

Grand Ledge
Public Schools
BOND 2026

Bond 2026 Information

November 3, 2026 Election

How was this plan developed?



2022 -
2025

Long-term Facilities Plan updated
by District

Jan 2026

GLPS hires Architect and
Construction Manager

Jan - Mar
2026

Professional team validates
facility/program upgrades

Late April
2026

Staff and Community
Feedback Sessions are held

May 2026

Bond Recommendation presented
to BOE for approval

June
2026

GLPS meets with Dept of Treasury
regarding bond scope. BOE approves
State bond application

Aug 10,
2026

BOE approves State bond language

Nov 3,
2026

Election Day
Bond 2026 proposal on ballot

Supporting our Strategic Plan



November 3, 2026 School Ballot Proposal

- Authorizes the issuance of up to \$123.5 million in bonds
- Focuses on upgrades to our school buildings and sites; including additions and renovations, safety and security improvements, flexible/adaptable furniture, and instructional technology



What is the difference between a...

BOND

Lump-sum dollar amount that the District borrows in order to fund capital projects.

Money is paid back by taxpayers over a period of years, with interest.



Like a
mortgage

SINKING FUND

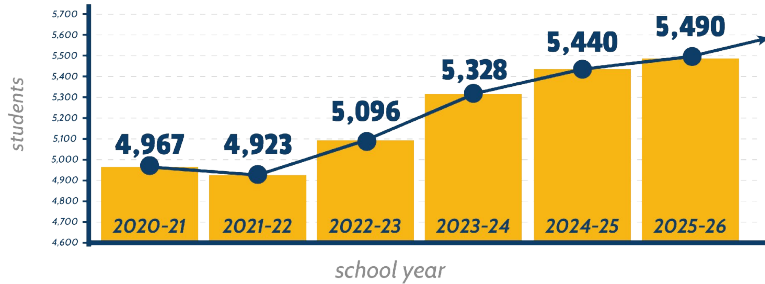
A limited property tax, considered a pay-as-you-go method, for building, remodeling, and repair needs.



Like a
debit card

Why Now?

GLPS Enrollment Trend



**GLPS enrollment continues
to trend upwards**



Zero Increase
TO THE CURRENT DEBT MILLAGE RATE

**Right now we have a window opportunity
to secure funds through bonds without
an increase to our tax rate**

Key Areas of Focus



Smarter



Stronger



Safer



Smarter

- Expanded and improved learning spaces at Delta Mills ECC, Delta Center, Holbrook, and Willow Ridge Elementaries with classroom additions and renovations
- Dedicated cafeteria at Wacousta Elementary for improved functionality, efficiency, and scheduling flexibility
- New cafeteria, classroom addition, and transformation of current cafeteria to flexible learning environment at Hayes Intermediate while Beagle Middle School will feature a four-classroom addition
- Strategic renovations for High School including science labs and media center
- Updated instructional technology





- Improved sites, playgrounds, and parking lots
- Upgraded infrastructure and HVAC district-wide
- Upgrade auditorium to improve accessibility and amenities
- New competition gym at GLHS
- Transformation of our current gym into a flexible year-round, indoor multi-use space to support health, wellness, athletics, and arts
- Updated flexible/adaptable furniture to support our current programs





- Enhanced safety through installation of security film on windows and door glass while maintaining visibility and natural light
- District-wide re-keying, card readers, and fobs





