning with the Budget Hearing followed by the Annual Meeting, seconded by Karen Vandenberg. The motion carried 8-0.

XI. Share Equalized Value Estimates

Prior to October 1, only equalized valuations from municipalities are available. In order to project property value changes by school district, an assumption must be made that all property values in any given municipality change in a uniform manner. With this assumption, the District's property value is projected to increase 9.08% for 2023-24 mill rate calculation purposes. Certified property value will not be available until October 1; the given projected property value will be used for the initial budget and during the annual meeting.

XII. Recommendation for 2023-24 Budget (Action Requested)

Cory Sillars moved to recommend to the full Board the approval of a preliminary 2023-2024 General Fund budget of \$117,685,808 for expenses and \$116,961,848 for revenue, for presentation at the Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing on September 25, 2023, seconded by Joanna Reyes. The motion carried 8-0.

XIII. Recommendation for 2023-24 Tax Levy (Action Requested)

Karen Vandenberg moved to recommend to the full Board of Education, a projected tax levy of \$49,691,635 for presentation at the Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing on September 25, 2023, seconded by Joanna Reyes. The motion carried 8-0.

XIV. Adjourn

Karen Vandenberg moved to adjourn, seconded by Joanna Reyes. The meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

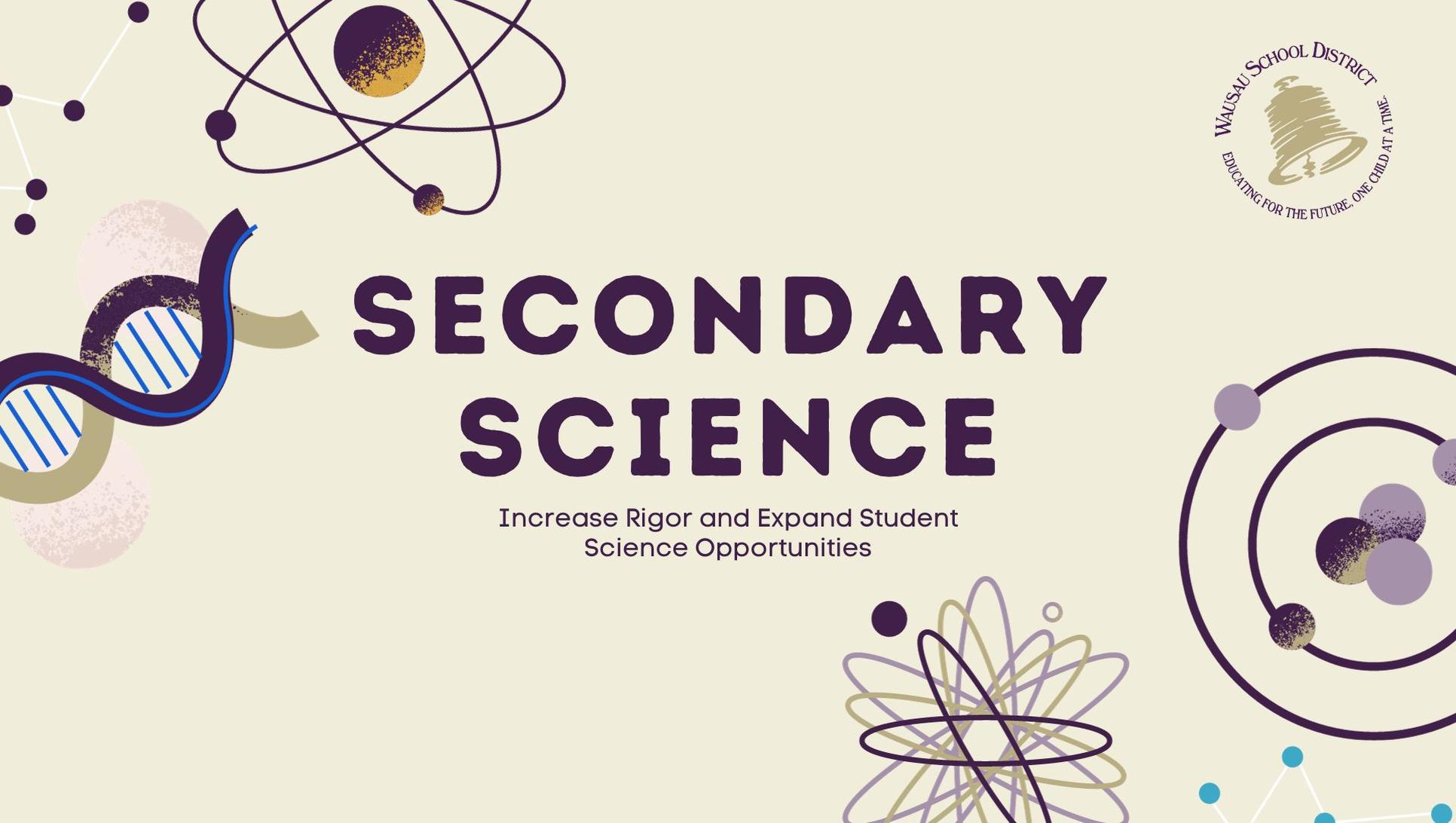
Karen Vandenberg,
Board Clerk

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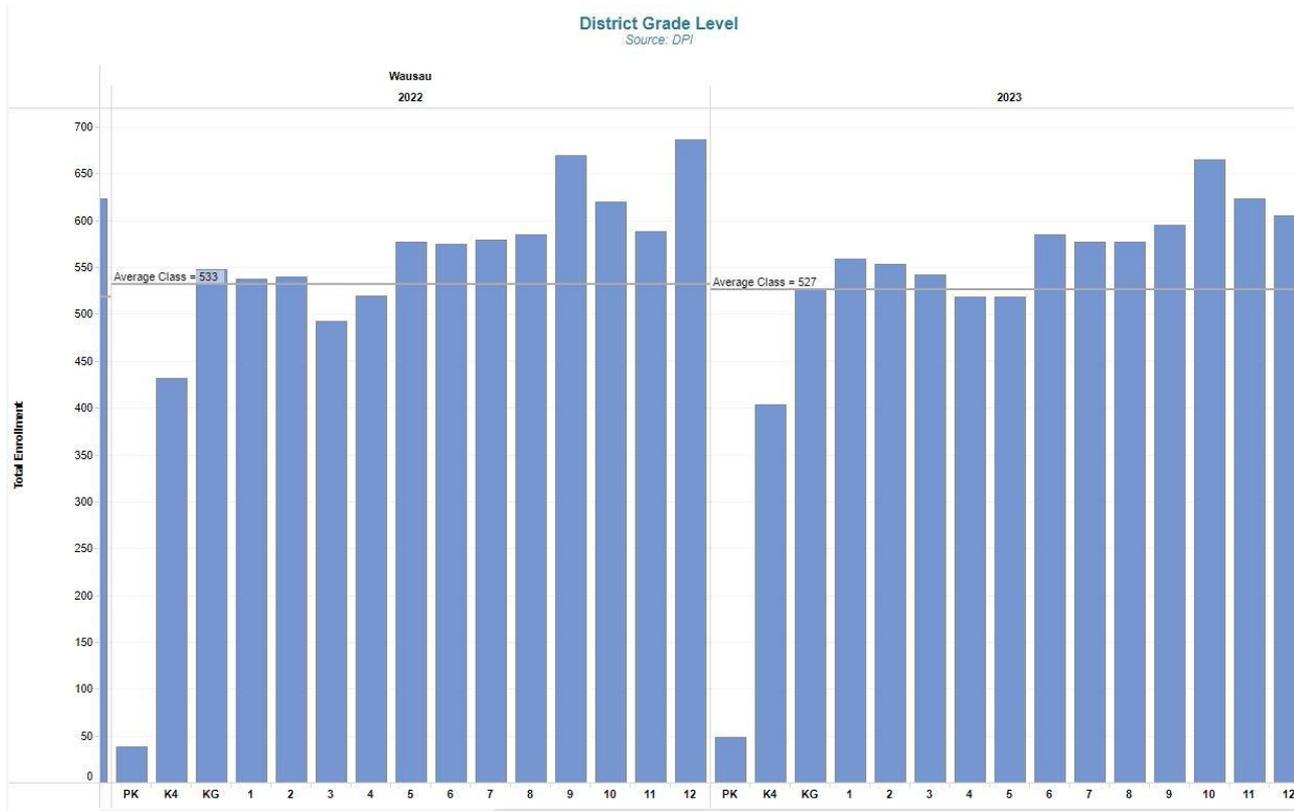


