

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2026 Bond Proposal

Community Information Presentation



Introductions/Schedule



- Who is in the room?
- Tonight's Agenda

How did we get here?



- January 2023, 2024, 2025: Community Engagement Meetings led by Admin/Board/NASB to gather patron feedback
 - reports available on our website

2024-2026-Engage with NASB and DLR for Strategic Planning and Vision

- Sept. 2025: Teacher Interviews (Staff Only)
- Sept. 2025: Visioning Workshop 1 (Board, Community Members, Staff, Leadership)
- Oct. 2025: Visioning Workshop 2 (Board, Community Members, Staff, Leadership)
- Nov. 2025: Visioning Workshop 3 (Board, Community Members, Staff, Leadership)
- Jan. 2026: Board Workshop (Board & Leadership)
- Jan. 2026: Community Workshop (Board, Community Members, Staff)
- June 2026: Initial Proposal & Community Feedback Survey (Community)
- Aug. 10th: Board approved Bond Issue for Public Vote in November

Bond Issue Facts



- August 10: Board voted to call for election of \$10.5 million Bond Issue
 - Shaped by Community
- November 3: Election Day
 - Vote in person on Nov 3
 - Request early ballot
 - Vote early in person

This School Bond Will...

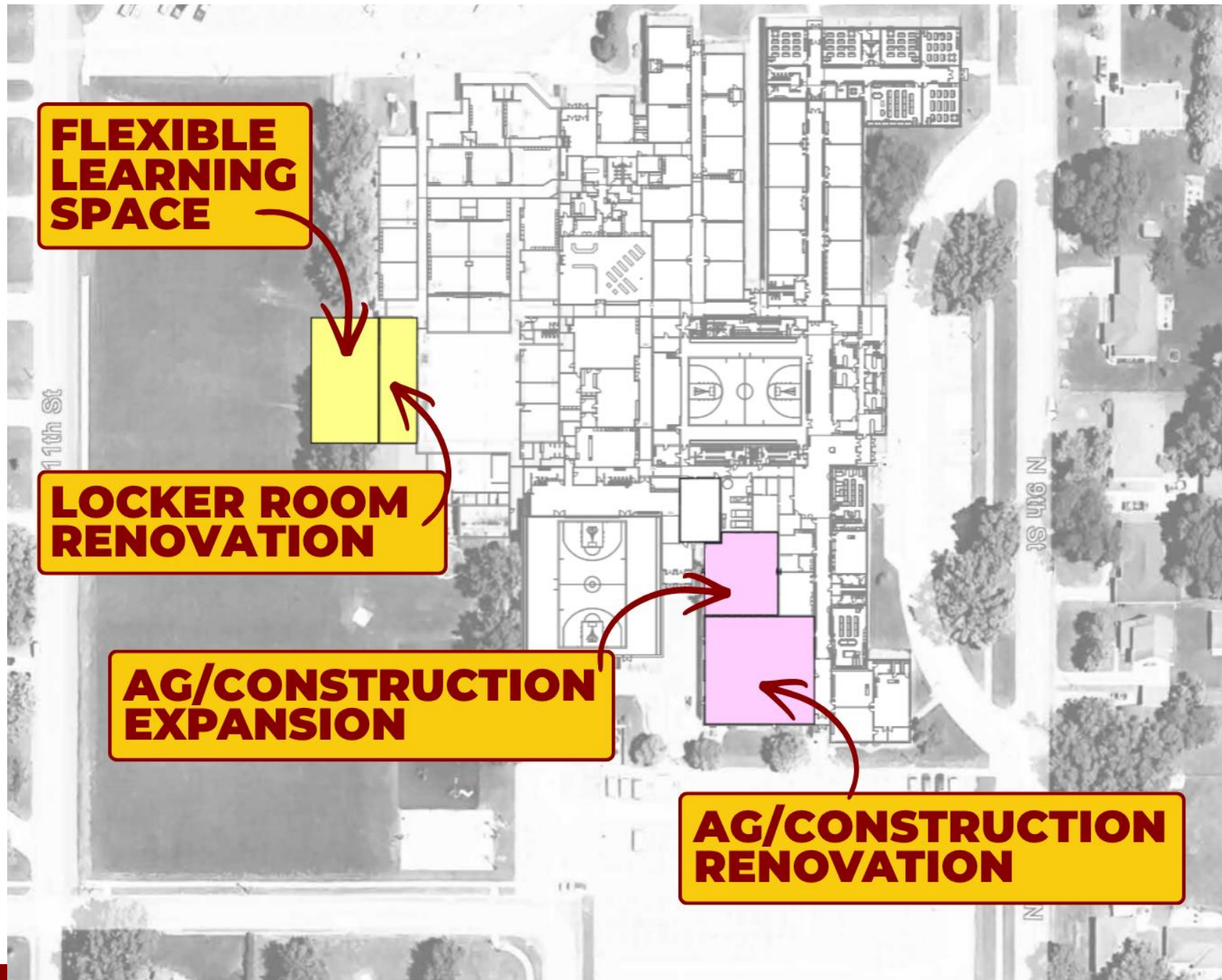
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**Expand and
modernize
hands-on learning
and career
opportunities**

