

### Please cast an informed vote on November 8.

The only way a school district can borrow the money needed for the repairs and renovation is through a community-approved referendum. In summer 2020, a facility study confirmed extensive repairs are needed at the Peshtigo Middle/High School, including heating and cooling, electrical, plumbing, safety and security, and updates to interior finishes, such as windows, ceiling tiles, etc.

The facility is in need of renovation to meet the educational programs for today's students, such as additional classrooms, technical education space, performance space, etc.

## THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

# Why now?

The longer the District waits, the more expensive the project becomes and the less that can be accomplished.

To better understand the community's priorities, last spring the District sent a community survey to all residents of the District. The results indicated that 93% of the all respondents said they support a referendum to address facility needs of Peshtigo Middle/High School.

Additionally, the District hosted three open community conversations to hear more before proposing the plan to remodel and reinvigorate the Middle High School.

### Why does your vote matter?

The facility's needs will not go away until they are addressed. If the referendum succeeds, it will provide our students with a reinvigorated Middle/High School.

If the referendum is not approved the Board of Education may need to take funds needed for the day-to-day operations of the school and use those funds to complete critical repairs.

# How will the plan improve education and the Peshtigo community?

Upgraded facilities will offer important opportunities for all students, such as:

- Increased safety and security;
- Renovated classrooms, labs, technical education, athletic and performance spaces;
- Improved learning environment with heating, cooling, added natural light, and refurbished spaces throughout.

Good schools attract and keep families. In today's competitive market, people have many choices where to live, work and raise families.

Business owners, their employees, and community members thrive when potential employees and customers want to live and work in this area!

#### **Your Vote Matters**

To learn more about how to vote, please visit myvote.wi.gov

See reverse side for proposed Middle High School plan >

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# **HIGHLIGHTS**

If approved, this plan will allow the District to complete the necessary facility repairs AND renovate the Middle/High School to reinvigorate the entire school, while being cost-effective. Some of the highlights of the plan are:

- Repair/replace major building mechanical systems such as heating and cooling, plumbing, lighting, but also doors and windows:
  This was the number one priority from the community survey.
- A new four-classroom addition to provide for enrollment.
- Safety and security improvements: A non-negotiable.
- Update spaces for career and college preparation (ie: technical education, life skills, art, and music).
- Two-station competition gymnasium, outfitted for use as a performance space
- Provide a modernized facility with updated finishes in all classrooms including new flooring, lighting, cabinetry, etc.
- Repair and expand areas such as labs, locker rooms, and add natural light where possible.



# Why is the school board proposing a **remodeling solution** rather than building a new school?

In a recent survey of all community members, respondents prioritized repairing the existing infrastructure, addressing safety, and updating spaces to meet the educational needs of students, while considering the tax impact. We listened and this plan does both.