SECONDARY SCIENCE

Increase Rigor and Expand Student
Science Opportunities



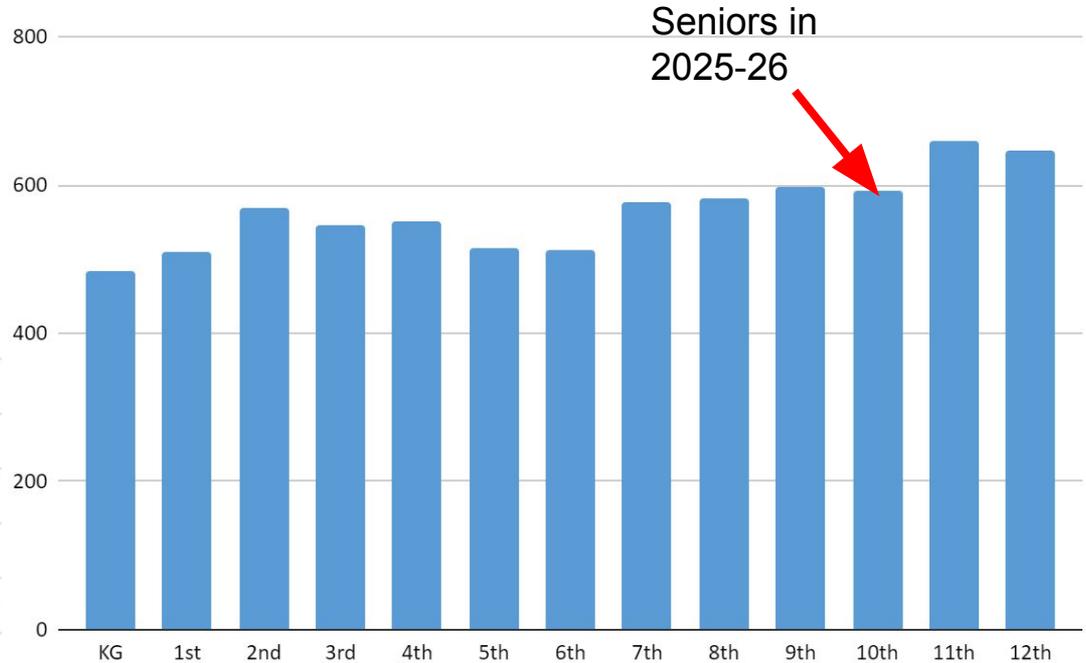
ENROLLMENT BY GRADE LEVEL



2023-2024 ENROLLMENT BY GRADE

EC	K4	KG	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	Elementary	Secondary	Total
59	387	483	509	568	545	551	515	512	576	583	598	592	659	646	3617	4166	7783

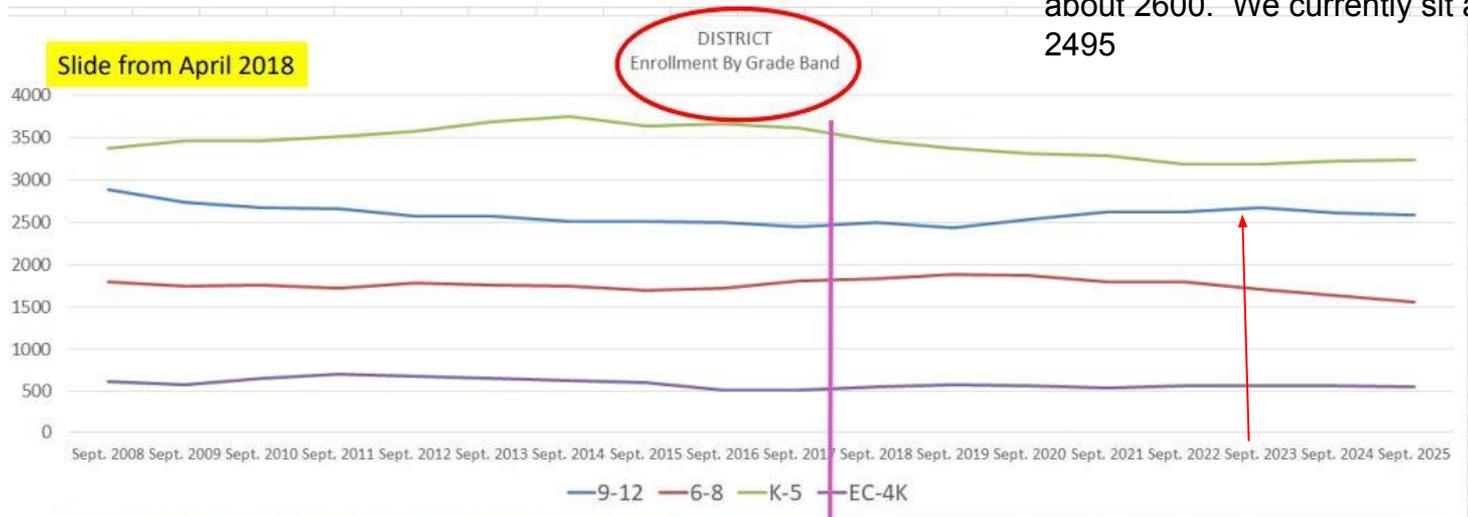
- Enrollment Continues to trend down.
- 5 years after opening, the Senior HS is projected to have 200 fewer students.