**Create flexible
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Design layout



Hands-on Classroom Spaces for:

- Construction
- Manufacturing
- Agriculture
- Other career-focused learning





Flexible space that can serve multiple student needs including:

- **Small Group Instruction**
- **Pullout Specialized instruction**
- **Physical Therapy**
- **Occupation Therapy**
- **Testing in alternative settings**
- **PE classes**
- **Recreation time for HS and MS during lunch**
- **Indoor recess**
- **IEP student requirements**
- **Elementary Student assemblies**
- **Cheer Practice**
- **Dance Team Practice**
- **MS Show Choir Practice**
- **Wrestling Practice**

Renovation Projects Include:



- Renovations and upgrades to currently used aging Ag and Construction/Metals learning spaces, locker rooms and equipment so facilities can better support current programs and serve future students.
- All additions and renovations will also address recurring drainage issues.

Finances

**Total Bond
Proposal
\$10.5M**

Residential / Commercial

2027- 2030

Tax Impact:

- 4 cents per \$100 of assessed value
- \$3.33 per month for \$100,000

Agricultural land

Tax Impact:

- Irrigated land: \$1.02 per acre per year
- Dry land: \$0.99 per acre per year
- Grass land: \$0.35 per acre per year

**Use the district
tax calculator to
estimate the
impact for a
specific property.**



Estimated tax levy over time

Fiscal year(s)	Building fund	Existing bond	New bond	Total	
2026	\$0.059	\$0.062	\$0.000	\$0.121	
2027–2030	\$0.014	\$0.062	\$0.085	\$0.161	+\$0.04
2031 & after	\$0.036	\$0.000	\$0.085	\$0.121	Neutral

Why Tax Drop After 4 Years?

Existing bonds have 6 cent bond levy that will be paid off in 4 years. The existing 6 cent bond levy would then be removed from the total facilities related levy.

Voting Information: Register by October 16th!



VOTE EARLY (In Person)

Started October 5, you may vote early in person at your county election office. Be sure to remember your state ID.

- **Washington County Election Office:** 1555 Colfax St., Blair
- **Dodge County Election Office:** 435 N Park Ave., Rm. 102, Fremont
- **Douglas County Election Office:** 12220 W Center Rd., Omaha

VOTE BY MAIL (Absentee Ballot)

- You may request an absentee ballot be sent to your home.
- Request your ballot here: <https://sos.nebraska.gov/elections/early-voting>
 - Request deadline:
October 23 at 5 p.m.
- All early voting ballots — whether returned by mail, in person, or dropped at a drop box — must arrive at the county election office by 8:00 p.m. Central on Election Day, November 3.

VOTE IN PERSON (on Election Day)

November 3rd

Polls are open 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. (Central Time)

Find your polling place here:

www.votercheck.necvr.ne.gov/VoterView/

Voting and information



**NOVEMBER 3,
2026**

Bond election day

The proposed \$10.5 million
bond issue will appear on
the ballot.

Open House

Wednesday, October 21

5:30–7:00 p.m. drop-in open house during P/T Conferences

Blue Gym

***Walk through current CTE classrooms on this evening, or make an appointment**

Northland Securities, DLR, Boyd Jones, and District Personnel available to answer questions

