



LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS: COMMUNITY FORUM

NOVEMBER 2023





AGENDA

Welcome!

Background Information

Design Concepts and cost

Budget / Funding

Review Schedule

Small Group Exercise

Large Group Exercise

Wrap Up / Next Steps





Nate Fowler - District Superintendent

Sonia Hodge - Chief Financial Officer

Greg Pratt - Director of Facilities

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Craig Janetzke - TowerPinkster





THANK YOU, COMMUNITY!

2019 Bond Complete!

Middle School Renovation

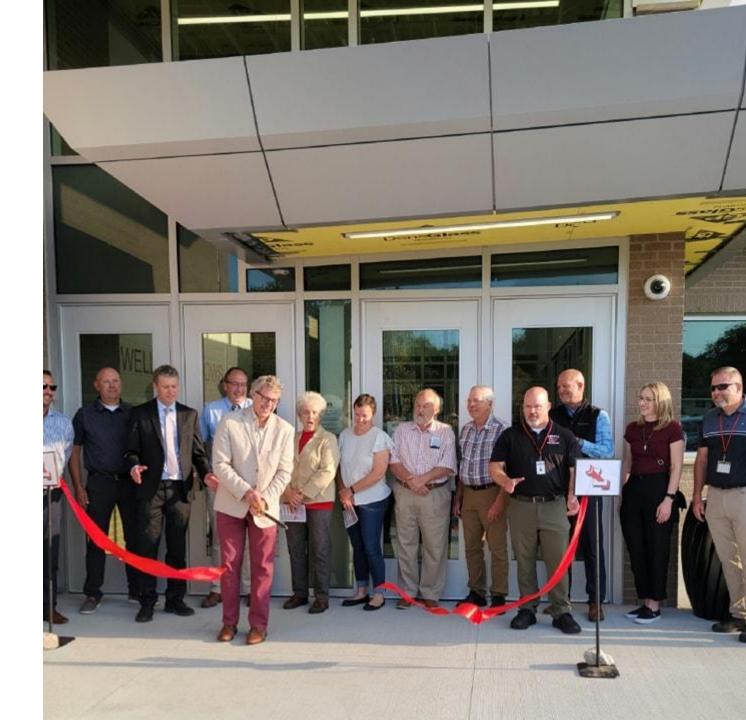
New Soccer / Lacrosse Complex

Softball + Baseball Field Improvements

Gymnastics Safety Improvements at Unity HS

Kindergarten expansion and building renovations at Alto ES

Every school had renovations and improvements



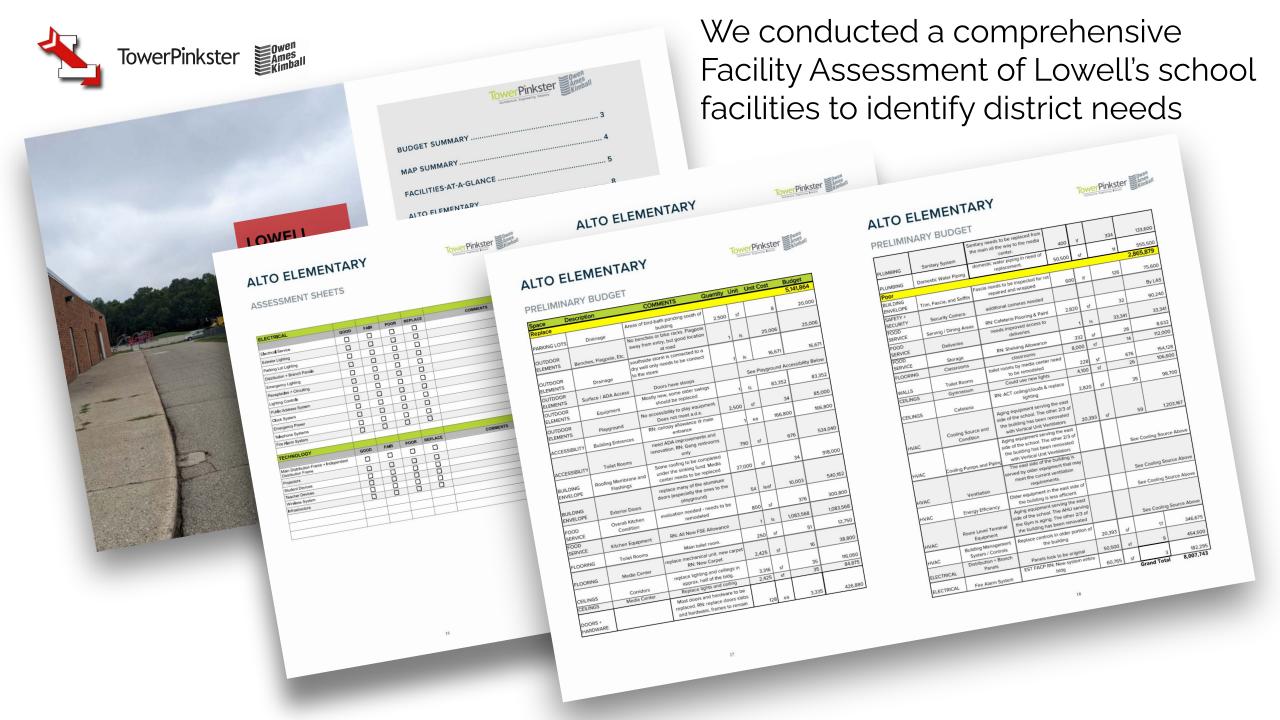


Substantial work was accomplished in the previous bond, but there is **more** to do.

- LAS has been responsible stewards of the community's tax dollars
- Need modern, safe, and healthy educational spaces
- This is the next step in an intentional process to provide top notch facilities for your children
 - Smaller learning communities to promote relationship building
