KIEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## COMMUNITY REFERENDUM INFORMATIONAL SESSION



# **INTRODUCTIONS**



### INTRODUCTIONS

- Kiel Area School District
- Bray Architects
- C.D. Smith Construction
- How did these partnerships come to be?



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#### DISTRICT TEAM

Kiel Area School District School Board Members

- James Bajczyk
- Tony Johannes
- Jon Lee
- Stuart Long
- Dan Meyer
- Tammie Stahl
- Karin Wille



#### DISTRICT TEAM

Kiel Area School District Administrative Team

- Chad Ramminger Elementary School Principal
- Alex Ourada Middle School Principal
- Brad Hoerth High School Principal
- Mackenzi Schwarz Director of Teaching and Learning
- Sarah Scovell Muraski BTLVA/eSchool Administrator
- Charles Achter Director of Finance and Facilities
- Dr. Brad Ebert District Administrator



#### HIGHLIGHTS & RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- Created financial stability for the district after working through tough financial times, which positively impacted credit rating
- Turned around our open enrollment numbers from more students open enrolled out to more students open enrolled in
- Implemented the addition of a 4K-8 charter school, Between the Lakes Virtual Academy (BTLVA), which has been wildly successful and has provided our own students and students all over the state with a massive amount of opportunities
- Increased fund balance as a percentage of Fund 10 and 27 total expenditures from 19.2% in 2018 to 34.9% in 2021.
- We currently have over 30 courses in the high school that are dual credit through either LTC, FVTC, or UWGB. Students also have the opportunity to take additional courses at UWGB through the Access Academy and LTC through Youth Apprenticeship.

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#### HIGHLIGHTS & RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- Increased the trades course programming as we work to ensure that students have a choice regarding their future and that we do not promote one path versus the other - we promote both, college and/or career
- Additional highlights available via Google Docs:
  - https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FuMOzZ5KfBexTTZREidjv 2BQ13Ces3TKhEJTPdRGhOo/edit?usp=sharing



# **BACKGROUND** & TIMELINE



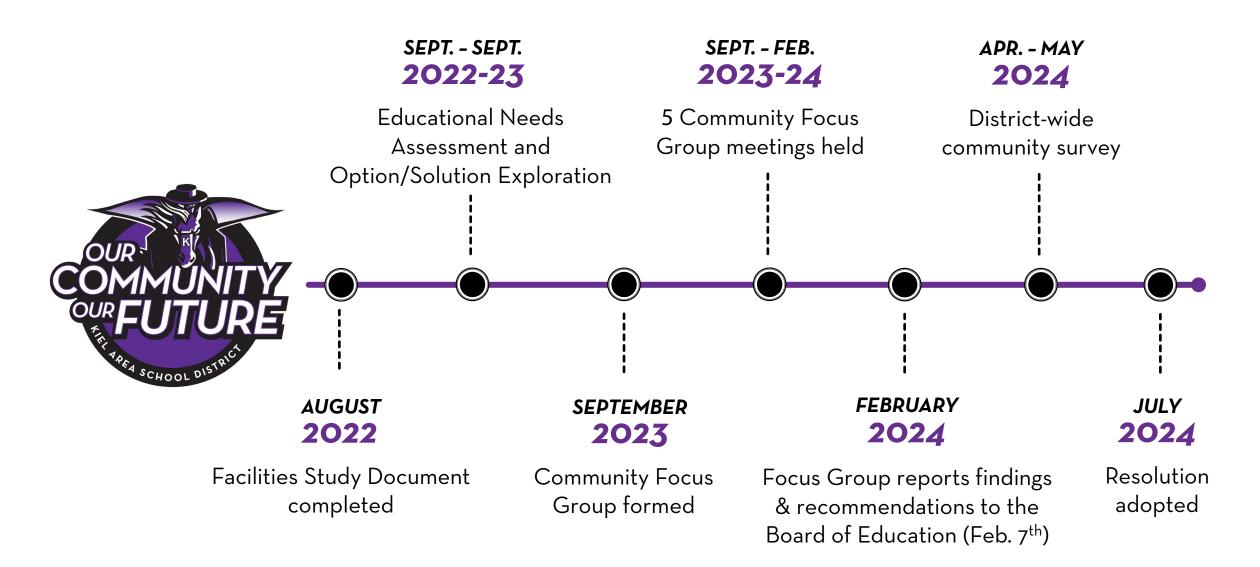
### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

#### FACILITIES MASTER PLANNING RESOURCES

- 10-Year Capital Plan (Buildings + Grounds Updates) 2019-2028 | Projects completed and planned
- District-Wide Facilities Study (KASD Website)
- Capacity Analysis & Educational Needs Assessment



### FACILITIES PLANNING TIMELINE



## BACKGROUND | COMMUNITY SURVEY

#### **Recommendation:**

The Board of Education and community focus group do not believe that putting more money into the existing middle school facility is a good use of tax dollars

- Due to be building's age and significant needs
- Renovation options for the existing building are limited because of the age, layout, and number of load-bearing walls

#### **Community Survey Results:**

A majority of survey respondents support closing the existing middle school facility and building a new middle school.

