

Need to Know

# REFERENDUM FACT SHEET

VOTE APRIL 7

BUILDING  
OUR  
FUTURE



 Mequon  
Thiensville  
SCHOOL DISTRICT



## Space for Students

This is our biggest challenge. Our elementary schools are already at or near classroom capacity and many common areas are undersized to serve our students.



## Growth is Projected

Studies predict district-wide enrollment will grow by 350 students over the next 10 years. Most of this growth is projected at the elementary school level.



## Safer Schools

We're committed to maximizing the safety, security, and accessibility of our facilities.



## Vote April 7

**On April 7, 2020, voters will be asked to respond to the following question:**

*Shall the Mequon-Thiensville School District, Ozaukee County, Wisconsin, be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$55,700,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a District-wide school facilities improvement project consisting of: District-wide safety, security, site and ADA improvements and renovations; construction of additions at the Elementary Schools and the Middle Schools; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment?*

## Learn More:

**Call:** 262-238-8500 (District Office)

**Email:** [referendum@mtsd.k12.wi.us](mailto:referendum@mtsd.k12.wi.us)

**Web:** [www.mtsd.k12.wi.us/facilities](http://www.mtsd.k12.wi.us/facilities)

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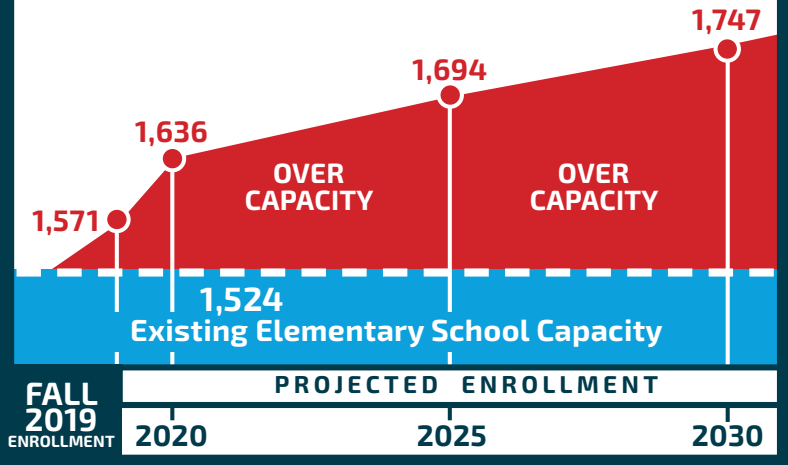
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Mequon, WI 53092



**4K-5 ENROLLMENT CAPACITY & GROWTH**

**Current and Projected District Enrollment**

Source: APL and MD Roffers



**Enrollment Growth Projections**

Two recently completed studies predict significant enrollment growth at the elementary level in the coming years. With each of our elementary schools already operating near or over its ideal capacity, we do not have adequate classroom and core learning space to accommodate our elementary school students.

**Project Scope**

**Growth & Capacity**

- Create additions and renovations at three elementary schools to increase space available for core classrooms, art, physical education, music, and special education
- Expand cafeterias at the elementary and middle schools
- Renovate targeted spaces at the middle schools, including music and specialist classrooms to support current needs

**Safety & Security**

- Improve traffic circulation and parking lot queuing space at all schools
- Make restrooms and playgrounds more accessible for those with mobility impairments
- Create a more identifiable main entrance at Homestead High School and make district-wide improvements to control visitor access
- Connect to municipal water and enhance fire suppression and alarm systems at the elementary and middle schools

**Tax Impact**

Estimated property tax impact of \$55.7 million based on a total mill rate increase of \$0.30 per \$1,000 of property value.\* A tax impact calculator that includes planning assumptions is available online at [www.mtsd.k12.wi.us/TaxImpact](http://www.mtsd.k12.wi.us/TaxImpact).

PROPERTY VALUE	PER YEAR	PER MONTH
\$100,000	\$30	\$2.50
\$200,000	\$60	\$5
\$400,000	\$120	\$10
\$600,000	\$180	\$15

\*Represents increase over current tax payments for debt.

**You Spoke, We Listened**

More than 1,200 community members have shared input throughout our nearly 18-month planning process. The Community Task Force on facilities dedicated many hours to learning about our facilities, touring schools, and studying data. Many of their recommendations were reflected in a community-wide survey last fall.

**85%**

of survey respondents believe that the district's facility needs must be addressed now.

**80%**

of survey respondents encouraged the district to move forward with a plan to address our most critical space, safety, and security challenges.