 - Flexible learning spaces

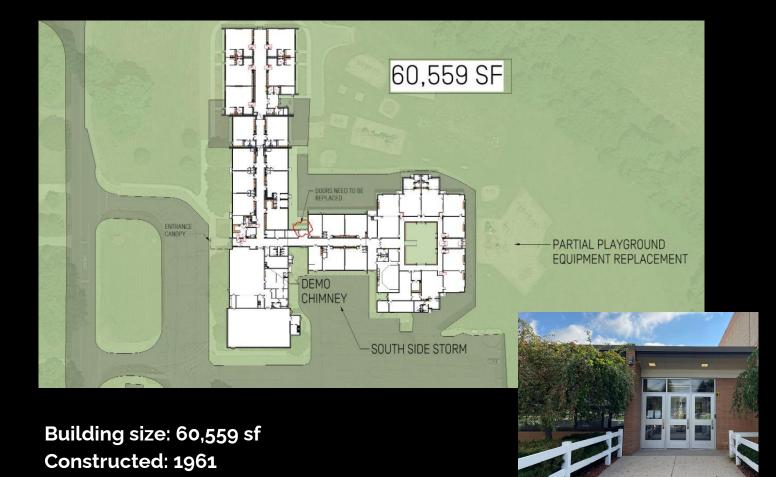








- Renovation of older style classrooms
- Site improvements
- New canopy
- Mechanical upgrades,
- Renovated kitchen
- New playground equipment
- Roof replacement



ALTO ELEMENTARY

Renovated: 2003, 2009, 2021



- Mechanical + electrical replacements
- New classroom finishes
- New exterior doors
- Roof edge + fascia repair
- Repurposing old computer labs for intervention spaces
- Playground renovation
- Restroom renovations

BUSHNELL ELEMENTARY

\$6.8 m



- Major renovation of the entire school and site
- Classroom separation
- Shared learning commons
- Small group learning rooms
- Renovated STEM lab + art spaces
- New site configuration
- New playground equipment

CHERRY CREEK ELEMENTARY

\$29.9 m



Building size: 116,384 sf

Constructed: 1974

Renovated: -



- New classroom + corridor finishes
- Site drainage
- Mechanical upgrades

MURRAY LAKE ELEMENTARY

\$1.4 m





- Complete mechanical + electrical replacements
- New classroom + corridor finishes
- New exterior doors
- New furniture
- Complete lighting replacement
- Upgraded security at classroom doors
- Site accessibility + safety improvements