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## BACKGROUND | COMMUNITY SURVEY

#### Where do we build the new middle school?

With a majority of survey respondents supporting building a new middle school, the next question was where to build it.

#### **Community Survey Results:**

A majority of survey respondents support building a new middle school attached to the high school.

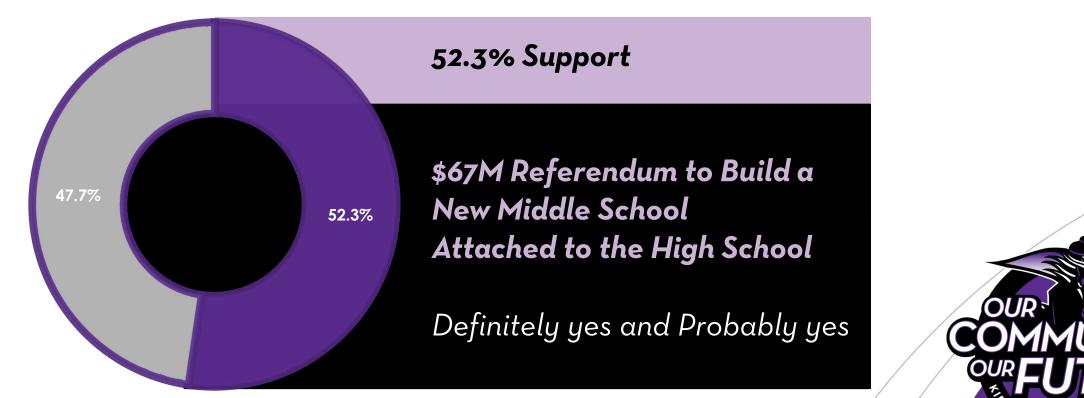


Data from School Perceptions' Community Survey

### BACKGROUND | COMMUNITY SURVEY

#### **Referendum Support:**

Definitely yes and Probably Yes Other



Data from School Perceptions' Community Survey

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# THE QUESTION



### THE QUESTION

Shall the Kiel Area School District, Manitowoc, Calumet and Sheboygan Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$67,000,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school building and facility improvement project consisting of: construction of an addition and renovations at the current High School to create a combined Middle/High School campus, including the relocation of the Middle School and other programs and departments from the current Middle School building to the combined campus, and safety, security and site improvements; district-wide capital maintenance and building infrastructure improvements; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment?

YES

NO

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## THE NEED



#### AGING MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILDING

- Facility Assessment identified the Kiel Middle School as the highest priority due to its age and condition
- Kiel Middle School (originally built in 1928 and renovated/expanded several times between 1951 and 2013) building organization and classrooms/academic support spaces need to be updated; however, renovation options are limited because of the building layout, and number of load-bearing walls
- Major building systems have long exceeded life expectancy and require replacement or costly annual maintenance/repairs
  - Many mechanical system components (such as boilers, pumps, air handlers, rooftop units, etc. are at or beyond their useful life
  - The cast iron plumbing system is in poor condition, and some fixtures are original
  - Some roof sections are over 30 years old and need to be replaced



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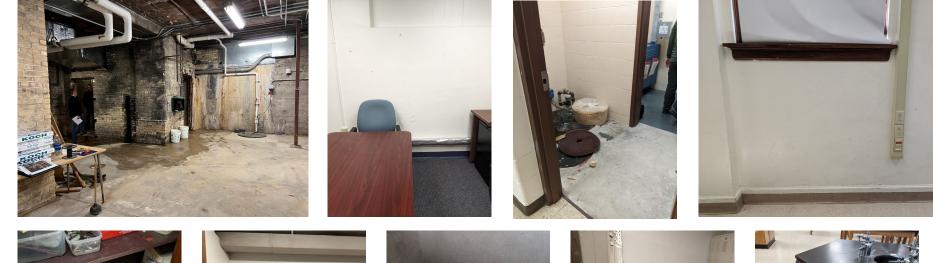
#### AGING MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILDING

- Interior finishes are worn (such as doors, cabinets, lockers, floors, and ceiling tiles)
- The foundation leaks, which has created moisture issues inside the building in several locations
- Portions of the building's exterior are in poor condition and require annual masonry repairs
- Concrete walls and ceilings in the lower level are cracking, and some contain asbestos and mold
- The exterior metal doors are rusting and in poor condition



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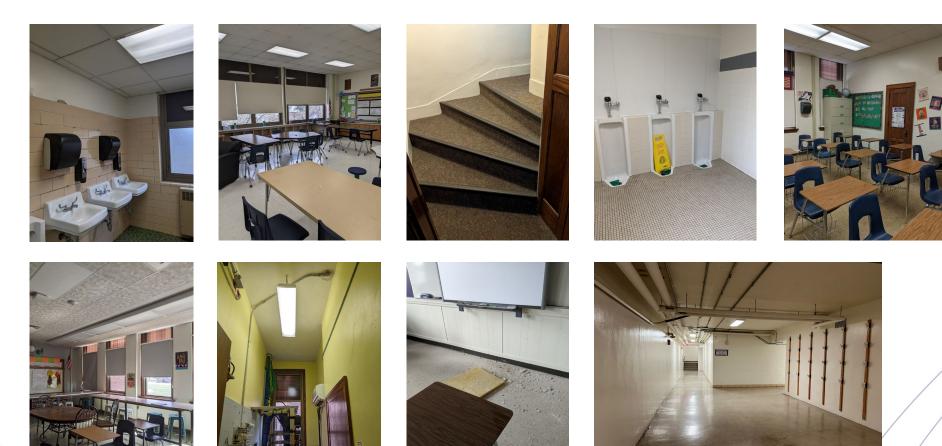




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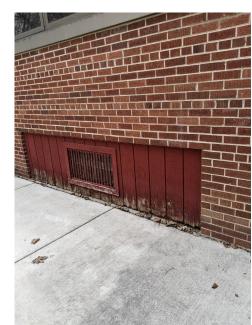


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#### AGING MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILDING









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#### SAFETY, SECURITY, & ACCESSIBILITY

- Portions of Kiel Middle School lack Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance and adequate accessibility for all students, staff, and community members
  - Lack of sufficient ADA-compliant restrooms with the only individual accessible restroom located on the first floor
  - The main entry is not ADA accessible requiring those who need ADA-compliant accommodations to use a different entrance
  - The choir room is tiered resulting in minimal access for those needing ADA accessibility

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- Kiel Middle School does not have a secure entry sequence and needs to be reconfigured to better monitor/control visitor access
- Pavement and exterior stairs on the existing grounds need maintenance/repairs and create safety concerns

#### SAFETY, SECURITY, & ACCESSIBILITY









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#### EDUCATIONAL SPACE NEEDS

- Average classroom size is smaller than recommended, with many significantly below the recommended size based on current standards
- Lack of adequate classroom and learning support spaces creates challenges for student collaboration and small-group instruction and limits project-based learning opportunities
- The band room is smaller than recommended for the number of students resulting in cramped learning conditions and safety concerns due to the volume
- Middle school students must travel to the high school for access to advanced courses and programming



# THE SOLUTION



#### **THE SOLUTION**

#### **TO ADDRESS:**







Aging Middle School Building Safety, Security & Accessibility Educational Space Needs

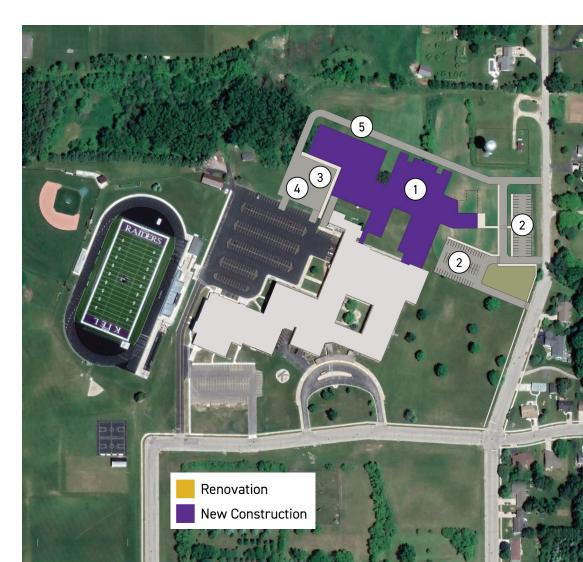
#### BUILD A NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL ATTACHED TO THE HIGH SCHOOL