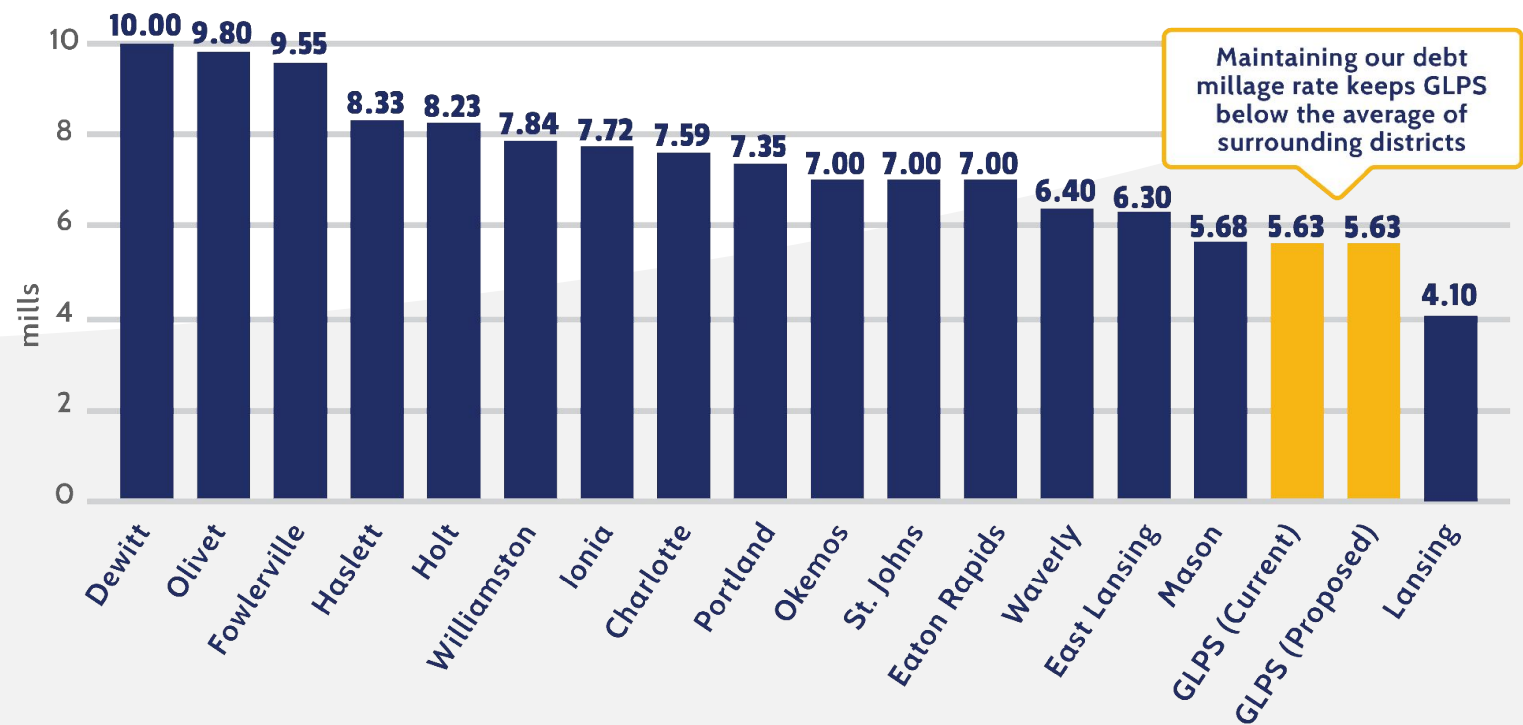
Financial & Voter Information

What is the tax impact?

ZERO INCREASE
TO THE CURRENT MILLAGE RATE



GLPS Financial Stewardship



What can Bond program funds be used for?

CAN be used for the following items:

- ✓ Construction and remodeling of facilities
- ✓ Purchase of instructional technology equipment
- ✓ Equipment and furniture
- ✓ Site improvements
- ✓ Purchase of buses

CANNOT be used for the following items:

- ✗ Salaries and wages
- ✗ General operating expenses and maintenance
- ✗ Classroom supplies and textbooks
- ✗ Administrative costs

Note: Bond proceeds can only be used on projects / buildings owned by the District and are frequently audited by the state of Michigan.

Ballot Language Explained

BOND PROPOSAL

Shall Grand Ledge Public Schools, Eaton, Clinton and Ionia Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed One Hundred Twenty-Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$123,500,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of:

erecting additions to, remodeling, including safety and security improvements to, furnishing and refurbishing, and equipping and reequipping school buildings; acquiring and installing instructional technology and instructional technology equipment for school buildings; purchasing school buses; and equipping, developing and improving playgrounds, athletic fields and facilities, parking areas, driveways and sites?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2027 is 0.19 mill (\$0.19 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a -0- mill net increase over the prior year's levy. The maximum number of years the bonds of any series may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is twenty-five (25) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 2.03 mills (\$2.03 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

The school district does not expect to borrow from the State to pay debt service on the bonds. The total amount of qualified bonds currently outstanding is \$131,765,000. The total amount of qualified loans currently outstanding is \$0.00. The estimated computed millage rate may change based on changes in certain circumstances.

