



MARION SCHOOL DISTRICT REFERENDUM NOVEMBER 2024

The Marion School District seeks voter approval of two referendum questions to increase school safety, update educational spaces, and address facility maintenance needs.



\$7,380,000 to remodel the elementary and district office, provide secure entries at both schools, update high school technical education, and address maintenance needs at both schools.



\$7,600,000 to take the first step of the single-building master plan by building an addition and renovation of existing space at the elementary school for 7th and 8th grade.

The Marion School District Board of Education approved the placing of these two questions on the November 5, 2024, election ballot. **Question 1** will address critical and immediate needs at both schools. **Question 2** will move the district closer to the single-building master plan targeted to reduce future operational costs. A successful referendum will support four critical areas:



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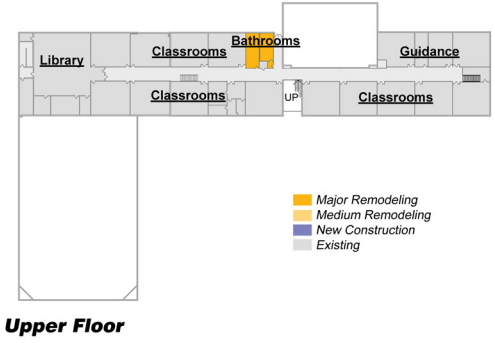
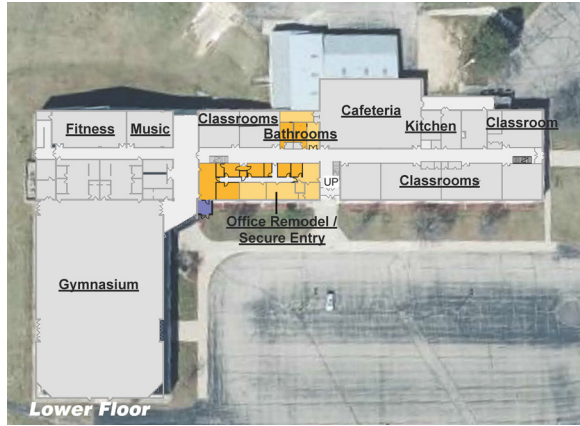
Monday, October 21, 2024, 6:30 PM at Marion High School

Find more information at

www.marion.k12.wi.us/referendum2024



Question 1



Question 1 addresses \$6,420,000 in maintenance needs.



At the elementary school, the referendum will address these needs.

- Update restrooms with ADA compliant fixtures and layout
- Replace roof over gym and other 1997 areas
- Replace domestic water lines and repair underground plumbing lines
- Install new fire suppression system and water service for fire suppression system
- Replace remainder of ES HVAC heating system, including controls, and add AC
- Replace main electrical service and equipment, and replace branch panelboards

At the high school, the roof over the gym will be replaced.

Question 1 addresses \$500,000 in CTE needs.



Budget for purchase of new CTE equipment for ag and food science, trades curriculum, and engineering programs at the high school.

Ventilation, power and technology upgrades as required to accommodate new equipment.

Question 1 addresses the need for secure entries with \$460,000.



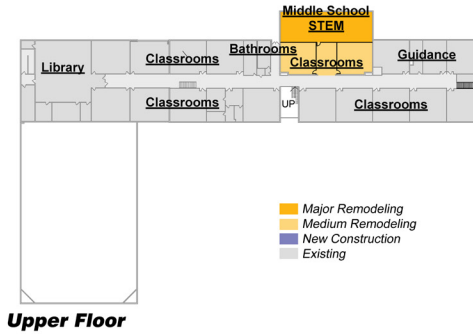
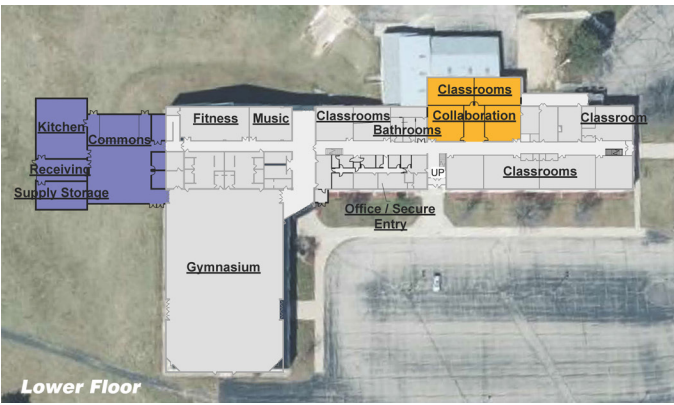
A secure entrance will be a reconfiguration of the office and entrance vestibule. Visitors will still be admitted by unlocking remotely the door, however unlike currently, they will enter the office to check in before being allowed into the school. Reconfiguring of the district and elementary office will allow better flow now and when future additions are completed.



