



Community Engagement Frequently Asked Questions

What will you do with Midway Elementary and Lincoln Middle School if new facilities are built?

Midway could be leased as long as the building was usable. Once it is no longer usable or functional, it would be demolished. Lincoln would not be sold. Potential ideas for Lincoln include a freshman campus, CTE center, district offices.

What about schools not included in the first presentation, like Leclaire? & Glen Carbon ES?

All schools will be touched by the facility plan.

When will the proposal be final?

Following the second session of community engagement meetings, the facilitating team will put together a recommendation to take to the Board of Education on December 12. The BOE will then vote on the recommendation January 9.

What is the timeline for each project?

Depending on the project, the timeline ranges from 3 months (playgrounds and secure access) to 36-42 months (reconstruction of Lincoln Middle School)

Are there locations within land that D7 already owns where there is opportunity for growth?

There are not.

What ground has been purchased for a new Jr. High? Why wasn't this info. Provided for discussion?

No land has been purchased by the District. The District also does not have contract on any land.

What is the budget?

The district has a current borrowing capacity of \$168 million and is recommending a borrowing limit of \$100 million.

How can we avoid what happened in 2008/2009?

In 2008 we borrowed to capacity and that's not what we want to get back to. We always want to have that capacity to be able to respond to different things/growth. The district has a current

borrowing capacity of \$168 million and is recommending a borrowing limit of \$100 million to again avoid borrowing to capacity.

What are cost estimates, in general, for building projects that have been discussed?

District wide double secure entry doors - \$1,050,000

Nelson Elementary double secure entry and office relocation - \$3 million

Safe and accessible playgrounds at primary and intermediate schools - \$1.4 million

EHS Commons expansion - \$8 million

Midway repair - \$5 million

Hamel asbestos removal/addition - \$15.2 million

Hamel/Midway consolidation and construction - \$19.5 million

Lincoln rebuild on site - \$64,520,000

Media centers at Woodland, Columbus and EHS - \$4 million

Columbus, Glen Carbon and LeClaire gyms - \$5.2 million

*District wide key FOB system - \$290,000**

*EHS new classrooms - \$750,000**

*Hadley House new windows - \$100,000**

*Liberty Middle Sports Complex Restrooms - \$500,000**

**- done with district funds*

For a detailed list of projects per school, [click here](#).

What bonds have to come to voters and when?

A ballot measure is required whenever a school district wants to build new or improve existing facilities.

Can you clarify student centered learning/21st century accommodations?

Student-centered learning has been defined most simply as an approach to learning in which learners choose not only what to study but also how and why. A 21st-century skills-based curriculum pivots away from content acquisition and rote memorization to focus on the skills and abilities that will best serve our generation of young minds. Student engagement and hands-on, interdisciplinary learning are championed over conferring information. The 21st-century classroom focuses on a creative, collaborative approach to learning. In a computer programming class, students play musical chairs to solve a coding task. They write a few lines of code, move chairs, write a few lines on that person's screen, then repeat the process. Compared to completing the coding task on their own, students learn more by seeing how their peers approached the problem and found a solution.

Are the parents/community members on the facility team evenly spread from the district map? Ie. everyone from Edwardsville? Are there members from Dorsey? Worden? Holiday Shores?

The facilitating team consists of a variety of individuals throughout the D7 footprint.

What services/teachers are shared with Midway and Hamel?

Hamel

- 2 Sections Per Grade Level
- Full-Time Nurse, Secretary, Custodian
- Shared Principal
- Shared Specialists (Music, Art, PE)
- Shared Reading Specialist
- Shared Related Service Staff (Social Worker, Psychologist, SLP)
- No Special Education Services Available

Midway

- 2 Sections Per Grade Level
- Full-time Nurse, Secretary, Custodian
- Shared Principal
- Shared Specialists (Music, Art, PE)
- Shared Reading Specialist
- Shared Related Service Staff (Social Worker, Psychologist, SLP)
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How do we fix the freshmen bus-out situation? (Lewis & Clark campus)

With district funds, we will be turning the current EHS media center into six classrooms to allow our freshmen to return to campus for their full day. This project is potentially already slated for this summer.

(Background info – for nearly 20 years, students have been going to the Lewis & Clark campus in town because we don't have enough classroom space at the high school. It used to be sophomores and was switched to freshmen just a few years ago because it is easier to program for freshmen and the core set of classes they take.)

With the possibility of rebuild of Lincoln on its current site, what effect will there be on the Hadley House, neighboring St. Louis Street houses, parking and traffic flow with drop off and pickup?

Based on the current architectural design of a possible Lincoln rebuild onsite, the new portion of Lincoln would be closer to the parking lot of Hadley, but would not impact Hadley or neighboring St. Louis Street houses. Drop off and pickup at both Lincoln and Woodland would have to be redone.

Please provide additional info on Early Childhood education and expansion into northern areas of district.

This is part of our strategic plan and something we will be working on with the possible construction or consolidation of Hamel/Midway. The goal is to have space for early childhood at Hamel.

Can you add/use FOB functionality to an ID badge to allow greater security? Picture associated with FOB seems a safer alternative.

Yes, there is the option/possibility of adding a chip to ID cards that would work as a fob.

Will the double entry doors at the schools require additional staff?

It will not. We are looking at additional security staff for other reasons, but every building has an SSO at the front from roughly 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. and they are double shift – so there is an a.m. and a p.m. person at each of our buildings.

Why is the timing for this now?

There are major facility needs of District 7 facilities that need attention now and by having a referendum in April 2023, we can begin work later that year. If we wait until 2024-25, we will have to wait until 2025-26 to address major facility issues. This also lines up with our strategic plan, which will take the District from 2022-27.