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Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are very grateful for the support our community continues to provide the West Bend School District. In 2009, voters supported renovating Badger Middle School and in 2012 supported a referendum that funded an addition at Green Tree Elementary School and the remodeling of Silverbrook Intermediate School. All projects were completed on time and within budget.

The District is now exploring the next phase of the 25-year Facilities Master Plan, which includes:

- **Updating or replacing Jackson Elementary School**
- **Updating East & West High Schools**

To provide an independent review, the Board of Education created a *Citizens Facility Advisory Committee* (CFAC) last summer. The CFAC, consisting of 28 parents, business leaders and community members, has studied the educational and facility needs at each location and developed the options explored in this survey.

Ultimately, the Board of Education is committed to finalizing a plan that reflects the priorities of our taxpayers. Therefore, please take 10 minutes to respond to this survey.

TAKE THE SURVEY IN ONE OF TWO EASY WAYS

Online:

- 1) Simply go to the survey website:
- 2) Enter your Survey Access Number:
- 3) Take the survey!

www.survey2000.com

By Paper:

If you do not have Internet access, please return the survey to any school office or mail to:
School Perceptions, 317 East Washington St., Slinger, WI 53086.

The Survey Access Number can be used only once. To obtain additional surveys for other adults in your household, please call the District Office at 262-306-4800.

Please complete the survey before June 18, 2018.

To collect this feedback, we are working with School Perceptions LLC, an independent firm with expertise in conducting community surveys. All survey data is returned to School Perceptions, and your feedback will be confidential.

Survey results will be presented at a School Board meeting this summer and will also be available on the District website at www.west-bend.k12.wi.us. Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

Sincerely,

Joel Ongert, President Nancy Justman, Vice President Chris Zwygart, Treasurer Tonnie Schmidt, Clerk
Ken Schmidt, Member Kurt Rebholz, Member Tiffany Larson, Member

West Bend School Board

West Bend School District Mission: Preparing All Students for College Readiness AND Career Success

Respondent Information

What is your age? 18-25 26-35 36-45 46-55 56-64 65 and older

Do you live in the West Bend School District? Yes No Not sure

In which municipality do you reside?

- City of West Bend Town of West Bend Town of Polk
 Town of Jackson Town of Barton Town of Trenton
 Town of Wayne Village of Jackson Village of Newburg
 Do not live in the District

Are you an employee of the West Bend School District? Yes No

Do you have children attending the West Bend School District? Yes No

If you have school-aged children, what school(s) do they attend? (Mark all that apply)

- Decorah Elementary Fair Park Elementary
 Green Tree Elementary Jackson Elementary
 McLane Elementary Badger Middle School
 Silverbrook Intermediate School West Bend East High School
 West Bend West High School Pathways Charter School
 Rolfs Education Center Private/Parochial school
 Home schooled Public school outside of district
 Other

Communication

How would you like to receive information from the District? (Mark all that apply)

- District mailings School/District website Attend meetings
 Email Attend School Board meetings Parent organizations
 Instant/Text messaging Automated phone messenger TV/Cable
 West Bend Daily News *Milwaukee Journal* Facebook

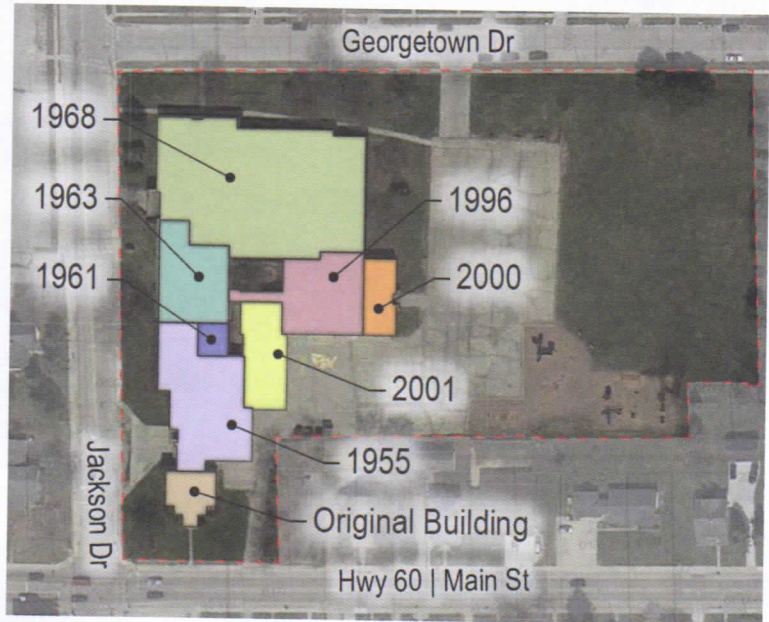
Comments/suggestions to improve communications:

Jackson Elementary Background

A comprehensive facility review of Jackson Elementary was completed by Bray Architects. The review identified a list of safety, security, building infrastructure and educational space needs. To read the review, visit the District's website: www.west-bend.k12.wi.us.

