

Community-Driven. Student-Focused. Referendum

Parents, community members, business owners, students, teachers, staff, administration, and Board of Education collaborated to develop a community-driven plan that will meet the challenges currently facing the School District of Shell Lake and position it for future success. As a result, the Board of Education has placed a bond referendum on the April 3, 2018 ballot.

Answers to frequently asked questions about the proposed additions and improvements to Shell Lake School District facilities

- **Why are these improvements being considered now?**

The Primary Building is 59 years old. Learning spaces need improvement to meet the educational needs of the 21st century. The 3-12 Building is approaching 25 years and needs improvements too. Lack of space for programs in both buildings needs to be addressed. The School District is debt free at this time. Historically low interest rates at this time will save money over the 20-year term of the debt.

- **Why are we seeking to build a new gymnasium/performance facility?**

Additional gymnasium space is needed for physical education classes. Band, choir and drama classes and events will be able to utilize the area for practice and performances. More efficient scheduling of events such as concerts, plays and athletic contests can be accomplished. It will provide a safe and improved space for district athletic programs. More access for community groups is needed. This space would be air conditioned to provide greater safety, as exterior doors would remain shut during large events.

- **How is this going to be paid for?**

The School Board in January passed two resolutions that will be voted on by School District residents on April 3, 2018. The first resolution asks for 12.2 million dollars for the construction of the new 4K-2 Primary Building and upgrades to the 3-12 Building in the art, science, career and technical education areas. The second resolution asks for 3.5 million dollars for the construction of a gymnasium/performance space, new secured office entry, and site improvements (parking and driveway safety).

- How much is this going to cost me as a homeowner?

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QUESTION #1: \$12,200,000		QUESTION #2: \$3,500,000	
Home Value	Cost	Home Value	Cost
\$75,000	\$138.75 per year	\$75,000	\$39.75 per year
\$100,000	\$185.00 per year	\$100,000	\$53.00 per year
\$150,000	\$277.50 per year	\$150,000	\$79.50 per year

- What will happen to the present 4K-2 Primary Building and site?

The School Board is planning on selling the existing Primary Building and its surrounding land. There has been potential interest from developers, and we wish to see it developed for the enhancement of the Shell Lake community. The School Board will help control this.

- How long will construction take?

Design will begin after the referendum and take place over summer. Bidding for the project will take place in the fall of 2018. Construction will begin in the spring of 2019. School will not be disrupted and special care will be given to the students, staff and community when it does begin.

- Where do I vote?

Everyone 18 and older residing within the School District of Shell Lake is eligible to vote at a polling place. If you don't know your polling place, or need information on absentee voting, contact the School District Office at 715-468- 7816.

- What if I have additional questions?

There will be informational meetings held throughout the School District. Look for more information and time on the School District website, <http://www.shelllake.k12.wi.us> Regular updates will also be posted on the district's Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/ShellLakeSchool/> Additionally, questions can be directed to the District Office at 715-468-7816.

Thank you for your interest in this important decision for our community!