### THE SOLUTION | NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

#### SITE PLAN

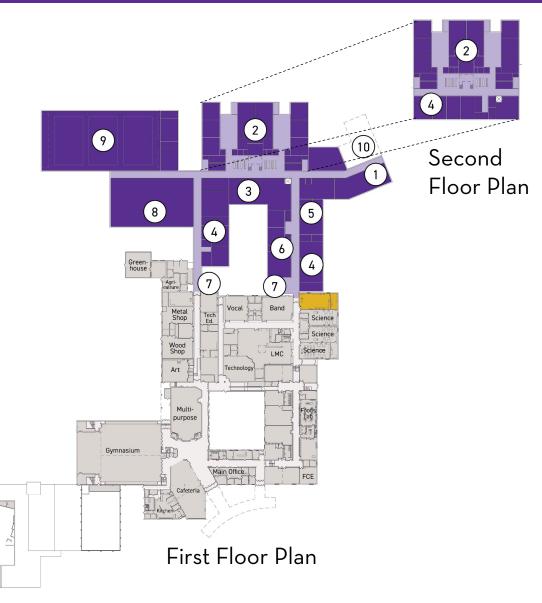
- 1. Middle School addition to High School building with separate secure entry
- 2. Separate middle school parent drop off / pick up drive and visitor and staff parking
- Bus drop off / pick up separate from middle school parent drop off / pick up traffic for safety
- 4. Hard surface middle school playground that can also serve as additional event parking for the broader campus
- 5. Fire lane and additional circulation drive around the middle school building for safety and improved traffic flow



## THE SOLUTION | NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

#### FLOOR PLAN

- 1. Secure and accessible entry adjacent to main office
- 2. Grade level classroom pods on two floors
  - a. Right-sized classrooms
  - b. Organized around shared collaboration space and adequate support spaces to support smallgroup and project-based learning opportunities
- 3. Centralized middle school library to support collaboration and technology use
- 4. Classrooms and shops to support Tech ed and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math), Art and FCE
- 5. Accessible special education spaces with easy access to the rest of the building
- 6. Right-sized middle school band room and music support spaces

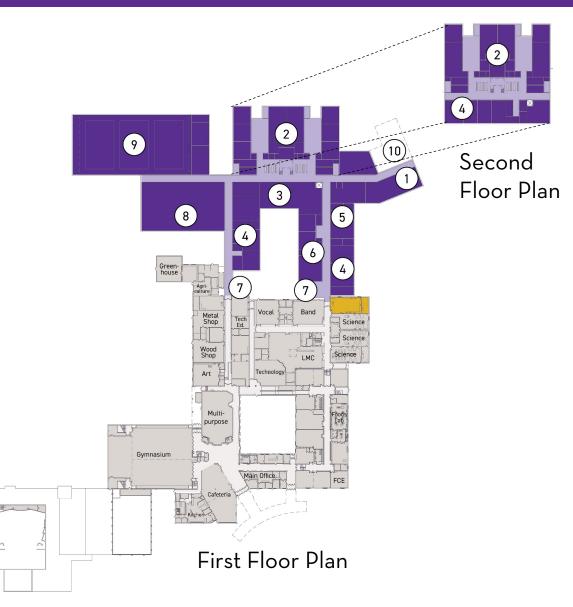


## THE SOLUTION | NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

#### FLOOR PLAN

- 7. Ability to separate the middle school and high school, but connection for access to advanced courses, specialty spaces and resources, and efficiency for staff
- 8. Separate middle school cafeteria that can also serve as an event entry for the gym
- 9. 3-court varsity gym that can be used for middle school physical education, high school WIAA events and tournament games, and broader student and community use
- 10. Potential location for District departments relocated from existing middle school