HIGH SCHOOL

\$32.4 m



Building size: 198,379 sf

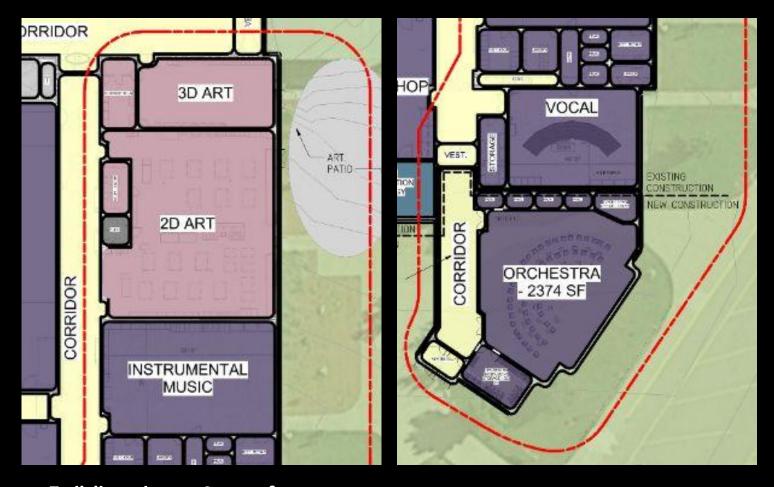
Constructed: 1994

Renovated: 2003, 2008



Arts wing improvements, \$6m

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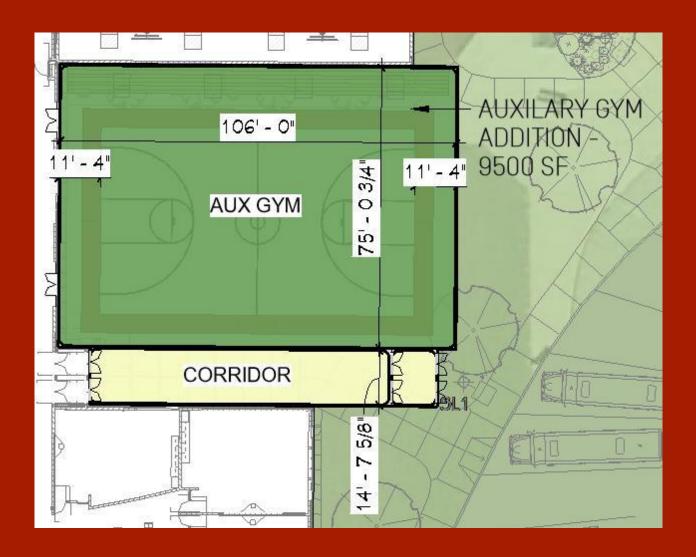
Constructed: 1994

Renovated: 2003, 2008



Auxiliary gym addition, \$6.8m

MIDDLE SCHOOL





- New classroom + corridor finishes
- Replace mechanical
- New exterior doors + windows
- Replace ceilings + lights
- Classroom door security upgrades
- Restroom remodel for ADA compliance

UNITY HIGH SCHOOL, TOTS, ADMIN

\$6.5 m



Building size: 31,518 sf

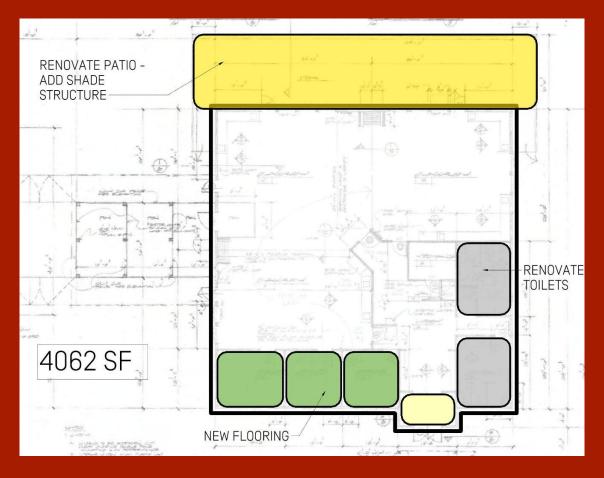
Constructed: 1932 Renovated: 1994



- New flooring
- Restroom renovations
- Mechanical updates

WITTENBACH CENTER

\$150k



Building size: 31,518 sf

Constructed: 1996

TRANSPORTATION

\$113k

CURRENT NEEDS + POTENTIAL PROJECTS:

- Restroom renovation for ADA compliance
- New flooring



Building size: 7,506 sf

Constructed: 1974

Renovated: 2009





- Renovations to concessions stands + press box
- Stadium irrigation system + a new track surface
- Renovations to team building including new doors, restroom remodel, new mechanical systems, + interior finishes