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

**\$123,500,000 total funds
generated from this proposal**

**Additions and renovations to
support *Smarter, Stronger,
and Safer* buildings**

 **Zero increase
TO THE CURRENT
DEBT MILLAGE RATE**

What is a mill?

A mill represents \$1.00 for every \$1,000 of taxable value of your property. The taxable value of your property is the same or lower than the state-equalized value and substantially lower (50% or more) than the market value.

Important Dates

- **September 24, 2026**
Absentee ballots available
- **October 24 – November 1**
Early voting begins nine days before Election Day from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. except on Thurs. when the hours are noon to 8:00 p.m.
- **October 19, 2026**
Last day for voters to register to vote by mail

Where do I vote?

Find helpful information about where to find your clerk, polling place, and sample ballot by visiting:

mvic.sos.state.mi.us/Voter/index

November 3, 2026 Election day

polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

For voting info visit

michigan.gov/vote

Bond 2026 Goals

- Deliver smarter, stronger, and safer schools to support the district's vision to provide every student with high-quality education, critical thinking skills, and social development to reach their highest potential in a safe and inclusive environment.
- Enhance classroom and auxiliary spaces to support our growing student population now and for the future.
- Preserve and improve district facilities by addressing program and infrastructure needs with zero impact to the current debt millage rate.
- Continue the vision laid out in the 2018 bond program to meet the growing needs of Comet Country.





FOR MORE INFORMATION



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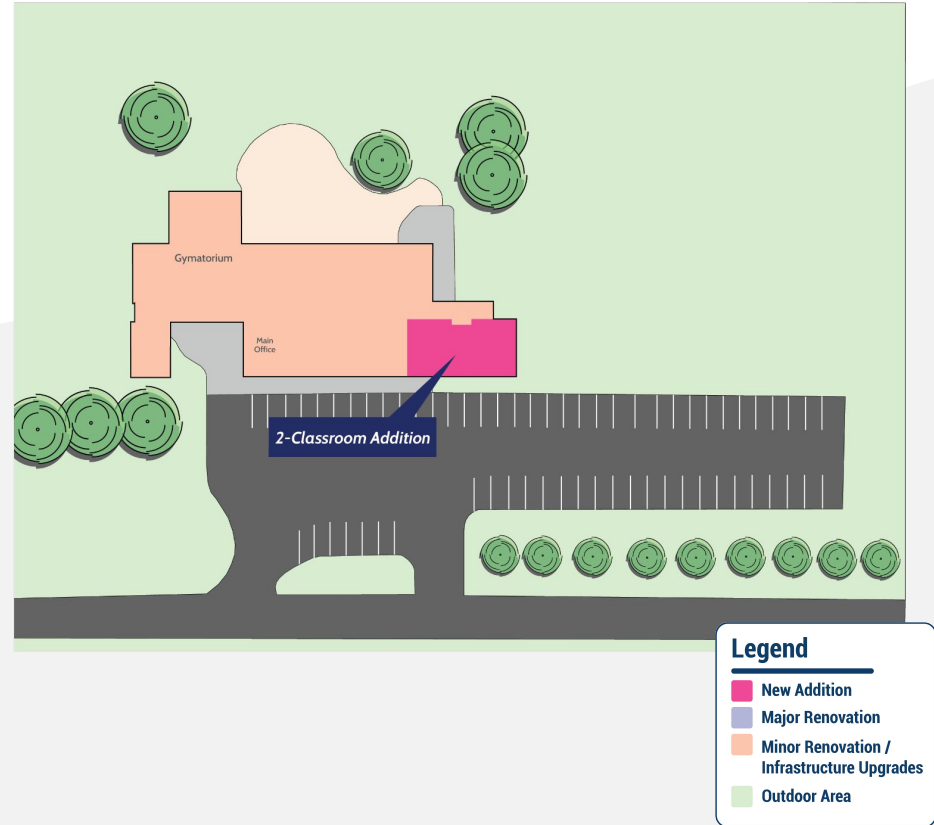
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Specific Building Plans

