

BUILDING REFERENDUM

INFORMATIONAL GUIDE

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IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE FUTURE

In 2018, the Board of Education hired Tria Architecture to provide a Health/Life Safety Survey, a Facility Assessment, and a Facility Master Plan which highlights and prioritizes areas of the facility in need of improvement. As part of the Master Plan process, the Administration issued a survey to parents and school staff for input on the importance of improving various areas of our school building. From these surveys and studies, the Board has determined that the following improvements are critical to maintaining an excellent educational environment for the students of St. George Community Consolidated School District No. 258.



SECURE MAIN ENTRY & SECURITY UPGRADES

Currently, visitors to the school are able to walk directly into the building at the main entry. To provide a safer learning environment, the main entry will be made secure by routing visitors through the main office. This security measure will allow our administrative staff to control access to the school. Also, the existing security system will be upgraded to include additional security cameras.

REMOVAL OF MOBILE CLASSROOMS

By removing our mobile classrooms and adding four (4) new classrooms onto our main facility, students will benefit from a more secure and efficient learning experience.

MODERNIZED CLASSROOMS

Classrooms built in the oldest sections of our facility (dating back to the 20's and 50's) are very outdated. Renovations of these classroom areas are estimated to be in excess of \$1.6 million. Instead of renovating the four (4) existing classrooms, we propose a more sustainable and cost-effective option of adding four (4) new classrooms and to re-purpose the existing classrooms in the oldest section of the building.

CLASSROOM ADDITIONS

To accommodate our current students, two of our classrooms were split in half with dividers. The result is four (4) classrooms with lower student capacities and reduced functionality. To restore these classrooms to their intended size, the dividers within these classrooms will be removed and two (2) new classrooms will be built.

HVAC REPLACEMENT

Our current boiler is outdated and has had repeated breakdowns. The installation of a new boiler will greatly increase reliability. Also, the final phase of the HVAC system replacements will be completed.

ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING & FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM UPGRADES

Upgrading our electrical, plumbing and fire protection systems will allow the systems to accommodate the additions and replace aging equipment that is at the end of its useful life.

BAND ROOM RENOVATIONS

Currently, our band room utilizes a decommissioned stage, in which the flooring is raised above the facility's floor. Renovating the temporary band room will provide a space that is specifically designed for band room use.

PRIMARY PARKING LOT REPLACEMENT

The pavement of our primary parking lot is failing and requires replacement.

EAST PARKING LOT EXTENSION & PLAYGROUND RELOCATION

Our current playground is adjacent to the east parking lot, forcing students to cross the parking lot and driveway to access it. Relocating the playground away from parking areas and extending the east parking lot will address parking capacity problems while improving student safety.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

The renovations are estimated to cost \$6,930,000. If St. George CCSD No. 258's referendum is approved on April 2, 2019, we will accomplish all of the proposed improvements by renewing our current bonds as they expire and structuring future payments so that **property tax rates will not increase**.

On April 2, 2019 the following referendum question will be proposed to the voters of the St. George Community Consolidated School District Number 258:

“Shall the Board of Education of St. George Community Consolidated School District Number 258, Kankakee County, Illinois, build and equip classroom additions to, and alter, repair, renovate and equip the existing school building of the District, including to provide for secure entrances and other security and safety improvements, and repair and replace parking lots and make other site improvements, and issue bonds of said School District to the amount of \$6,930,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?”

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know more?

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CALL THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT
(815) 802-3102

**SCHOOL TOURS
WILL BE HELD IN MARCH!**

Parents and community members are invited to join walk and talk tours scheduled in March at St. George School to learn more about the 2019 No Tax Rate Increase School Bond Referendum. Many dates and times are available.

**Call (815) 933-1503 or (815) 802-3102
or email rstegall@sg258.org to
schedule your school tour.**

**SCHEDULE
A SCHOOL TOUR**