



# OCONTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

“Leaders & Learners . . . Today & Tomorrow”

## **Referendum Approved - Thank You!**

The referendum plan approved on April 6, 2021, is a comprehensive plan designed to keep Oconto Unified School District Schools thriving and adapting by impacting all students and all schools. The approved operational and capital referendum questions address district-wide needs in the areas of:

Safety and Security  
Educational Space Improvements  
Operational Needs

Our Board of Education and District Administration are appreciative of the ongoing community support for our schools and students! We are excited about the additional operational support that will allow us to improve student opportunities and experiences and the capital support that will fund facilities upgrades and help us modernize educational spaces and infrastructure to better support student safety and learning.

## **Referendum Recap**

### **Question 1**

Capital Building Bond in an amount not to exceed \$13,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of improvements to the District's buildings and grounds and equipment acquisition, including learning space modernization, renovations, and improvements; safety and security upgrades; and building infrastructure and systems upgrades and replacements.

### **Question 2**

Operational by the School Board of the Oconto Unified School District, Oconto County, Wisconsin that the final school district budget shall include an amount of \$800,000 each year in excess of the revenue limits for a period of five years commencing with the 2021-22 school year and ending with the 2025-26 school year on a non-recurring basis to pay District operation and maintenance costs.

## **Design Process**

Following the approval of the capital referendum question, the architectural design process began for all District-wide projects. The District is working with our design partner, Sitelogiq, to refine and advance the scope and manage the budget. The design process includes three distinct phases to advance preliminary concepts developed prior to the referendum.

Schematic Design (SD) – This phase has been underway since the summer of 2021 and includes District input to drive design and develop drawings that provide definition of interior and exterior functions, space requirements, adjacencies, and overall design intent. The District has mobilized user groups consisting of various staff members to provide feedback on design.

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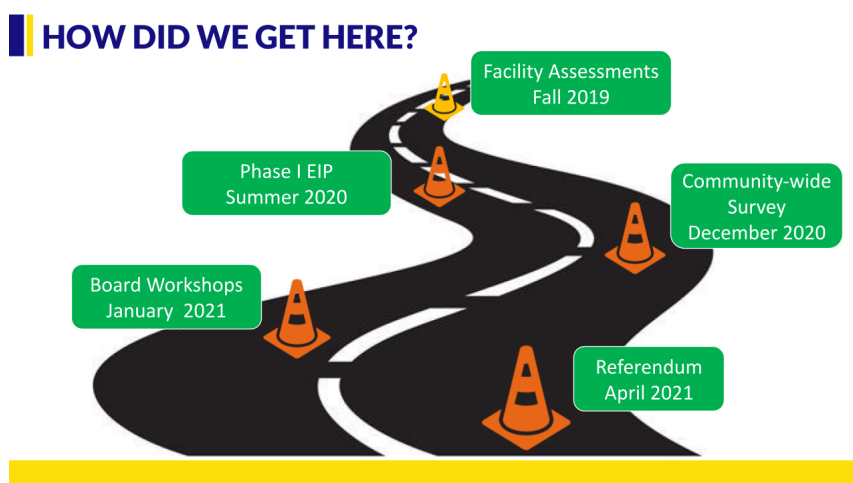
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Design Development (DD)— Once the building footprint has been confirmed and the team has a plan for interior space definition, we transitioned into design development. During the DD phase, design concepts are advanced with precise details, including structural design, specific mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire protection systems, cabinetry, fixtures, and material selections are finalized.

Construction Documents (CD)— In the final phase of the design process, the final drawings and specifications used to construct the building will be produced. All building components are defined in detail. These documents are used in the competitive bid process.

## **Design and Construction Updates**

Updates on the community-approved referendum projects will be shared throughout the construction process. Please visit this page regularly to stay updated on these important projects.



## **Questions**

Do you have a question about the referendum or projects being completed that you haven't found the answer to on this page? We're happy to help! For more information on these projects, contact Superintendent Emily Miller.