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

\$3.8m





Total



\$104.07 m

Alto Elementary	\$ 6.5m
Bushnell Elementary	\$ 6.8m
Cherry Creek Elementary (includes furniture)	\$ 29.9m
Murray Lake Elementary	\$ 1.4m
High School	\$ 32.4m
Unity High School/TOTS/Admin	\$ 6.5m
Wittenbach Center	\$ 150k
Transportation	\$ 113k
Technology	\$ 3.1m
Athletics	\$ 3.8m
High School Arts Improvements	\$ 6.6 m
Middle School aux gym addition	\$ 6.8 m





HOW SCHOOLS ARE FINANCED





BOND FUNDING OPTIONS

Bond Funds Generated: \$104 m

Current Millage: 7.0 mils

Millage Increase: 0.0 mils

Total Millage: 7.0 mils

est. thru 2031

Cost increase per household: \$0/yr

- Senior citizens and low income households can qualify for a property tax credit which can reduce a households property taxes.
- Millage rate estimates assume 4.5% taxable value growth in first
 5 years, followed by 3% growth each year thereafter (5 year average = 6.3%)

Keeping bond *below maximum* (roughly \$130m) gives more *flexibility* down the road to meet new needs that may arise

Sinking Fund Projects

0.9766 mil pay as you go which generates \$1.1m in one year

Funds parking lots, roof replacements, security improvements, and technology infrastructure.

Up for a renewal in 2026



SERIES / BUDGET / FUNDING

Series 1 -	Cherry Creek Elementary (includes furniture) Track and irrigation Technology	\$32.7 m \$29.9 m \$ 1.9 m \$ 1.0 m
Series 2 -	- 2028 High School and Freshman Center Technology	\$33.6 m \$32.4 m \$ 1.1 m
Series 3 -	Alto Elementary Bushnell Elementary Murray Lake Elementary Unity High School/ECC/Admin Stadium Concessions, pressbox, team bit Wittenbach Center Transportation Technology High School Arts Improvements	\$37.8 m \$ 6.5 m \$ 6.8 m \$ 1.4 m \$ 6.5 m Idg\$ 1.9 m \$ 150 k \$ 113 k \$ 1.0 m \$ 6.6 m
Total	:	\$ 104.07 m





SCHEDULE



	2023		2024	
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
Stakeholder Input Sessions + Surveys	09- 18	10- 10 11- 07		
Pre-Bond Campaign				May 7, 2024 Election Day
Department of Treasury Meeting		12- 15		



SMALL GROUP EXERCISE

- Breakout into Groups of 3-4
- Identify what's important for the basic needs of the district





- 1. Do these proposals support our students in their journey to learn today and become leaders tomorrow?
- 2. Do you think our community will support this plan?
- 3. What are the three most important priorities in your mind?