8-9	10-12	~100 Alt Students	Year
1088	1773	1663 (10-12)	25-26
1027	1757	1657 (10-12)	26-27
1066	1671	1571 (10-12)	27-28
1096	1603	1603 (10-12)	28-29
1113	1578	1478 (10-12)	29-30

ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS FROM 2018

Projected enrollment for 9/23 was about 2600. We currently sit at 2495



	Sept. 2008	Sept. 2009	Sept. 2010	Sept. 2011	Sept. 2012	Sept. 2013	Sept. 2014	Sept. 2015	Sept. 2016	Sept. 2017	Sept. 2018	Sept. 2019	Sept. 2020	Sept. 2021	Sept. 2022	Sept. 2023	Sept. 2024	Sept. 2025
	5 yr	5 yr	5 yr	5 yr	5 yr	5 yr	5 yr	5 yr	5 yr	5 yr	5 yr	5 yr	5 yr	5 yr	5 yr	5 yr	5 yr	5 yr
9-12	2890 (102)	2742 (148)	2675 (67)	2659 (16)	2574 (85)	2570 (4)	2512 (58)	2511 (1)	2501 (10)	2446 (55)	2496 50	2440 (56)	2542 102	2624 82	2619 (5)	2676 57	2617 (59)	2585 (32)
6-8	1794 (14)	1748 (46)	1761 13	1723 (38)	1787 64	1755 (32)	1743 (12)	1690 (53)	1725 35	1808 83	1828 20	1885 57	1868 (17)	1798 (70)	1793 (5)	1709 (84)	1637 (72)	1553 (84)
K-5	3378 (50)	3459 81	3467 8	3508 41	3581 73	3684 103	3747 63	3636 (111)	3671 35	3612 (59)	3466 (146)	3374 (92)	3319 (55)	3284 (35)	3183 (101)	3189 6	3226 37	3232 6
EC-4K	615 65	577 (38)	649 72	699 50	676 (23)	651 (25)	625 (26)	606 (19)	514 (92)	519 5	555 36	583 28	561 (22)	542 (19)	560 18	560 0	561 1	557 (4)



STUDENT SCIENCE ENROLLMENTS

- Assuming 1,700 students at the Senior High and 3.0 credits of Science are required for graduation:
 - Currently, 100% of students in grades 9, 10, and 11 take at least 1 Science course
 - By the time students have graduated, they complete, on average:
 - ~50-50% take 3.5-4.5 credits of Science before graduation
 - ~30% take 5.0 or more (4 or more additional semesters of Science courses)



STUDENT SCIENCE ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS

- We can predict that 1,700-1,800 Science courses will be taken annually
 - The 7 labs currently serve about 1,500 registrations per semester
 - The labs would need to serve an estimated 1,800-1,900 registrations per semester
 - Which translates to 13-15 additional science sections per semester



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PROJECTING BEYOND 2025

If enrollments at the Senior High School decrease to 1,500-1,600 students for the next 10 years:

- Then, we can project that the number of science enrollments would be approximately 1,600-1,700 registrations per semester.
- 100-200 additional registrations each semester would require 8 science sections per semester. A single lab can support approximately 5 sections per day.

