



Facilities Facts

What you should know about the November 6 school referendum

Fall 2007

A community-wide plan for all schools and all children

A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

This is a community-wide plan that serves all schools and all children. The district administrators and school board have spent two years researching a long-range facilities solution.

This whole-district approach allow us to most efficiently use, re-use and reallocate existing buildings, space and resources.

THE PLAN CONTINUES THE DISTRICT'S HISTORY OF LOW SPENDING.

West Bend spends less on students than all other surrounding districts. After construction is complete, West Bend will STILL spend less.

If approved, the maximum tax impact of \$1.65 per \$1000 of home value, after the fourth year, would keep the school district's tax rate \$0.31 below the state average, and keep the tax rate among the lowest in the region.

A PLAN FOR SAFE AND ACCESSIBLE SCHOOLS.

There are many student health and safety issues in our schools, including asbestos, traffic, fire protection and non-handicapped accessible building issues. This building plan makes sure all schools have safe and secure entrances, safe pedestrian and bus paths, adequate fire protection and are readily accessible to everyone.

A PLAN TO MEET GROWTH NEEDS.

The district recently reported to the school board that enrollment has grown by an additional 192 students from Sept. 2005 to Sept. 2007.

West Bend hasn't built a new school for 38 years. Since then, the student population has grown 30%. West Bend schools are now over capacity. This compromises student safety and instructional opportunities. This plan will allow schools to meet growth needs through at least 2015.

THE PLAN CONTINUES A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE.

West Bend has a tradition of providing an excellent education to all students. The school district will not be able to continue to provide a range of opportunities for all students if operating dollars are diverted from teaching and learning to repairing our buildings, and adding portable classrooms.

For complete details on the facilities plan, read the September 2007 "Be Informed" newsletter

Tax Facts

Tax Impact Phased Over 4 Years

This example shows the referendum tax impact on a \$175,000* home in West Bend:

Year	Per mo	Per yr
2009	\$7.29	\$87.50
2010	7.29	87.50
2011	7.29	87.50
2012	2.19	26.25
Total tax impact after 4 yrs	<u>\$24.06</u>	<u>\$288.75</u>

**median home value in West Bend*

Survey:

Twin Middle Schools OK

Majority of parent survey respondents responded "yes" to the twin middle school concept in a March 2007 district survey.

Be Informed

Public Information Meetings

- September 26, 6:30 pm, Badger Middle School
- September 27, 7:00 pm, Jackson Elem. School
- October 10, 7:00 pm, West Bend Comm. Library
- October 11, 8:00 pm, McLane Elem. School
- October 30, 6:30 pm, Barton Elem. School

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

- ✓ Watch Cable Channel 7 for interviews with Dr. Pat Herdrich
- ✓ Check the district web site for updates
- ✓ E-mail: Dr. Pat Herdrich, pherdrich@west-bend.k12.wi.us or Dorreen Dembski, ddembski@west-bend.k12.wi.us