Interior Concept - Elementary Office with Secure Entry



Exterior Concept - Elementary Office with Secure Entry



Question 2

Major Remodeling
Medium Remodeling
New Construction
Existing



Question 2 is asking \$7,600,000 to take the first step of the single-building master plan by building an addition and renovation of existing space at the elementary school for 7th and 8th grade.

A single campus combining elementary, middle and high school in one school at the current elementary site is the goal for our school district. This master plan will ultimately consolidate all of the district's students and resources in one school and reduce operational costs while expanding opportunities across all grades.

This project will construct a new receiving and supply storage area, kitchen, commons, training room, and restrooms. The existing elementary school small gym will be remodeled for two floors of elementary and middle school classroom space.



Interior Concept - New Commons Space



Exterior Concept - New Commons Space

What are the project budgets?

Question 1	\$7,380,000
Maintenance at Elementary School	\$5,630,000
Elementary Office Remodeling	\$460,000
Maintenance at High School	\$790,000
High School Science and Tech Updates	\$500,000

Question 2	\$7,600,000
Addition for Middle School at Elementary School	\$5,270,000
Remodel for Middle School at Elementary School	\$2,330,000



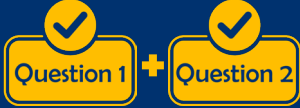
What impact will these referendums have on my Marion Schools tax rate?



Approval of Question 1 results in a tax increase of \$95 per year (\$7.92 per month) per \$100,000 of property value.



Approval of Question 2 results in a tax increase of \$98 per year (\$8.17 per month) per \$100,000 of property value.



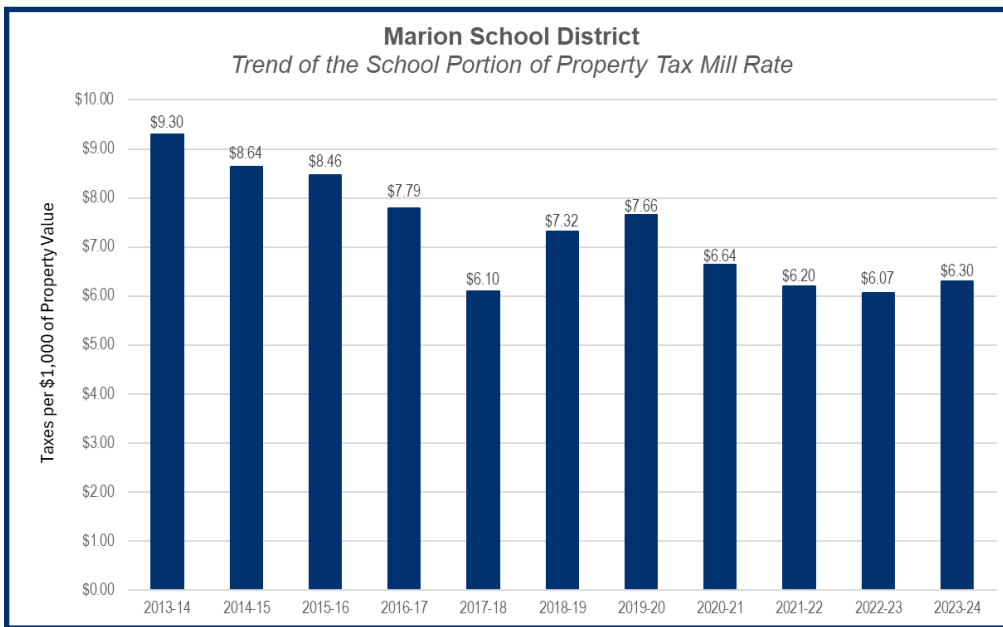
Approval of BOTH Questions results in a tax increase of \$193 per year (\$16.09 per month) per \$100,000 of property value.

Assumes a 20-year bond with interest rates of 4.75%

For additional information regarding the financing plan assumptions please visit the FAQ section of the referendum

Marion School District has been fiscally conservative and responsible.

The district is currently referendum debt free.



As seen in the chart to the left, our tax mill rate (which is used to calculate a school district's share of local property taxes) has trended down since the 2013-14 school year.

As seen in the chart to the right, our tax mill rate is the lowest when compared to our neighboring districts and remains below the state average.