The reason we are restructuring the Wausau School District is to improve experiences for students.

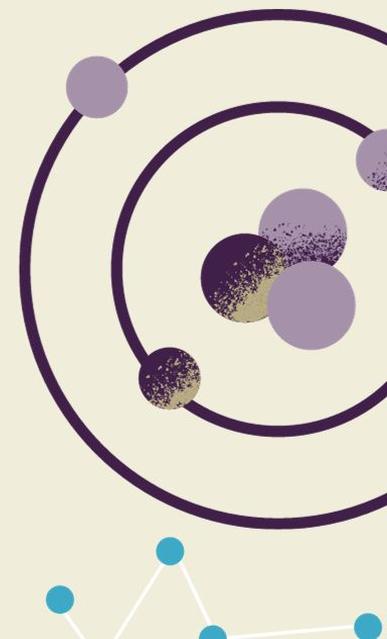
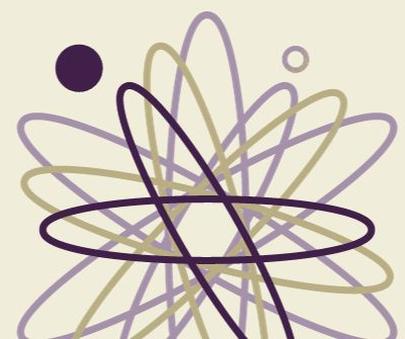


POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

- Additional Science labs
- 8th grade Science for credit
- Portable classroom
- Zero hour
- Blended classes
- NTC
- Auto/AG Academy
- Encourage Project Lead the Way for Science credit
- Move programs to other buildings



THANK YOU!



REFERENDUM PROJECT LIST



Current Budget

- 74% of our projects have been bid
- Value to date: \$90.1 million
- Remaining bids to date: \$31.9 million

2022 Capital Referendum Budgets (9.19.23)				
Location	Original Budget	Design Budget	Bid Opening	Bid Budget
District Wide	8,614,000	8,614,000		8,614,000
East High School	5,998,000	5,998,000		5,998,000
East Athletics Phase 1	3,714,000	4,346,200	4/4/2023	4,069,948
East Athletics Phase 2				
Franklin Elementary	761,000	761,000		761,000
GD Jones Elementary	198,000	198,000		198,000
Grant Elementary	2,068,000	-		-
Hawthorn Hills Elementary (bldg)	690,000	700,000	5/17/2023	538,950
Hawthorn Hills Elementary (site)	1,926,000	1,926,000		1,926,000
Hewitt-Texas Elementary	133,000	133,000		133,000
Horace Mann MS	7,119,000	7,119,000		7,119,000
Horace Mann (Montessori)	5,000,000	-		-
John Marshall Elementary	565,000	565,000		565,000
John Muir Middle School	34,794,000	34,307,800	3/29/2023	36,790,953
Lincoln Elementary	214,000	3,814,000		3,814,000
Maine Elementary	141,000	141,000		141,000
Rib Mountain Elementary	158,000	158,000		158,000
Riverview Elementary	1,465,000	1,665,000	10/27/2022	1,920,288
School Forest	4,243,000	5,043,000	11/3/2022	5,478,788
South Mountain Elementary	4,873,000	4,873,000	10/18/2022	4,873,000
Stettin Elementary School	3,462,000	3,767,286	10/4/2022	3,462,000
Thomas Jefferson Elementary	902,000	902,000		902,000
West High School	28,395,000	29,895,000	August	31,088,437
West Athletics Phase 1	2,733,627	2,129,927	4/4/2023	1,963,267
West Athletics Phase 2	1,633,373	1,633,373		1,633,373
Total	119,800,000	118,689,586		122,148,004
Projected Interest Earnings	5,500,000			
Over/(under) Including Interest Earnings		(6,610,414)		(3,151,996)

Potential End of Referendum Resources



Current Resources

\$3,151,996



Hawthorn Road

\$1,926,000



FF&E Savings

\$833,303



**4% Estimated
Overage on
Remaining Bids**

(\$856,895)

TOTAL: \$5,054,404

End of Referendum Projects

More than \$23 million in potential end of referendum projects have been identified.