Note: Placement of Additions are Proposed and May Change

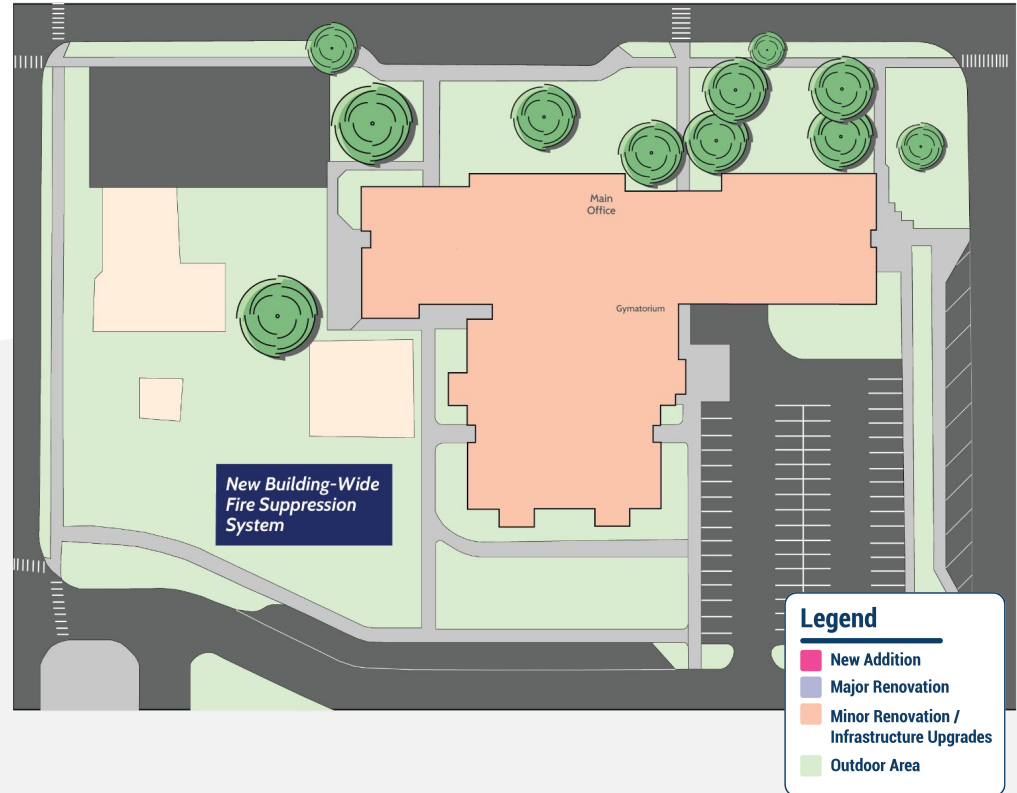
Delta Mills Early Childhood Center

- Two-Classroom Addition
- New Classroom Furniture
- Instructional Technology Enhancements
- Add Septic Tank for New Classroom Addition
- New Well
- Boiler and Water Heater Replacements
- Building Control System Upgrades
- Security Film on Windows and Door Glass