Learn more

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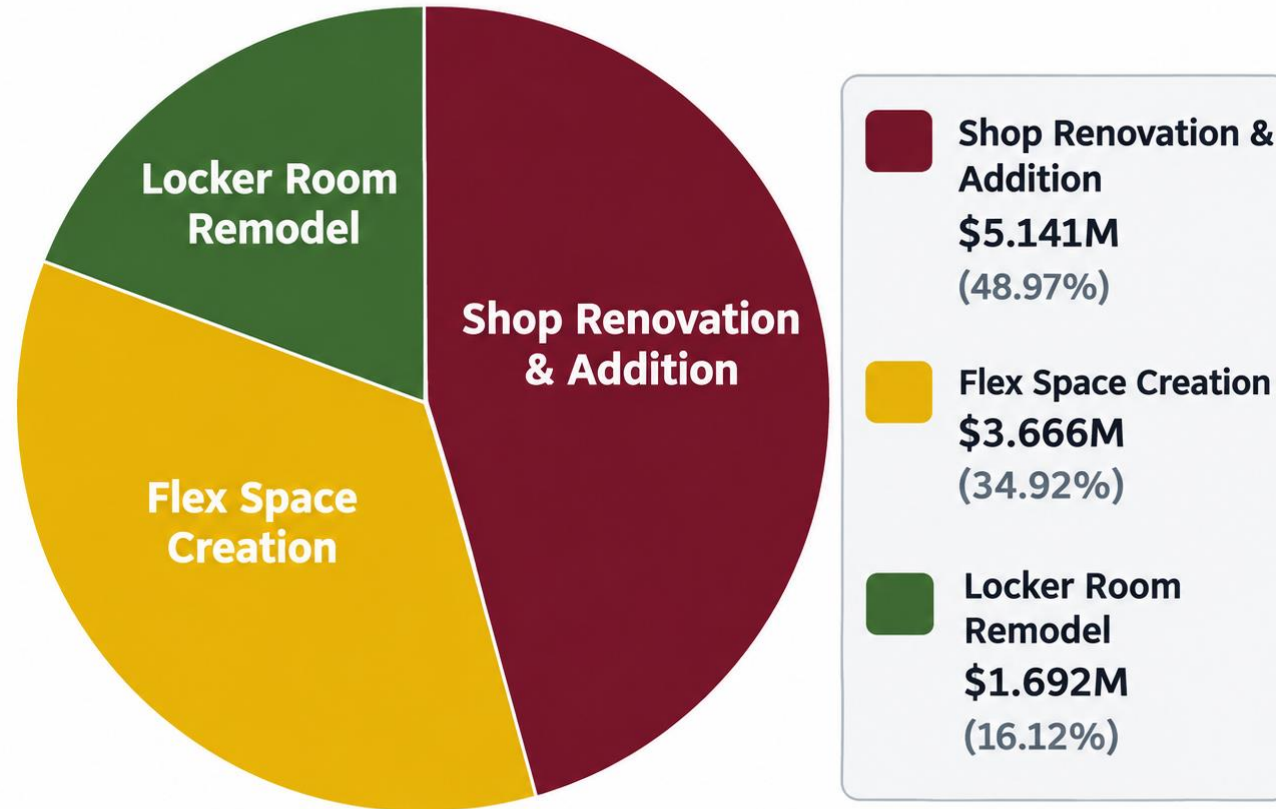


QUESTIONS?

Thank you for taking the time to stay informed.

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Project Specific Breakdown



Total: \$10.5M



Other uses for the Flex Space



	Possible Schedule Flex Space								Key
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday				Activities
7:45-8:05	Morning Activities (Cheer, Dance, Wrestling, MS Show Choir)								
8:05-8:45	Small Groups Special Education (Social Group)					Space available for students receiving social group lessons to meet IEP social skills goals			Special Education - Small Groups
8:45-9:15	Small Groups (3rd Grade Reading)								Special Education - Physical Therapy
9:15-9:45	Small Groups (1st Grade Math)								Special Education - Occupational Therapy
9:45-10:00	Occupational Therapy					* Special Education - Students with fine motor/sensory goals			
10:00-10:30	Physical Therapy					Special Education students with large motor goals			General Education - Small Groups
10:30-10:55	Occupational Therapy					* Special Education - Students with fine motor/sensory goals			Intervention - Small Group (Tier 2 Instruction)
10:55-11:25	Occupational Therapy								Recess/Rec Time
11:25-11:55	Small Groups (1st Grade Reading)								
11:55-12:15	Physical Therapy/HS Rec Time					Special Education students with large motor goals			Community Access
12:15-12:25	Small Groups (3rd Grade Math)								
12:25-12:45	Indoor Recess/MS Rec Time								
12:45-12:55	Indoor Recess/MS Rec Time								
12:55-1:10	Small Groups Special Education					This would allow for each teacher to have a designated space to take small groups especially when working on large motor activities.			
1:10-1:25									
1:25-1:40	Intervention 1st Grade					* Small group work for Math or Reading			
1:40-1:55	Intervention Kinder								
1:55-2:10	Physical Therapy					Special Education students with large motor goals			
2:10-2:40	Kinder PE (2 Sections)								
2:40-3:10									
3:30-5:30	Afternoon Activities (Cheer, Dance, Wrestling)								
5:30-9:30	Evening Activities (Community Space, AYS)								



Existing Bond Issue History: \$7.95M

Bond series	Rate	Payment impact
Series 2007 (original issue)	4.0%	Lowered annual payments
Series 2012 (refunded)	3.0%	Lowered annual payments
Series 2017 (refunded)	2.5%	Lowered annual payments
Series 2021 (refunded)	1.0%	Reduced final payment by \$500,000+



District Financial History

Fiscal Year	Valuation	Total Levy	Total Tax	Request
26-27	\$1,071,235,819	0.788882	\$8,450,796	(+0.3%)
25-26	\$1,020,020,051	0.825913	\$8,424,477	(+4.1%)
24-25	\$934,950,332	0.863854	\$8,076,604	(+2.7%)
23-24	\$881,954,215	0.891099	\$7,859,092	(+2.8%)
22-23	\$770,576,664	1.049907	\$7,635,793	(+3.5%)
21-22	\$740,545,741	0.995646	\$7,373,207	