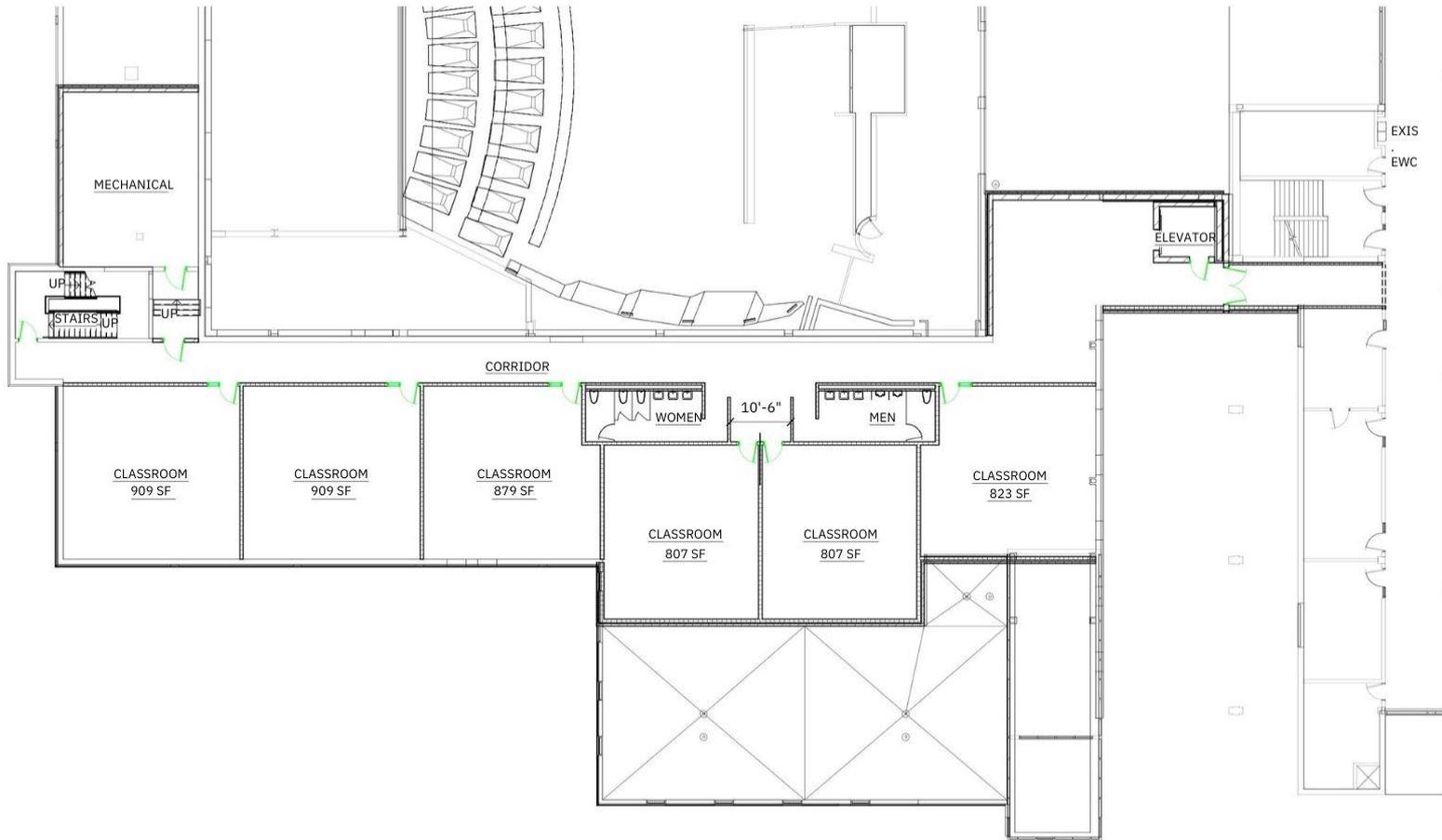
Potential Projects			
Location	Description	Cost	Initial Scope
West	Four Science Labs	\$ 6,600,000	No
Marshall	A/C	\$ 4,387,000	No
Franklin	A/C	\$ 3,455,000	No
Hawthorn	Additional Road	\$ 3,055,000	Yes
Riverview	School Roof	\$ 1,650,000	No
West	Bleacher/Gym Storage & Community Room	\$ 1,221,000	Requested Add-on
West	Parking Expansion	\$ 742,000	Requested Add-on
Maine	Roof	\$ 617,000	No
East	Fire Alarm System	\$ 524,000	No
West	Air Chiller Fieldhouse	\$ 366,000	Requested Add-on
South Mountain	Parking Expansion	\$ 250,000	No
West	Ceiling tile Replacement 2nd & 3rd	\$ 164,000	Requested Add-on
West	30 Year Roof	\$ 114,000	Requested Add-on
West	Band Sound System	\$ 22,000	Requested Add-on
West	Large Group Room Display	\$ 16,000	Requested Add-on
Total		\$ 23,183,000.00	