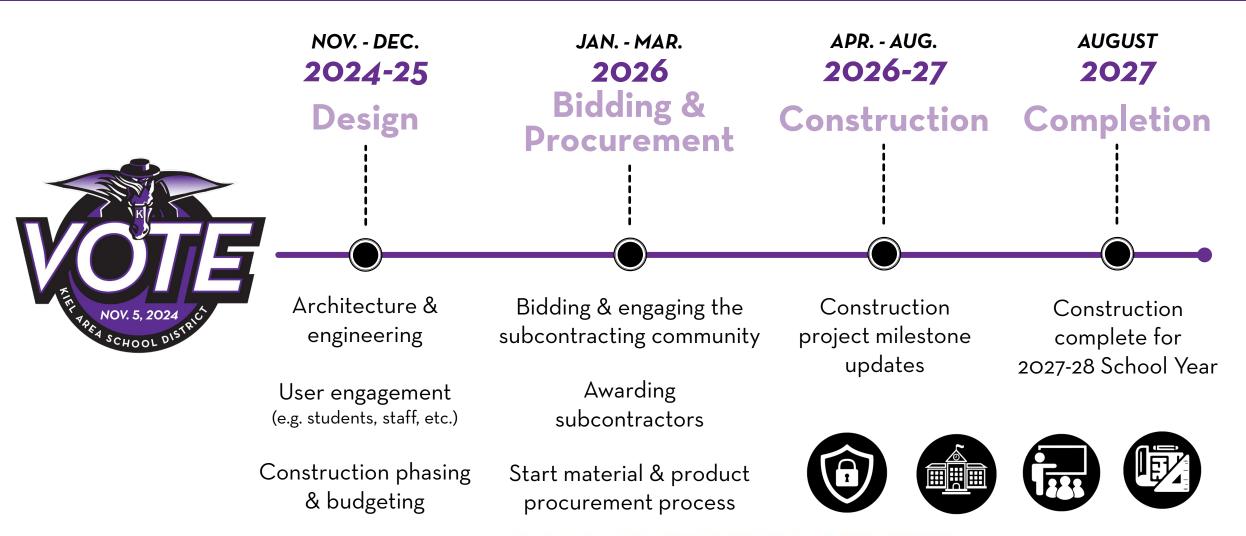
In addition, the new middle school building will utilize an energy-efficient building envelope and systems, natural daylighting, and additional safety and security.



## TIMELINE



### **PRELIMINARY TIMELINE** (POST REFERENDUM)



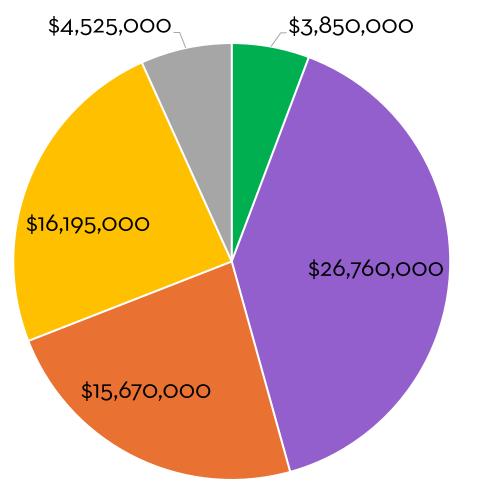
**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT** 

# THE INVESTMENT



### THE INVESTMENT

#### \$67 Million Referendum



#### Site Development

(Pick-up/drop-off, parking, drives, playground, landscaping, etc.)



#### Structure & Exterior Envelope

(Foundations, structure, roof, exterior walls, windows, doors, etc.)



#### **Interior Build Out** (Walls, ceilings, doors, flooring, casework, equipment, etc.)



#### Building Systems

(Mechanical, electrical, plumbing, fire protection, etc.)



#### **Relocation of District Departments & Programs** (Administration, Technology, and Greater Options)

### THE INVESTMENT

If the \$67 million referendum is approved, the debt portion of the school district's tax mill rate is currently estimated to increase by \$3.13.

REFERENDUM AMOUNT	\$67,000,000		
Mill Rate Per \$1,000	\$3.13		
Fair Market Property Value	Estimated Annual Tax Impact	Estimated Monthly Tax Impact	Estimated Daily Tax Impact
\$100,000	\$313.00	\$26.08	\$0.86
\$250,000	\$782.50	\$65.20	\$2.14
\$300,000	\$939.00	\$78.25	\$2.57

Assumptions: Two twenty-year borrowings amortized using planning interest rates of 4.25%. Mill rate based on the estimated 2024 Equalized Valuation of \$1,313,110,005 with annual growth of 4.00% for one year and 0.00% thereafter.



## LEARN MORE



### LEARN MORE

**VISIT** online by scanning the QR code



**CONTACT** the District Office (920) 894-2266





**JOIN US** for an upcoming tour or community referendum informational session!

September 16	September 25	October 9	October 21
Meeme Town Hall	Kiel Middle School	Schleswig Town Hall	Kiel Middle School
Informational Session Monday, 09/16   6:30 PM	Building Tour Wednesday, 09/25   4:00 PM Informational Session Wednesday, 09/25   5:30 PM	Informational Session Wednesday, 10/09   7:30 PM	Building Tour Monday, 10/21   5:00 PM Informational Session Monday, 10/21   6:30 PM

## THANK YOU!

