

REFERENDUM FACT SHEET



Since 2012, the Baraboo School District has been working to assess, prioritize and renovate its facilities, following a comprehensive Long-Range Facilities Master Plan. The District first completed a series of district-wide safe, security and maintenance upgrades in 2015, followed by the revitalization of key spaces at Baraboo High School in 2018.

What will be on the April 2 ballot?

Baraboo School District will seek residents' approval to borrow **\$41.7 million to repair, modernize and expand Jack Young Middle School** as Phase III in the Long-Range Facilities Master Plan.

Why this project?

Built in 1976, Jack Young Middle School last received an addition in 1997. The proposed facilities referendum addresses Jack Young Middle School's most significant issues:



REPAIR AGING INFRASTRUCTURE

- Update inefficient furnace and add air conditioning
- Replace aging electrical and plumbing systems
- Add fire alarm and sprinkler systems to meet modern day fire code regulations
- Improve lighting, flooring and ceilings
- Redesign ramps and staircases to improve student safety and comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)



MODERNIZE OUTDATED TEACHING & LEARNING SPACES

- Modernize general education classrooms
- Increase classroom and lab space to address scheduling challenges
- Add permanent walls between classrooms to better utilize space, improve security and reduce noise
- Create confidential areas for student services (e.g. counseling, mental health supports)
- Increase natural light in classrooms
- Improve student interaction through collaboration space and flexible furniture



EXPAND UNDERSIZED COMMON AREAS

- Expand cafeteria, commons and kitchen to ease student congestion
- Update library to improve research and learning opportunities
- Expand gym to better accommodate physical education needs, co-curricular demands, assemblies and community events (e.g. band/choir concerts)
- Replace bleachers to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)



WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED IMPACT TO PROPERTY TAXPAYERS?

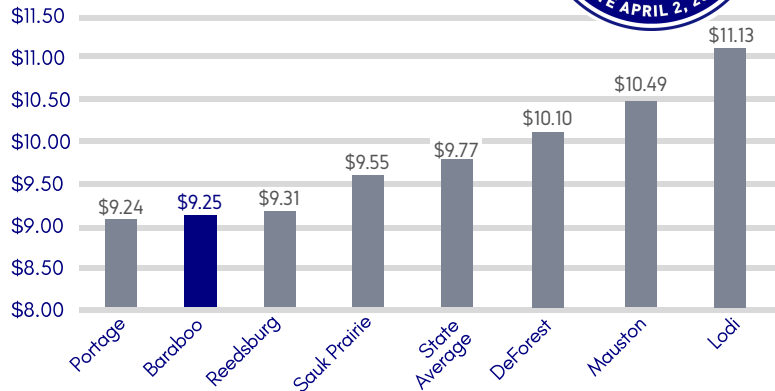
Voter approval of the proposed project would increase the District's tax rate over the existing level by an estimated **\$32 per \$100,000** of property value.

Not to exceed total project cost: \$41.7 million
(\$0.32 per \$1,000 of property value)

Estimated Tax Impact Over Current Rate	Annual Increase	Monthly Increase
\$100,000 of property value	\$32.00	\$2.66
\$150,000 of property value	\$48.00	\$4.00
\$200,000 of property value	\$64.00	\$5.33

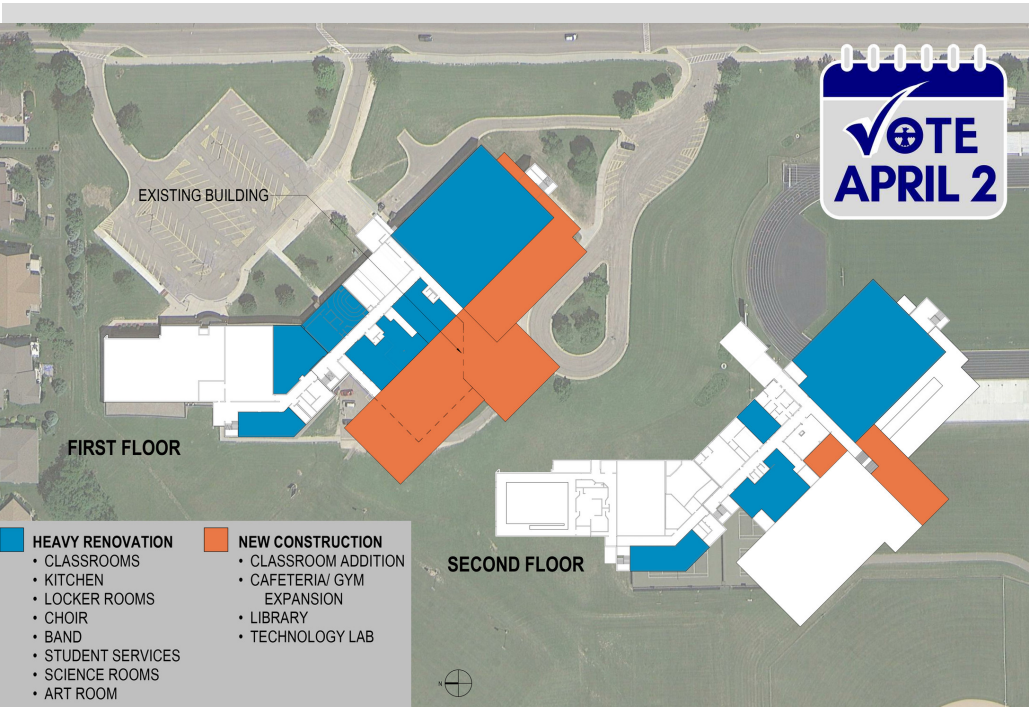
The estimated tax impact assumes a two-phase borrowing at interest rates of 4.5% and 4.25% respectively and a term of 20 years. Annual equalized valuation growth of 1% is assumed. Tax impact estimates provided by financial consultants from Robert W. Baird & Co.

2018 TAX MILL RATE



The District has worked hard to be a good steward of taxpayer dollars. As a result, the District's tax rate is one of the lowest in our area and is \$.52 below the state average.

PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN



WE'RE LISTENING

In Fall 2018, a District-wide facilities survey was completed by more than 1,600 district residents. Community survey results indicated support for exploring a referendum to address facility needs at either Jack Young Middle School or Baraboo High School. Based on community feedback, the Board prioritized updating and revitalizing Jack Young Middle School for Phase III.

62% of survey respondents say explore a Phase III referendum

HOW TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE REFERENDUM!

The District is committed to providing residents with the information they need to make an informed decision on April 2. Learn more about the proposed solutions to the facility challenges at Jack Young Middle School:



Visit us at
<https://www.baraboo.k12.wi.us/district/Referendum.cfm>



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referendum@baraboo.k12.wi.us
with questions or comments



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Attend a referendum Open House & Tour at JYMS
March 19 @ 6:30 p.m.
March 27 @ 6:30 p.m.