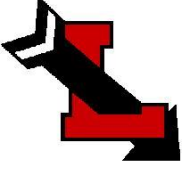


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Dear Lowell Area Schools Voter:

The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education and Administration have a responsibility to maintain our facilities for thousands of students and community members who use our schools each day. By addressing issues that arise in our schools as they age, we ensure that current and future generations of Lowell students continue to have learning experiences in buildings that are safe, healthy, and comfortable so that they can reach their full potential as learners.

On May 7, Lowell Area Schools will ask voters to consider a bond proposal for \$104 million to fund facility improvements throughout the District. If approved, no tax rate increase is expected from the current debt millage rate for property owners in the LAS District.

Potential projects that would be funded by this bond proposal include:

- Renovating Cherry Creek Elementary to separate shared classrooms
- Updating Lowell High School and expanding the arts wing
- Adding new playground equipment at all elementary schools
- Equipping learning environments with flexible furniture and integrated technology
- Constructing a new auxiliary gymnasium at the Middle School to provide additional practice space for the district and community
- Improving community spaces, including the TOTS program and Wittenbach Center
- Address infrastructure needs, including the replacement of heating and cooling equipment
- Replace playground equipment at each elementary

Below I have shared a budget summary of where the bond funds would be spent:

Lowell High School	\$32.4 million
Cherry Creek Elementary	\$29.9 million
Alto Elementary	\$6.5 million
Bushnell Elementary	\$6.8 million
Murray Lake Elementary	\$1.4 million
District Athletics	\$10.6 million

All projects would result in district educational spaces that better support our learners today to be leaders tomorrow - with the expectation that we would not increase the tax rate from the current rate! Without the bond funds, the district would have to shift general fund dollars from programs and extracurricular opportunities to address necessary infrastructure repairs.

I encourage you to visit our [district website](#) and watch this [video](#) to learn more about the bond proposal and to find answers to frequently asked questions about the upcoming election.

The projects that would be funded by this bond would help Lowell Area Schools address infrastructure needs in order to provide safe and healthy learning environments to ensure the best educational experience possible where our community's children will thrive. **Remember to vote on May 7, 2024.**

Go Red Arrows!

Nate Fowler  
Superintendent