- 10 minute discussion
- Select a Spokesperson and a recorder



LARGE GROUP DISCUSSION

- Each Group Report Back on their Discussions
- Confirm Needs for the District





NEXT STEPS

- Board authorization
- Treasury Meeting
- Board Approval





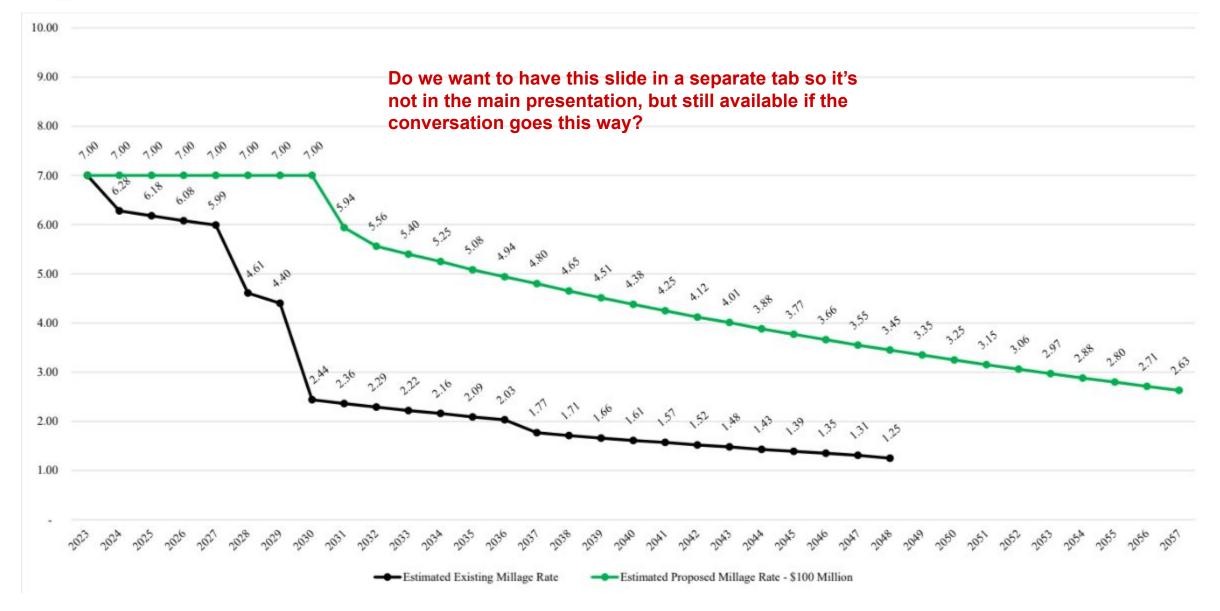


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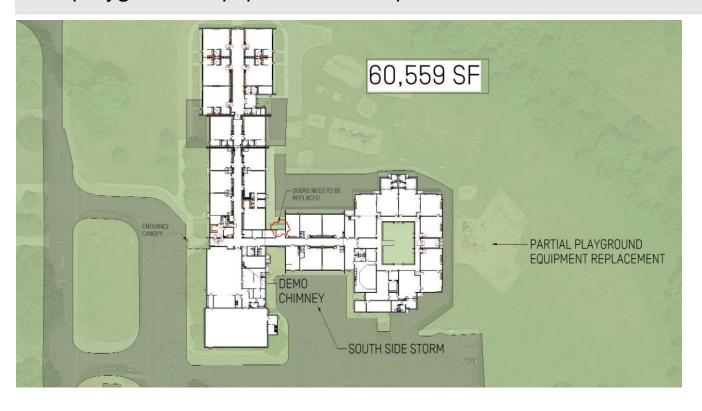
Alto Elementary \$6.5 m

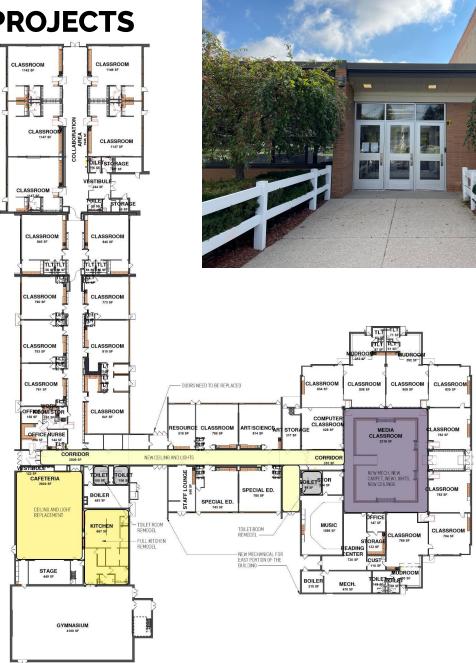
Building size: 60,559 sf

Constructed: 1961

Renovated: 2003, 2009, 2021

Renovation of older style classrooms. Site Improvements, New canopy, Mechanical upgrades, renovated kitchen, new playground equipment, roof replacement









Bushnell Elementary \$6.8 m

Building size: 49,179 sf Constructed: 1967

Renovated: 1975, 2009

- Mechanical + electrical replacements,
- new classroom finishes, new exterior doors.
- Roof edge and fascia repairs,
- Repurposing old computer labs for intervention spaces
- Playground renovation
- Restroom renovations









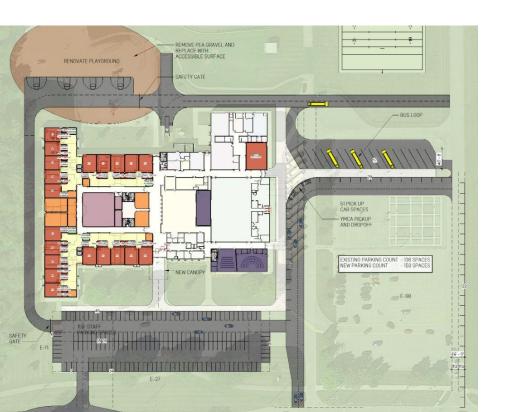
Cherry Creek Elementary \$29.9 m

Building size: 116,384 sf

Constructed: 1974

Renovated:

 Major renovation of the entire school and site.