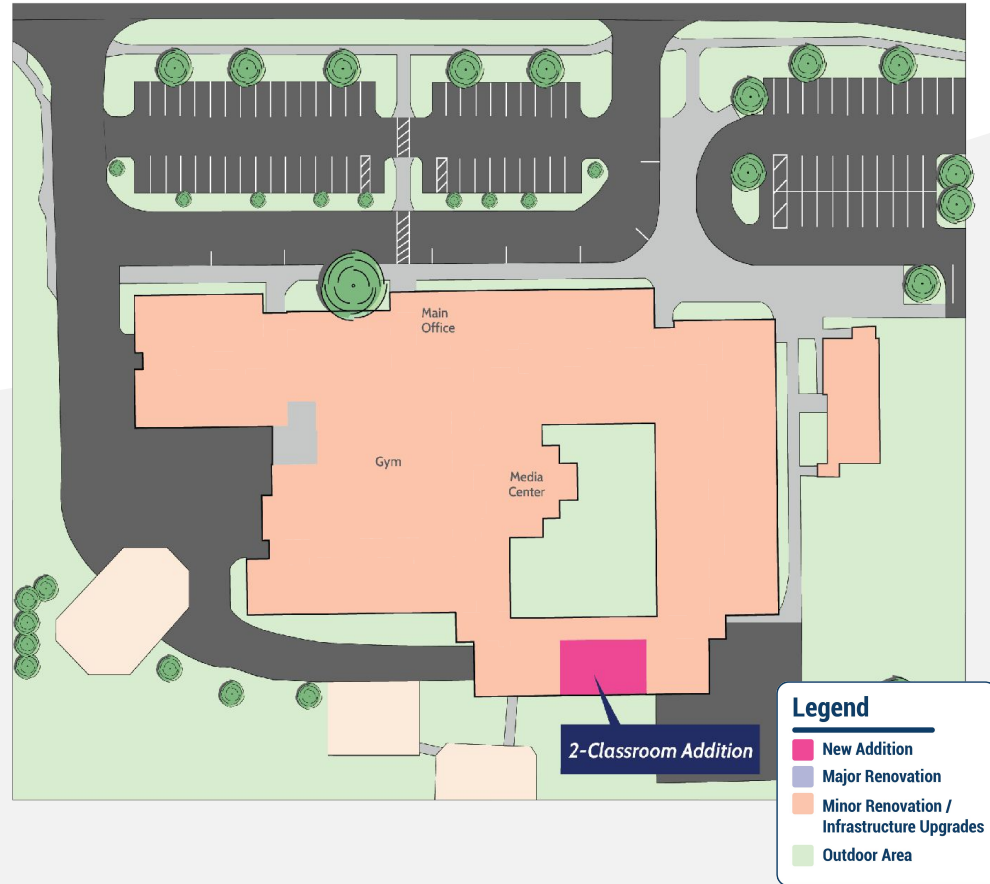
Neff Early Childhood Center

- New Classroom and Media Center Furniture
- Classrooms and Offices Partial Carpet Replacement
- Instructional Technology Enhancements
- Asphalt
- Water Heater and Water Softener Replacements
- Security Film on Windows and Door Glass



