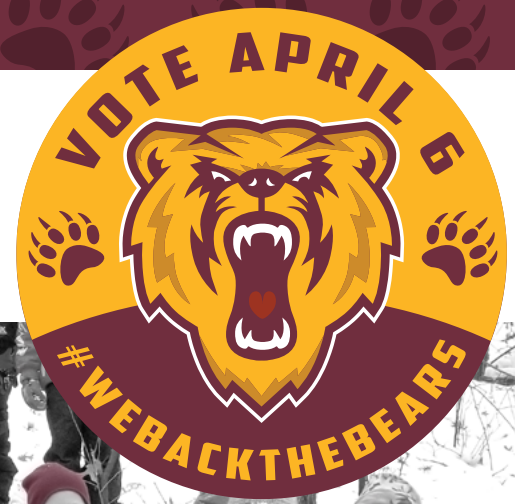


REFERENDUM information



ALL SCHOOLS, ALL STUDENTS

At **Barron Area School District (BASD)**, we want to ensure that all students **reach their dreams** while making a **positive impact** on the world. On April 6, voters in our communities will have the opportunity to vote on two referendum questions. Both questions address needs throughout our District and will provide greater student opportunities, positively impacting education and our communities for generations.

QUESTION 1

Shall the Barron Area School District, Barron and Dunn Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$24,500,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a district-wide school facility improvement project consisting of: capital maintenance, safety, security and site improvements; classroom and extra-curricular learning space updates, including construction of additions at the High School and Woodland Elementary School; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment?

QUESTION 2

Shall the Barron Area School District, Barron and Dunn Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$1,900,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of construction of an addition at Woodland Elementary School for a child care center, and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment?

WHY TWO QUESTIONS?

In the community-wide survey, respondents indicated support for adding child care space. Strategically, separate questions were created: one to focus on facility and educational needs, and the other to provide a community service. This gives residents the opportunity to learn more and vote on each question independently.

CONNECT WITH US

To provide flexibility to our community members, we will be holding virtual and in-person **Referendum Information Meetings**. Please join us to hear about the proposed referendum plans and get your questions answered.

**THURSDAY,
MARCH 18**

In Person • 6:00PM
High School Commons

Virtual • 7:00 PM

**MONDAY,
MARCH 22**

In Person • 6:00PM
High School Commons

Virtual • 7:00 PM

Links to the virtual Referendum Information Meetings will be posted on the District website, or use your phone to scan this code:





COMMUNITY SOLUTION

The District was committed to finding a solution that reflects the priorities of the taxpayers, meets the needs of our District, and impacts all buildings. To do this, a Focus Group comprised of community members, parents, and staff was formed to identify needs and explore solutions. In October, all District residents had the opportunity to provide feedback through a community-wide survey. All community feedback was instrumental in shaping the referendum plan that the Board of Education **unanimously supported**. The plan is focused on:

QUESTION 1

QUESTION 2

SAFETY & SECURITY



- **Challenge:** Continue to provide the safest possible buildings for our students.
- **Solution:**
 - Modify school entrances to better control visitor access
 - Improve traffic flow to increase student safety
 - Make Americans with Disabilities (ADA) improvements
 - Update obsolete life safety systems (i.e., fire alarm and emergency lighting)

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING



- **Challenge:** Education has changed significantly in the past 60 years. Our schools need spaces to effectively facilitate college and career readiness with thoughtful regard to the nation's current job market.
- **Solution:** Updates to targeted education spaces to provide learning opportunities for all students to achieve their highest potential and succeed in their chosen field.

INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATES



- **Challenge:** Many of our schools are more than 60 years old and require significant infrastructure upgrades (i.e., mechanical systems and exterior building components).
- **Solution:** Upgrade inefficient building systems to better control learning environments and make exterior building repairs to protect our investment in our schools.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT



- **Challenge:** A Barron County Economic Development Corporation survey indicated there is a clear need for additional child care in our community. Due to the shortage, families enroll in other school systems that provide child care services.
- **Solution:** The District would partner with local child care centers to create a facility at Woodland Elementary to serve our families.

PRELIMINARY PLANS

Woodland Elementary School

Question 1:

1. Restroom renovations for ADA compliance
 2. Library/Media Center updates
 3. Multipurpose/cafeteria addition
 4. Parking lot reconfiguration for improved traffic flow
 5. Playground equipment upgrades
- Infrastructure upgrades

Question 2:

6. Community child care center addition

For detailed plans of all District buildings, visit the District website.