Key findings of the report include:

- The school has been expanded 7 times and is landlocked, making further expansions very difficult.
- School entrances should be updated to improve security by better monitoring/controlling visitor access.
- There is no onsite parking for parents or staff at the school.
- There is limited space for student drop-off and pick-up, requiring some students to walk across Jackson Drive, creating safety concerns.
- Major building system components, including the plumbing, heating/ventilation and electrical systems, are past their service life and need to be replaced.
- Classroom floors, lighting, ceilings and cabinetry are in need of replacement.
- Building exterior needs include replacing energy-inefficient single-pane windows, replacing roof sections and worn/rusting/energy-inefficient exterior doors and repairing exterior masonry.
- Air supply to most rooms does not meet current code requirements.
- Sections of the building are poorly insulated.
- The building requires updates to be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).



Because the future of the Jackson Elementary School was unknown, the District has delayed making any investments in the building for past 10 years. Rather, the District has contributed to a fund, which now totals more than \$4 million, to offset the cost of replacing or updating the school.

<p>What priority would you place on updating or replacing Jackson Elementary?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Low <input type="checkbox"/> Not sure
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Comments/suggestions/questions:

Jackson Elementary School Options

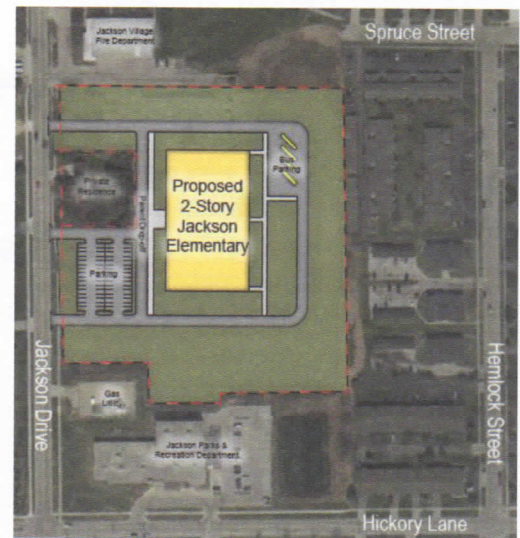
The School Board identified two primary options for community feedback:

Option 1: Build a new school

The image in the right is preliminary and identifies a potential building location and traffic circulation. The new school would be approximately 82,000 square feet, built on District-owned land and designed:

- to serve the current enrollment and be easily expandable for future growth
- with classrooms and breakout spaces designed for student collaboration and project-based learning
- with a gym and separate cafeteria
- with sufficient parking and proper separation of pedestrians, vehicle and bus traffic
- with energy-efficient systems and natural lighting

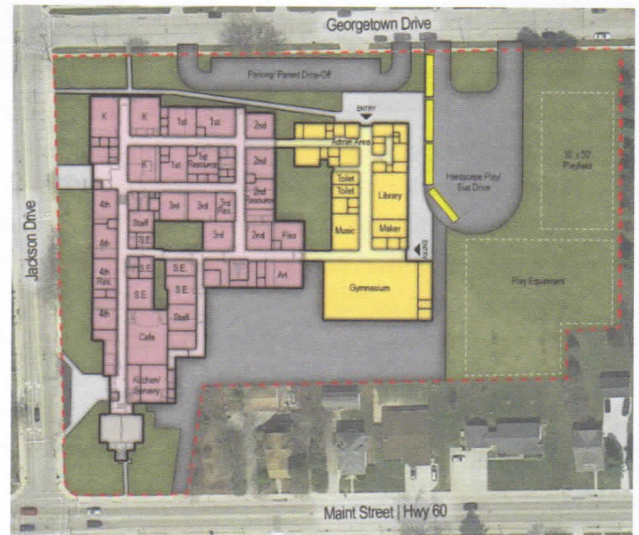
Estimated cost: \$23 million



Option 2: Remodel Jackson Elementary

The project would include:

- adding a secure entrance/office to better control visitor access
- adding a gym to meet the physical education requirements and creating a dedicated cafeteria
- adding music and special education classrooms
- adding library space
- updating and renovating classrooms including replacing flooring, ceiling tile and lighting
- renovating the kitchen
- replacing roof and heating & ventilation equipment
- updating restrooms to address Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance



The project would reduce green space and playground area. **Estimated cost: \$21.9 million**

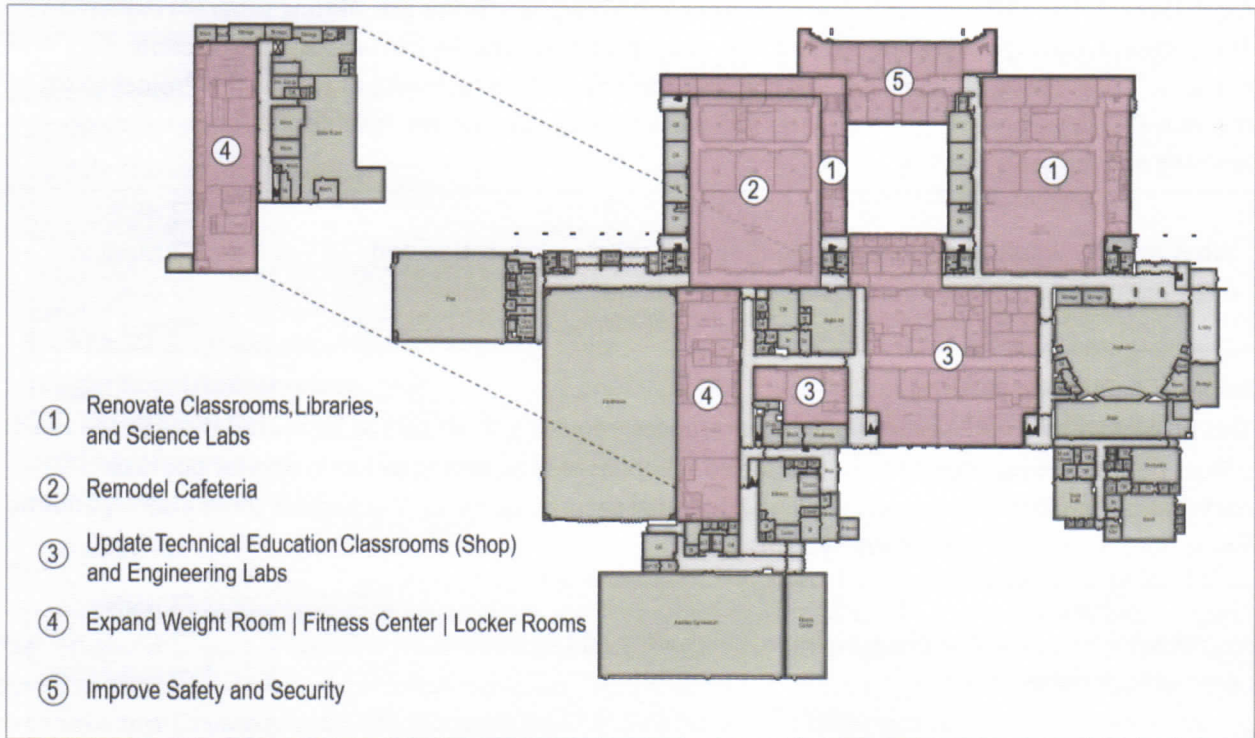
Which option would you support?

- Build a new Jackson Elementary School
- Update Jackson Elementary School
- I would support either option
- I would not support either option
- Not sure/need more information

Comments/suggestions/questions:

West Bend High School Projects (East and West Campus)

In addition to addressing the needs at Jackson Elementary School, the image below depicts projects that could be funded through a referendum at West Bend High Schools.



Renovate Classrooms, Libraries and Science Labs

The project could renovate classrooms, libraries and science labs, many of which have not been updated in nearly 50 years. The design provides more space for hands-on learning, student collaboration, small group instruction and greater access to technology.

What priority would you place on renovating the classrooms, libraries and science labs at an estimated cost of up to \$10.5 million?

