

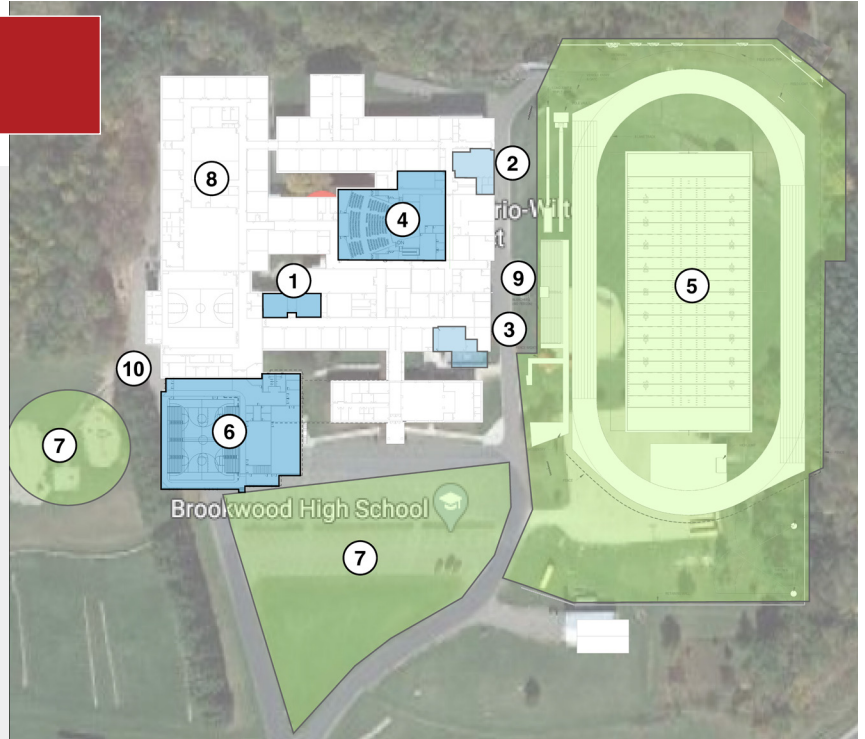
NORWALK-ONTARIO-WILTON SCHOOL DISTRICT



REFERENDUM FACT SHEET

WHAT'S THE PROJECT SCOPE?

- 1 Update Science Classrooms and Labs
- 2 Renovate Band Room into Technical Education Classrooms
- 3 Update Agriculture Area and Expand the Greenhouse
- 4 Renovate Classic Gym into an Auditorium with Theater Seating, Performance Prep Areas, Storage, and a New Band Room
- 5 Build Track & Field Area with Bleachers, Press Box, and Concessions Which also Creates a Safe, Outdoor Space for Physical Education Classes
- 6 Construct a Multipurpose FEMA-Certified Storm Shelter Used for Physical Education, Weight Training, and Athletic Training Accessible by the Community
- 7 Replace Playground Equipment and Resurface Parking Lots and Driveways
- 8 Replace Flooring and Furniture, as Needed
- 9 Replace Broken Generators
- 10 Update Elementary Entrance and Improve ADA Accessibility




BALLOT QUESTION

Shall the Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton School District, Monroe and Vernon Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$24,900,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a district-wide school facility improvement project at the school building and site consisting of: renovations, including to classrooms, labs, technical education and agricultural areas; renovations and conversion of the classic gymnasium into an auditorium; construction of a new gymnasium, a track and field/football field area and related facilities; building infrastructure, parking and site improvements; Elementary School accessibility and entrance updates; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment?

WHY NOW?

