



# FORWARD TOGETHER:

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**IMPACTING  
ALL STUDENTS  
AND ALL SCHOOLS  
WITHIN 4 YEARS**

## DISTRICT FACILITY PRIORITIES

### DISTRICT-WIDE SAFETY AND SECURITY



#### STEP 1

##### ENHANCE SAFETY AND SECURITY DISTRICT-WIDE

- Improved secure entry sequences
- New public address systems
- Other security upgrades that will create safe, accessible environments for all students, staff, and visitors

### 92-YEAR-OLD SHATTUCK MIDDLE SCHOOL

#### STEP 3

##### CLOSE SHATTUCK MIDDLE SCHOOL; CONVERT CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL

- Convert Neenah High School to a 5-6 intermediate school (Conant/north end) and a 7-8 middle school (Armstrong/south end)
- The renovated high school will have updated, healthier learning environments for all 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students, unlike what Shattuck currently provides. This will enhance the teaching and learning not only for today, but for decades.



### PreK-12 EDUCATIONAL SPACE NEEDS

#### STEP 2

##### BUILD A NEW NEENAH HIGH SCHOOL

- More hands-on and flexible learning environments designed to support college and career readiness
- State-of-the-art tech ed shops for welding, autos, engineering, and robotics that will inspire additional partnerships with area businesses and technical colleges



#### STEP 4

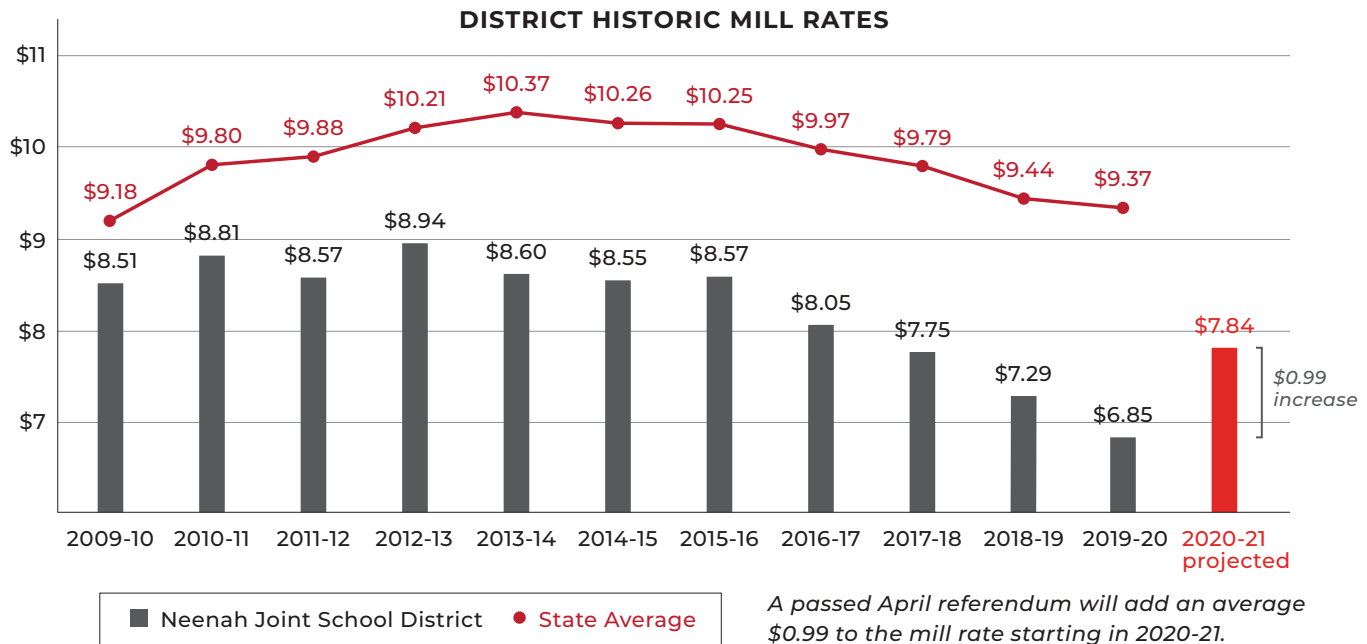
##### CREATE MORE ELEMENTARY SPACE BY MOVING 5TH GRADE

- All elementary schools will have additional educational space
- More space will allow for teaching and learning that currently happens in hallways, locker rooms, and door alcoves to be done in a proper environment
- Art and music teachers will no longer travel from room-to-room, but will instead have dedicated classroom space



# SCHOOL TAXES HAVE DROPPED FOR 5 YEARS

With a passed referendum, the District's mill rate will still be lower than it was four years ago.