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## **Referendum Overview**

As part of the District's Plan, we are committed to continually enhancing our strong academic and co-curricular programs to continue meeting the needs of our diverse learners and provide critical services for students. Our school facilities/buildings play a vital role in this effort. Over the past few years, we have undergone grade level restructuring and completed multiple projects in our long-range facility plan that updated energy and heating/ventilation/air conditioning (HVAC) systems throughout our District. These new energy-efficient systems have allowed us to save money. However, additional needs still exist and are too great to be funded within our annual operating budget.

Our needs are not going away, and we have a financial window of opportunity to invest with no projected tax increase over current levels. As a result, we asked our community to provide feedback on our operational and facility needs through a community-wide survey. We wanted to ensure that our proposed solutions reflected the needs of our students and the priorities of our taxpayers. The results of the survey can be found here. All

community feedback was instrumental in shaping the referendum plan that the Board of Education unanimously supported at their January 18, 2021, meeting.

The support we received from taxpayers with a tax neutral/zero impact referendum was extremely encouraging and will help continue to shape our students. As always, we want to provide the best education for every student, enabling each to be a thoughtful, responsible contributor to a changing world. The District-wide solutions will address:

Safety and Security  
Educational Space Improvements  
Operational Needs

High School	Middle School
<b>Learning Environment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Renovate Cafeteria</li> <li>•Expand and Update Kitchen Serving Line</li> <li>•Renovate Media Center in Learning and Tech Lab</li> <li>•Renovate Computer Lab into STEAM Lab</li> </ul> <b>Safety, Security, &amp; Grounds</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•No Work</li> </ul> <b>IAQ, &amp; HVAC</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Recommissioning</li> <li>•Data Analytics Overlay</li> </ul> <b>Infrastructure</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Exterior Window Replacement</li> <li>•Exterior Door Replacement</li> <li>•Asbestos Abatement and replacement at Cafeteria &amp; Kitchen</li> <li>•Domestic Water Fixture Efficiency Improvements</li> <li>•Plumbing Fixture Upgrades with Auto Controls</li> </ul>	<b>Learning Environment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Renovate Classrooms into Spec Ed W/Sensory Rooms</li> <li>•Renovate Main Office into Learning Lab</li> <li>•Renovate Computer Lab into STEAM Lab</li> <li>•Create Collaborative Learning Spaces on 1st and 2nd Floor</li> <li>•Renovate Weight Room into Industrial Learning Lab with Exterior Overhead Door.</li> </ul> <b>Safety, Security, &amp; Grounds</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•New Secure Main Entry</li> <li>•Main Office &amp; Special Ed Renovations</li> </ul> <b>IAQ, &amp; HVAC</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Recommissioning</li> <li>•Data Analytics Overlay</li> <li>•Replace Gym &amp; Multi-Purpose Room AHU</li> </ul> <b>Infrastructure</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Exterior Window Replacement</li> <li>•Exterior Door Replacement</li> <li>•Asbestos Abatement Tile</li> <li>•Domestic Water Fixture Efficiency Improvements</li> <li>•Plumbing Fixture Upgrades with Auto Controls</li> </ul>
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<b>Learning Environment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Full 21st Century Flexible Learning Renovation for Grades 1&amp;2 and 3&amp;4</li> <li>•Renovate Special Education Classrooms and Sensory Room</li> <li>•Furniture Allowance</li> </ul> <b>Safety, Security, &amp; Grounds</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Upgrade Fire Alarm</li> <li>•Secure Main Entry Upgrade</li> <li>•Main Office &amp; Nurses Office Renovation</li> </ul> <b>IAQ, &amp; HVAC</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Recommissioning</li> <li>•Data Analytics Overlay</li> </ul> <b>Infrastructure</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Exterior Window Replacement</li> <li>•Domestic Water Fixture Efficiency Improvements</li> </ul>	