As district leaders, our primary goal is always to provide the highest educational opportunities to our communities while also trying to be fiscally responsible to all our taxpayers. Over the past several years, the board has strategically managed the district tax levy by paying off debt, identifying additional funding opportunities, applying for grants and other ways to do more for the district, and minimizing any tax impact. As our building ages and opportunities such as our FEMA Grant and additional ESSER funds have become available, now is the right time to invest in our children's future. The district listened to the completed community-wide survey and developed a solution that was overwhelmingly supported by our great communities.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023



■ ADDRESSING NEEDS AND PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES

The N-O-W School District referendum is focused on addressing specific academic, safety, and maintenance needs while investing in opportunities of growth in the areas of technical education, science, agriculture, performing arts, physical education, and athletics. Upon a successful referendum, enhanced science labs and improved technical education spaces will provide improved learning environments for these critical subjects. Repurposing the 1960s gymnasium will create a unique place for growing our performing arts program and provide a space for community-based functions. With the construction of a gymnasium, our students will be provided with additional physical education spaces and a community-wide safe shelter if any natural disaster would impact our community. The addition of a track and field area, along with an additional outdoor physical education space, will allow our students to participate in a safe complex that enables them to excel and compete with neighboring districts. With community input, the Facilities Committee, Board of Education, and the administrative team balanced all of the district's needs to develop a comprehensive plan that will be a direct investment in the lives of our students and community members. The district has obtained well over \$4 million in grant funding to assist with referendum costs and remain fiscally responsible to our local taxpayers.

■ WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO MY TAXES?

SUMMARY OF TAX IMPACT		
REFERENDUM AMOUNT	\$24,900,000	
MILL RATE IMPACT OVER 2022-2023* (PER \$1,000 VALUATION)	\$0.30	
FAIR MARKET VALUE	MAXIMUM ANNUAL IMPACT	MAXIMUM MONTHLY IMPACT
\$100,000 Property Value	\$30.00	\$2.50
\$200,000 Property Value	\$60.00	\$5.00
\$300,000 Property Value	\$90.00	\$7.50

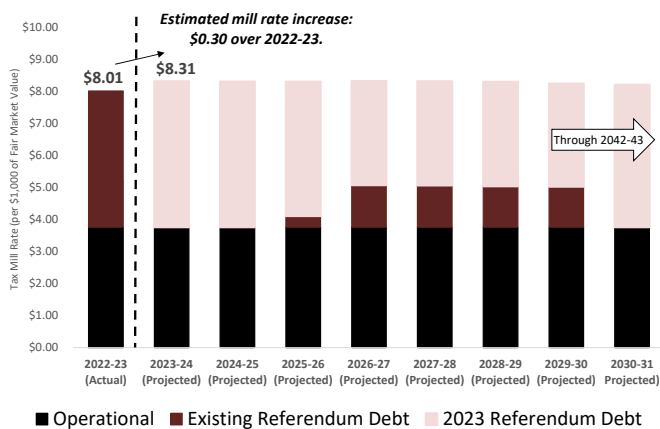
Assumptions:

- Borrowing amortized over 20 years at planning interest rates of 5.00%.
- Mill rate based on 2022 Equalized Valuation (TID-OUT) of \$268,392,923, with annual growth of 1.00%.
- Tertiary Aid Impact (2022-23 October Aid Certification): 49.88%.
- *Impact represents the change in mill rate for referendum debt service over the 2022-23 debt service levy of \$4.25.

Prepared by Baird, Financial Consultants.

THE DISTRICT WILL BE PREPAYING EXISTING REFERENDUM DEBT. THIS WILL ALLOW FOR A NEW BORROWING WITH \$0.30 INCREASE IN THE MILL RATE. THIS EQUATES TO AN ESTIMATED \$30 INCREASE IN TAXES ON A PROPERTY WITH A FAIR MARKET VALUE OF \$100,000.

HISTORICAL & PROJECTED MILL RATE



**OUR STUDENTS.
OUR COMMUNITY. OUR FUTURE.**

■ STAY CONNECTED

Community Sessions

N-O-W High School Gymnasium
Thursday, February 23rd at 6:30 pm
Thursday, March 9th at 6:30 pm
Saturday, March 25th at 11:00 am

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Referendum Website



QR Code: Scan to learn more about the referendum on the District website.