- High
- Medium
- Low
- Not sure

Remodel/Update Cafeteria

If the sciences labs are expanded, the project will need to utilize space from one of the existing cafeterias. The remaining cafeteria would then need to be updated and expanded to meet the needs of the entire student population. This project would improve operating efficiencies. In addition, it would be located adjacent to the relocated culinary arts kitchen and closer to the field house to better serve large events.

What priority would you place on remodeling and updating the cafeteria at an estimated cost of \$2.2 million?

- High
- Medium
- Low
- Not sure

West Bend High School Projects Continued

Update Technical Education (Shop) and Engineering Labs

There is a growing demand for skilled professionals in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). The District's Technical Education and STEM classrooms are limiting program expansion. This project would renovate and expand labs to support class offerings in woods, construction, manufacturing, autos, welding, graphic communications and digital media as well as the Project Lead the Way (PLTW) program. These updates will ensure college and career readiness through hands-on learning and job skills training.

What priority would you place on updating the technical education and engineering labs at an estimated cost of \$7.6 million?

- High
- Medium
- Low
- Not sure

Improve Safety and Security

This project could create secured building entrances, requiring all visitors to be routed through the main offices before gaining access to the rest of the school as well as adding lockable interior doors to partition off school sections and installing additional security cameras. The project could also expand the fire suppression and smoke alarm systems.

What priority would you place on improving safety and security at an estimated cost of \$1.5 million?

- High
- Medium
- Low
- Not sure

Update Weight Room/Locker Rooms

The school's weight and locker rooms are outdated. This project would reorganize and enhance the area with new showers, lockers, flooring, ceiling tile, lighting and improved ventilation.

What priority would you place on updating the weight room/locker rooms at an estimated cost of \$4 million?

- High
- Medium
- Low
- Not sure

Update Building Infrastructure

This project could replace components of the heating/ventilation, electrical and plumbing systems that have exceeded their useful life with more energy-efficient systems. It could also remodel restrooms, address ADA issues and replace windows, ceiling tile and flooring.

What priority would you place on updating the building's infrastructure at an estimated cost of up to \$31.3 million?

- High
- Medium
- Low
- Not sure

Comments/suggestions/questions:

Funding Support

The cost to address all the projects identified in the survey is estimated at nearly \$80 million. **Given the cost, it may not be realistic to complete all of these projects at one time.** Therefore, the work may need to be completed in phases, based on the priorities of the community and its willingness to financially support the projects.

Jackson Elementary

Build a new school	\$23.0 million
Update the existing school	\$21.9 million

High Schools Projects

Classrooms, Libraries and Science Labs	\$10.5 million
Cafeteria	\$ 2.2 million
Technical Education (Shop) and Engineering Labs	\$ 7.6 million
Weight Room/Locker rooms	\$ 4.0 million
Safety and Security	\$ 1.5 million
Building Infrastructure	<u>\$31.3 million</u>
High Schools Total	\$57.1 million

In 2019, the District will pay off a portion of referendum debt from past building projects, and by 2028 the District will make the final payment on all existing referendum debt. As a result, taxpayers will begin to see a reduction in the debt portion of the school property tax bills beginning in 2019. This drop in loan payments gives the community an opportunity to borrow up to \$35 million in facility upgrades with no tax increase over the current level. The following table shows the impact to the school portion of your local property taxes for various referendum amounts.

Referendum Amount	\$40 million	\$50 million	\$60 million	\$70 million	\$80 million
Tax increase per:					
\$100,000 of property value	\$5 per year	\$15 per year	\$23 per year	\$34 per year	\$48 per year
\$200,000 of property value	\$10 per year	\$30 per year	\$46 per year	\$68 per year	\$96 per year
\$300,000 of property value	\$15 per year	\$45 per year	\$69 per year	\$102 per year	\$144 per year
<p>How much of a tax impact would you support through a referendum, assuming the projects included were acceptable to you?</p> <p><i>Tax impacts were calculated by Robert W. Baird & Co. Assumptions: Issuing 20-year bonds with interest rates of 4.50%. Impacts include all principal and interest payments.</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> I would support a \$80 million referendum <input type="checkbox"/> I would support a \$70 million referendum <input type="checkbox"/> I would support a \$60 million referendum <input type="checkbox"/> I would support a \$50 million referendum <input type="checkbox"/> I would support a \$40 million referendum <input type="checkbox"/> I would support a referendum smaller than \$40 million <input type="checkbox"/> I would not support any referendum <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure/need more information				

Comments/suggestions/questions:

Thank you for your participation. We sincerely value your time and input.