## DID YOU KNOW?

THE NEENAH JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S MILL RATE (\$6.85) IS IN THE **BOTTOM 5%** (16TH OUT OF 368) OF WISCONSIN K-12 SCHOOL DISTRICT MILL RATES.

This means that approximately 95% of homeowners in the State of Wisconsin pay more than Neenah district residents in school taxes on similarly valued property.

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### BALLOT QUESTION

Shall the Neenah Joint School District, Winnebago County, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$114,900,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school building improvement project consisting of: construction and equipping a new high school, including associated site improvements; District-wide safety and security improvements; renovating and updating the existing high school to convert into an intermediate school and a middle school; and acquisition of furnishing, fixtures and equipment?

YES     NO



## WANT TO SKIP THE VOTING LINE?

The presidential primary election is predicted to bring a record number of citizens to the polls on April 7. Do you want to skip the lines? Residents have two options: request an absentee ballot or utilize in-person early voting. Early voting is open Monday, March 23 through Friday, April 3. To learn more about voting regulations, please visit: [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov).

*\*Not all municipalities are open regular business hours for early voting. Please check with your municipality to confirm location dates and times.*

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



## WHERE IS THE \$47 MILLION DISTRICT CONTRIBUTION COMING FROM?

In 2002, the District and Neenah Education Association negotiated a retirement benefits package with no plan to pay for it. In 2010, the District developed a plan and began taking steps to fund this benefit from its operating budget. The District will make its last payment in July 2020, allowing the District to reallocate up to \$5 million per year to improve its facilities along with the referendum. The District plans to borrow \$47 million to finish the first phase of facilities improvements and pay off that debt at no more than \$5.5 million annually. This amount will be in addition to the \$2.8 million the District currently spends on facilities improvements, and will have no additional tax impact.



## WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE EXISTING SHATTUCK MIDDLE SCHOOL?

The Board has not discussed detailed plans for the existing Shattuck Middle School, as there are several options. If a potential buyer emerges, the District could sell the building and the property. The property would have to be rezoned if it is used for something other than institutional. The building could be demolished and the District could maintain the property or eventually sell. While it would be ideal to have a firm answer, there are a lot of unknown factors involved at this point. The District is committed to a transparent process that will include community feedback while seeking to balance the needs of the neighborhood, City, and District taxpayers.



## HOW WILL THE CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL WORK FOR AN INTERMEDIATE AND MIDDLE SCHOOL?

This long-term plan is not about what is wrong with the current high school. It is about replacing the 92-year-old Shattuck Middle School, which has been identified as the biggest facilities need in the District. The current high school will be an excellent 5-6 intermediate school and separate 7-8 middle school. The renovation will focus on creating inspiring and flexible learning spaces for all intermediate and middle school students. Students in all grades will have more opportunities in the areas of tech ed and shop classes, fine arts and music, as well as in the core academic areas. The existing school is the right configuration to function as two separate buildings.



## WHAT WILL HAPPEN WITH BUSING COSTS IN THIS PLAN?

Busing costs are expected to remain neutral. While more high school students will qualify for busing, the District will gain efficiencies with having to run fewer routes for lower grades. Fifth graders who are now bused to 10 different schools and sixth graders who attend Horace Mann will now all attend the same school. Currently, many students transfer buses and these transfers will be greatly reduced with a 5-6 and 7-8 buildings at the current high school.



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| <b>Wed., March 11</b>   | 6 p.m.  | Shattuck Middle School cafeteria  |
| <b>Thurs., March 12</b> | 6 p.m.  | Tullar Elementary                 |
| <b>Mon., March 16</b>   | 8 a.m.  | Neenah/Menasha YMCA (Keller Room) |
| <b>Mon., March 16</b>   | 6 p.m.  | Clayton Elementary                |
| <b>Wed., March 18</b>   | 6 p.m.  | Lakeview Elementary               |
| <b>Wed., March 25</b>   | 10 a.m. | Neenah High School cafeteria      |
| <b>Mon., March 30</b>   | 6 p.m.  | Spring Road Elementary            |
| <b>Tues., March 31</b>  | 6 p.m.  | Shattuck Middle School cafeteria  |

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