

# **WASBO Facilities Management**

## **Right Sizing?**

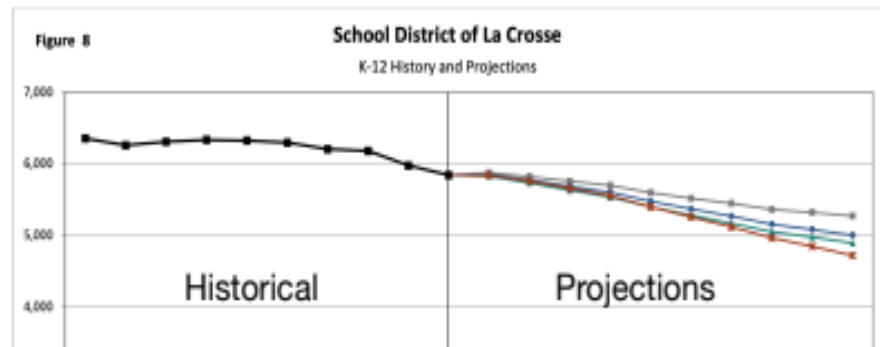
**February 13, 2024**

# Enrollment Trends

## LONG RANGE FACILITIES PLANNING INFORMATION

### Enrollment Trends

- Declining enrollment
  - Lost 1404 students since 2002
  - Lost 569 students since 2014
  - Projected decline for next ten years
- Funding tied to enrollment
  - Deficit budgets last three years
  - Impacting ability to attract and retain staff
  - Impacting ability to provide opportunities for students



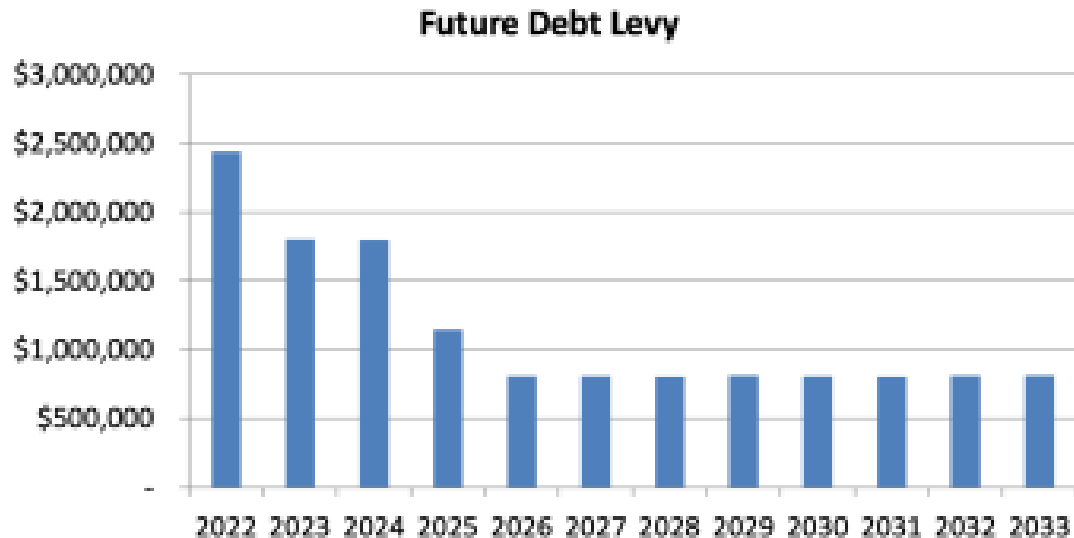
# Aging Facilities

- Five buildings built before 1940 at the end of their designed life
- \$76 M in identified districtwide maintenance, \$1.2 M annual maintenance budget
- Six oldest buildings do not meet current educational needs

<b><u>Budget Analysis</u></b>	<b><u>Date of Initial Construction</u></b>	<b><u>Low Cost Range</u></b>	<b><u>to</u></b>	<b><u>High Cost Range</u></b>
Emerson Elementary	1939	\$ 3,260,600.00	\$	3,586,700.00
Spence Elementary	1953	\$ 3,031,000.00	\$	3,334,100.00
Lincoln Middle School	1924	\$ 4,633,900.00	\$	5,097,300.00
Logan Middle School	1939	\$ 5,492,800.00	\$	6,042,100.00
Longfellow Middle School	1939	\$ 6,690,200.00	\$	7,359,200.00
Hogan Administrative Center	1921	\$ 5,070,800.00	\$	5,577,900.00
<b>Total potential project cost estimate:</b>		<b>\$ 28,179,300.00</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>\$ 30,997,300.00</b>

# Financial Opportunity

- Declining mill rates and debt levy requirements
- A history of public support for education
- Historically low interest rates



# Comparable School Districts

- Smallest district in WI with two high schools
- Smaller districts have 7 or fewer elementaries
- Similar districts average two middle schools

School District Physical Building Breakdown													
School District	Elmbrook	Waunakee	Stevens Point	Fond du Lac	Neenah	Oak Creek-Franklin	La Crosse	Beloit	West Bend	Howard-Suamico	DC Everest	Verona	Hudson
Enrollment	7,401	7,231	7,159	7,050	6,702	6,472	6,449	6,347	6,309	6,101	6,017	5,741	5,609
HS	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
MS	2	2	3	3	2	2	3	4	2	2	2	2	1
ES	6	9	9	9	9	7	9	6	5	5	7	4	6

# Long Range Facility Plan

It is the goal of the School District to:

- \* Provide students with modern learning environments
- \* Right-size facilities in alignment with enrollment
- \* Reduce operating costs and deferred maintenance liabilities
- \* Reinvested in student instruction and educational opportunities

# What Would You Do?



# Strategy

**Close.** Closing inefficient and high maintenance buildings will reduce operating costs, eliminate anticipated and deferred maintenance costs, and right size facilities with enrollment.

**Consolidate.** Consolidating facilities will create staffing efficiencies, provide more opportunities for students, and right size facilities with enrollment.

**Build.** Renovating or building new schools will provide students with modern learning environments.



# Timeline 2021/22

- \* **July 21 – January 22** - Community engagement (21) LRP
- \* **June** – Community survey
- \* **September** – Board decides referendum new HS
- \* **September – November** Community information
- \* **October** – Bring staff together discuss consolidation Middle Schools- monthly
- \* **November** – Referendum fails



# Big Picture



## Consolidate Middle Schools (3 to 2)

Move staff/furniture

Close/sell middle school (RFP)

Prepare for more students at the 2 Middle Schools



## Operating Referendum



## Facility Advisory Committee (elementary consolidation)

# Middle Schools



# Timeline 2023



**January** – Board decides to consolidate middle schools/operating referendum



**January – April** – Referendum Meeting



**February** – B&G meets with staff by grade levels

Facility needs  
Classroom needs  
Moving instructions



**March** – ISG hired for RFP Lincoln - process

# Timeline 2023



**April** - Operating referendum passes



**April** - Present Board with capital improvements



**April** – Second meeting with staff by grades at schools (3)



**April – December** - Facility Advisory Committee



**July – September** – Community meetings tours Lincoln Middle



**December** – RFP Lincoln Middle

# Timeline 2024



January - Elementary consolidation recommendation to Board



February – Board decides to go to referendum elementary consolidation

**QUESTIONS?**