Riverview Middle School

Question 1:

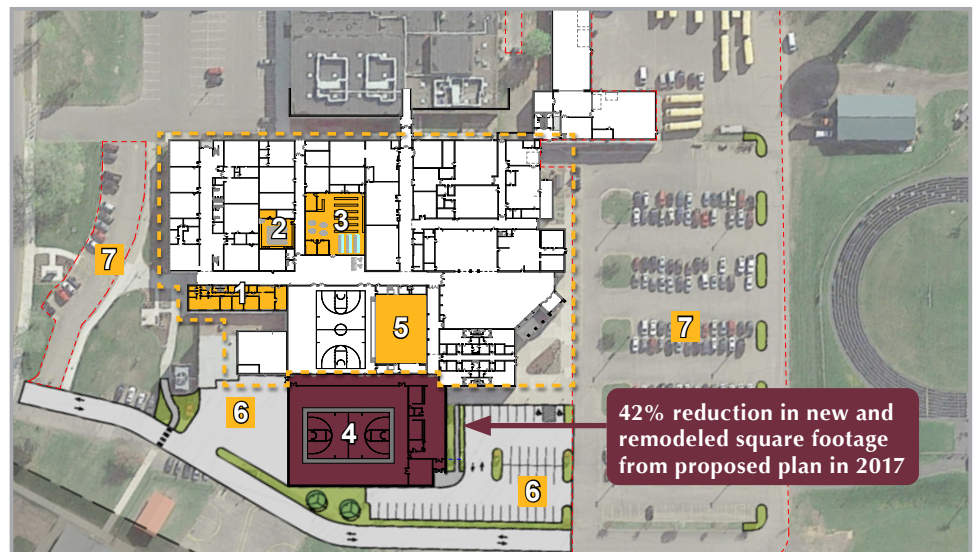
1. Restroom renovation for ADA compliance
 2. Tech Ed renovation
 3. Special Education relocation and renovation
 4. Classroom restructuring to create adequately sized classrooms
 5. Parking lot reconfiguration for improved traffic flow
- Infrastructure upgrades



Barron High School

Question 1:

1. Office renovation to provide secure main entrance
 2. Science room updates
 3. Library/Media Center updates
 4. Competition gymnasium and restroom addition
 5. Space reconfiguration to create multipurpose/wrestling room
 6. Parking lot reconfiguration for improved traffic flow and additional parking
 7. Parking lot replacement
- Infrastructure upgrades





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THE TAX IMPACT

The District has been diligent in managing expenses and remaining fiscally responsible for our taxpayers. Below is the estimated tax increase for the school portion of your taxes associated with each question:

| Property Value | Question 1 \$24,500,000 | | Question 2 \$1,900,000 | |
|----------------|----------------------------|---------|---------------------------|---------|
| | Annual | Monthly | Annual | Monthly |
| \$100,000 | \$80.00 | \$6.66 | \$16.00 | \$1.33 |
| \$150,000 | \$120.00 | \$10.00 | \$24.00 | \$2.00 |
| \$200,000 | \$160.00 | \$13.33 | \$32.00 | 2.66 |



Use the **Tax Impact Calculator** on the District website to estimate the impact on your taxes.

Assumptions: Mill rate based on 2020 equalized valuations; borrowings amortized over 20 years at a 3.75% interest rate. (Provided by R.W. Baird)

IMPACTING ALL SCHOOLS, ALL STUDENTS

| | Almena | Ridgeland-Dallas | Woodland | Riverview | Barron High |
|---|--------|------------------|----------|-----------|-------------|
| Safety & Security | | | | | |
| Security upgrades | • | • | • | • | • |
| Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) upgrades | | | • | • | • |
| Infrastructure Updates | | | | | |
| Site upgrades (pavement, stormwater, fencing, etc.) | • | • | • | • | • |
| HVAC infrastructure upgrades | • | • | • | • | • |
| Plumbing infrastructure upgrades | • | • | | | • |
| Electrical infrastructure upgrades | • | | • | | • |
| Exterior building repairs (walls, roof, doors, windows, etc.) | • | • | • | • | • |
| Interior building upgrades (finishes, flooring, doors, etc.) | | • | | • | • |
| Educational Programming | | | | | |
| Gymnasium and/or cafeteria addition | | | • | | • |
| Science lab and/or Tech. Ed space updates | | | | • | • |
| Library/Media Center updates | | | • | | • |