



What Are We Spending \$19.75 Million On?

I'm sure the main question on the public's mind regarding our referendum is: What exactly will we be getting for \$19.75 million? This is a valid question, and one that we intend to answer more thoroughly in the coming weeks. Today, I hope to provide you with an outline of what is included in the project.

This project is a direct response to the preferences expressed in the survey conducted last spring, as well as the most recent Strategic Plan (accessible on our website). The **top priority in the Strategic Plan was to address facility needs** within the district. Many of the projects included in the referendum will tackle our most pressing facility concerns while also preparing us for the next 20+ years.

The highest-scoring priority in the survey was an update to our **Career and Technical Education (CTE) area**. The portion of the project impacting the largest square footage is a renovation and expansion of our CTE facilities. This will allow us to expand our offerings in metals, woods, and other areas, and work with local industries to identify future employment trends, better preparing our students for life after graduation. During this phase, we will engage local industry leaders to assist us in developing the layout for some of the expanded CTE areas.

Another high-priority area is **technology upgrades**. This portion of the project will involve rewiring our buildings to prepare for upcoming technological advancements over the next decade. We will also upgrade our WiFi access points to ensure adequate coverage throughout the building.

The next area to be addressed is the **construction of a secure entrance for the High School**. This project will involve building a new High School Office at the back of the building, creating a new front entrance. With this new entrance, we will implement a secure entry system to ensure the safety of our students, staff, and community.

Additionally, we plan to **add a new kitchen, cafeteria, and locker rooms**. These additions will include a commons area, which will serve multiple functions for the High School beyond just providing a dining area for students. The commons will be a versatile space for various school and community activities.

These updates are necessary due to the age of the existing facilities. The current kitchen, cafeteria, and locker rooms were all constructed in the 1960s. While they have served the district well, they are now in need of replacement. We will provide more details on this topic in the coming weeks.

The final aspect of the referendum involves **renovating the spaces vacated by these updates into new classrooms, office spaces, and a Community Fitness Center**. These spaces will be valuable for both our school operations and the wider community.

We encourage you to vote on November 5th and stay tuned for more information. Please engage with us throughout this process as we continue to provide weekly updates on different aspects of the referendum.

Additional information on the referendums will be available in the coming weeks and months. Voters will also receive more information via the district's newsletter, mailings sent to all district residents, social media, informational presentations, and the district website at www.mosineeschools.org.

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