Murray Lake Elementary \$1.4 m

Building size: 59,871 sf Constructed: 2004 Renovated: 2009

• New classroom and corridor finishes. Site drainage, mechanical upgrades











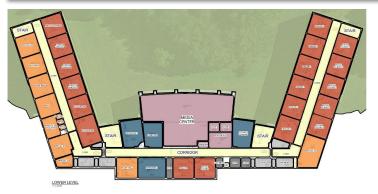
High School \$32.4 m

Building size: 198,379 sf

Constructed: 1994

Renovated: 2003, 2008

- Complete Mechanical + electrical replacements,
- New classroom and corridor finishes,
- New exterior doors.
- New furniture.
- Complete lighting replacement,
- Upgraded security at classroom doors,
- Site accessibility and safety improvements





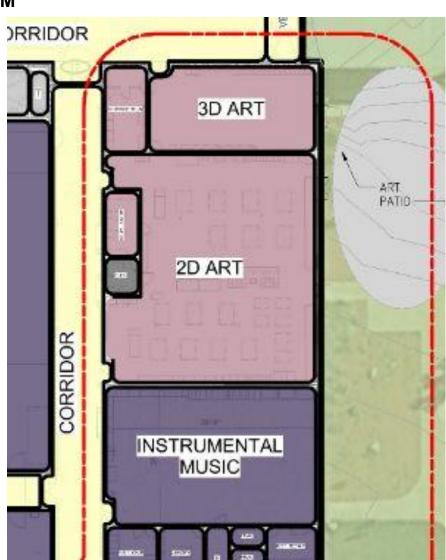


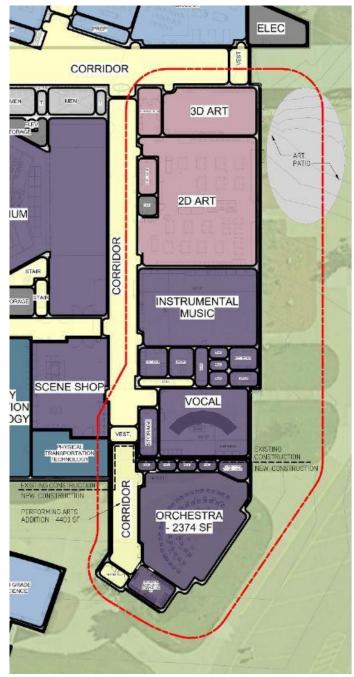


HIGH SCHOOL

HIGH SCHOOL ARTS IMPROVEMENTS - **\$6.6 M**



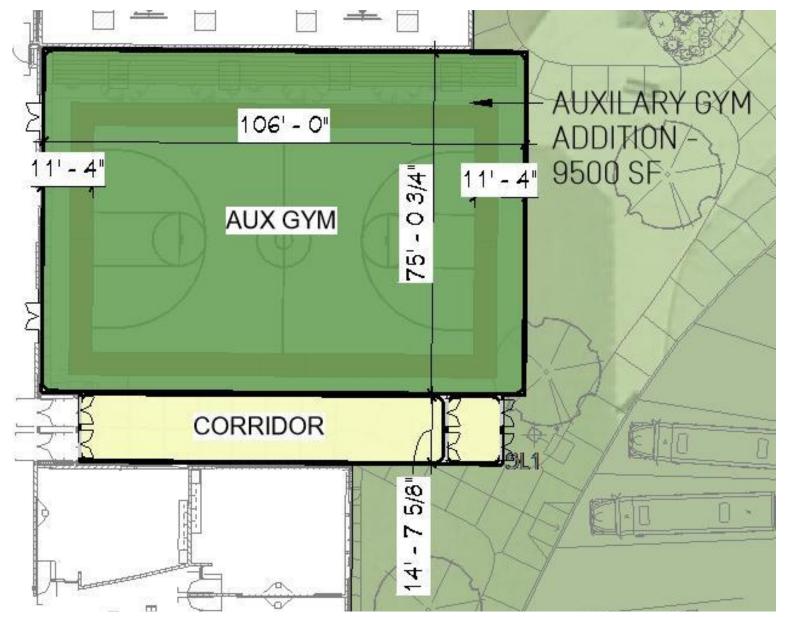




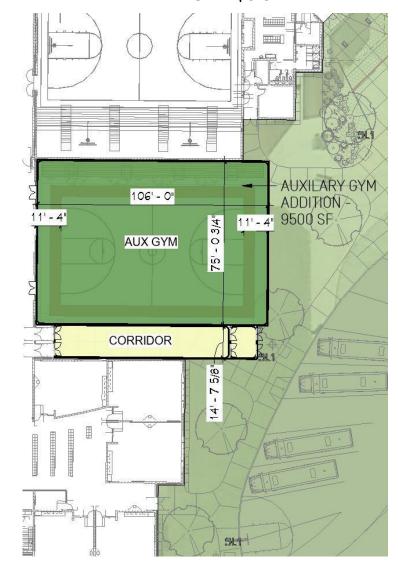




ADDITIONAL PROJECTS



MIDDLE SCHOOL AUX. GYM ADDITION - \$6.8 M





TowerPinkster CURRENT NEEDS + POTENTIAL PROJECTS

Unity High School/TOTS/Admin \$6.5 m

Building size: 31,518 sf

Constructed: 1932 Renovated: 1994