Other Considerations:

- Cost of Rebranding
- Potential 4K Renovations





WAUSAU SCHOOL DISTRICT
 WEST HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION & REMODEL

7696 FUTURE CLASSROOM ADDITION

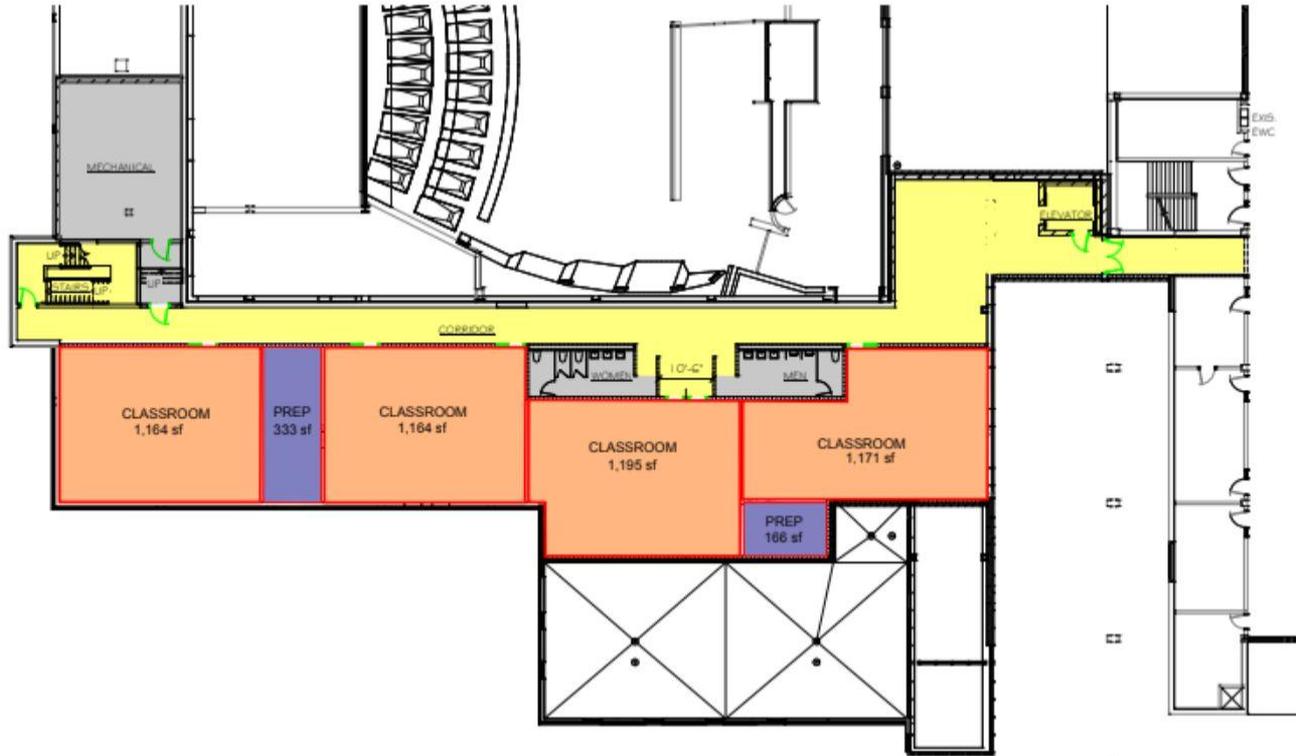
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