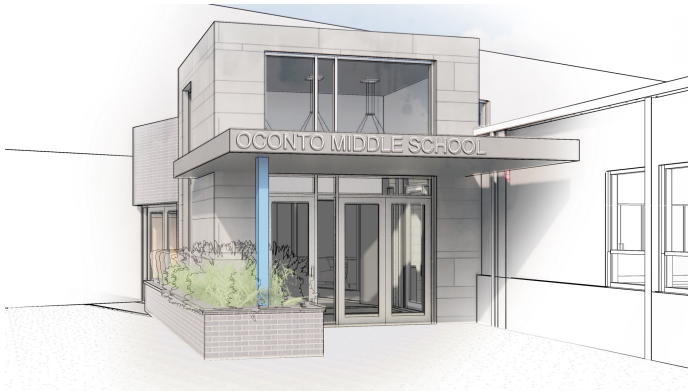
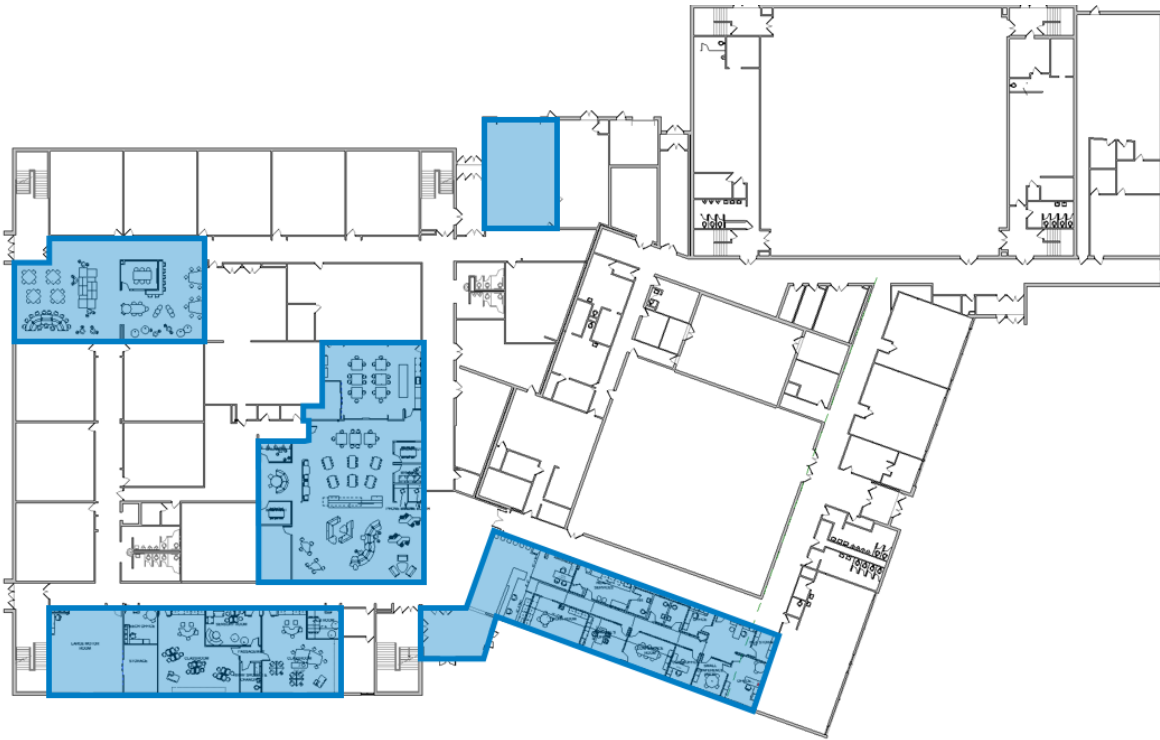
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Oconto Elementary School





# Oconto Middle School



Oconto High School