- New classroom and corridor finishes,
- Replace mechanical,
- New exterior doors and windows,
- Replace ceilings and lights,
- Classroom door security upgrades,
- Restroom remodel for ADA compliance





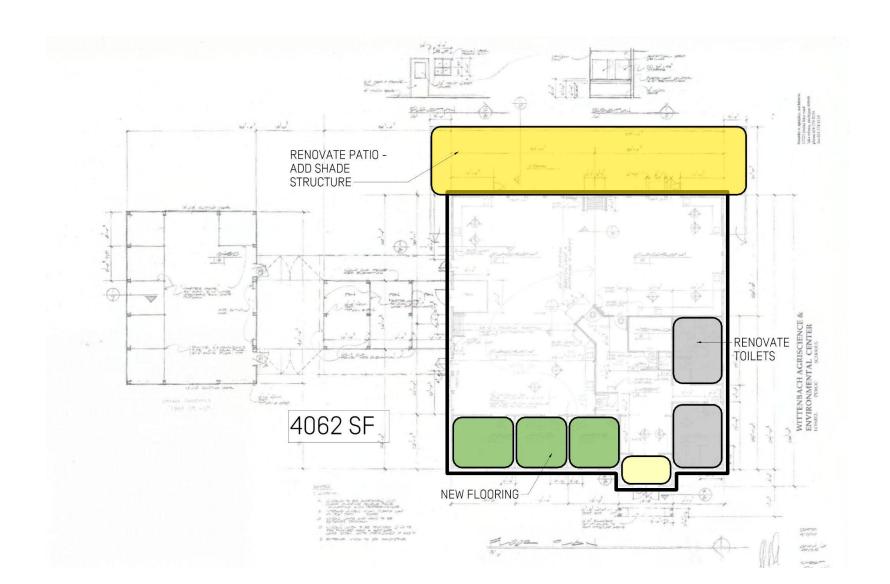


\$150k Wittenbach Center

Building size: 4062 sf **Constructed:** 1996

Renovated:

New flooring, restroom renovations, mechanical updates





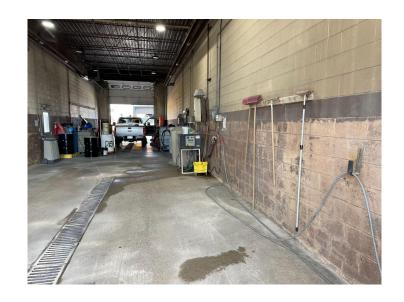


TowerPinkster CURRENT NEEDS + POTENTIAL PROJECTS

Transportation \$113k

Building size: 7506 sf Constructed: 1974 Renovated: 2009

Restroom renovation for AD compliance, new flooring.









High Athletics: \$3.8m

Building size: - sf Constructed: 1994

Renovated:

Renovations to concessions stands and press box including new finishes and flooring, new doors, and lighting.

- Stadium irrigation system and a new track surface.
- Renovations to team building including new doors, restroom remodel, new mechanical systems, and interior finishes.