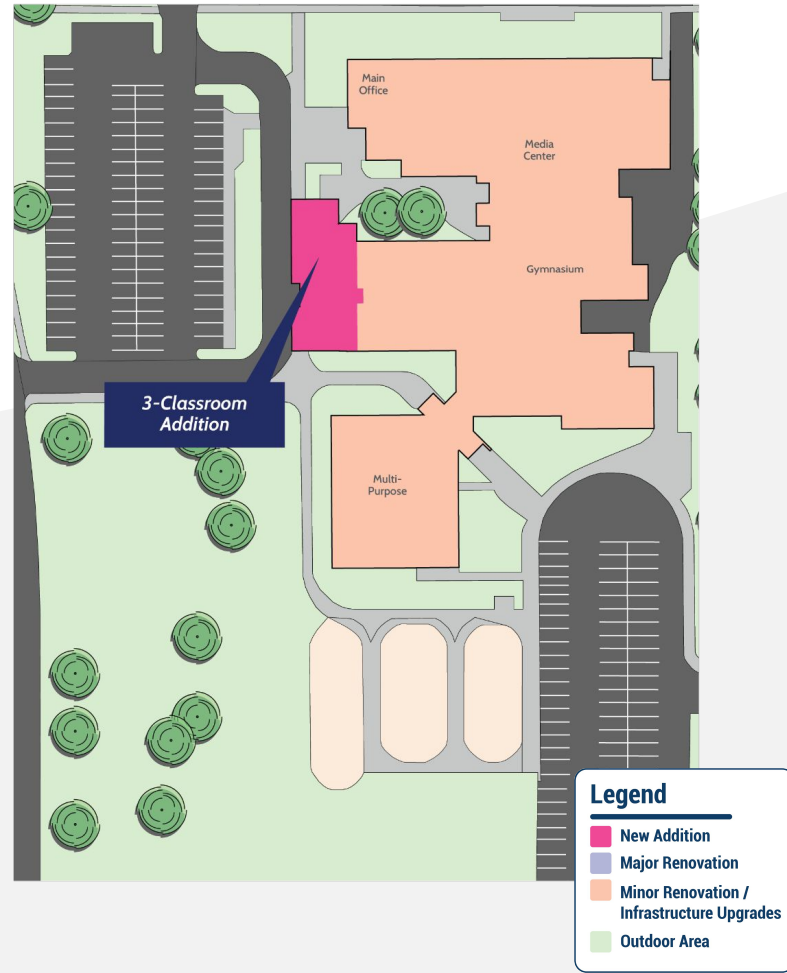
Delta Center Elementary

- Two-Classroom Addition
- Classroom and Hallway Renovation
- Classroom, Media Center, and Cafeteria Furniture
- Instructional Technology Enhancement
- Playground Improvements
- Kitchen/Servery Remodeling
- Cafeteria HVAC Upgrades
- Temperature Control Upgrades
- Partial Fire Suppression System Replacement
- Water Heater and New Chiller
- Indoor and Outdoor LED Lighting Replacement
- Security Film on Windows and Door Glass
- Parking Lot Paving



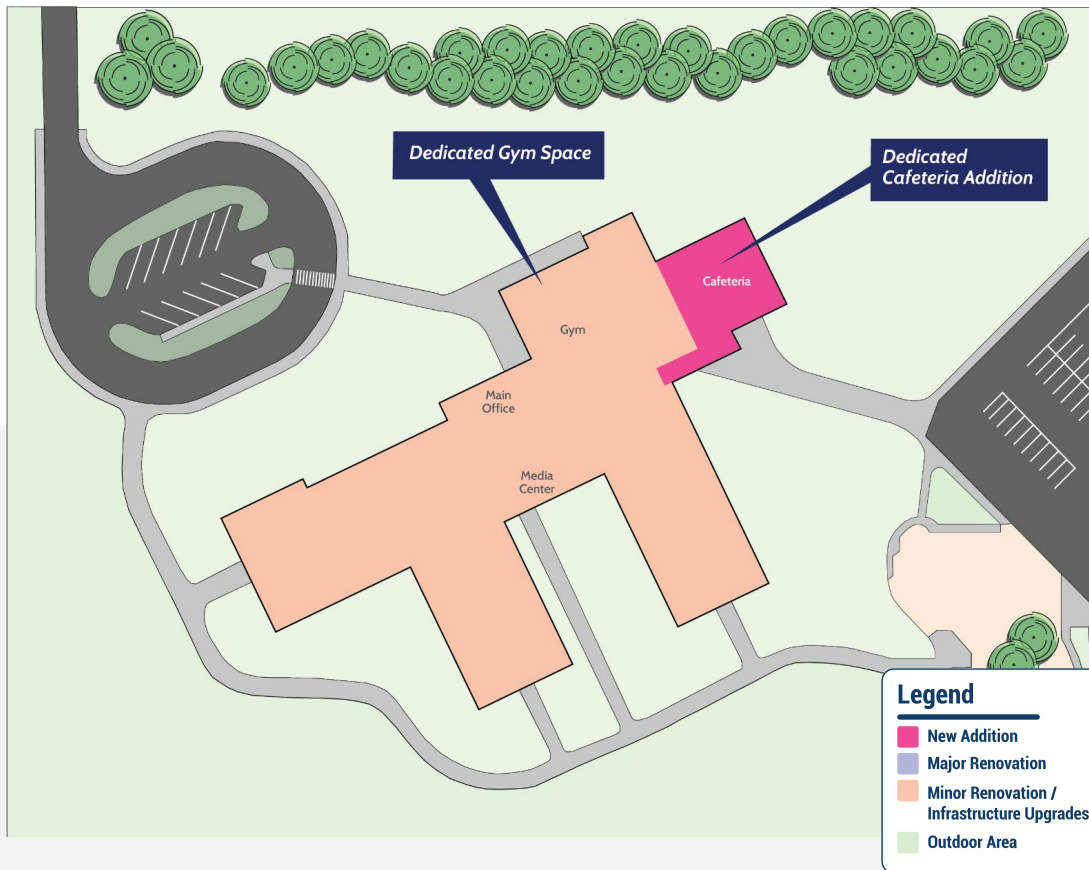
Holbrook Elementary

- Three-Classroom Addition
- Classroom, Media Center, and Cafeteria Furniture
- Instructional Technology Enhancements
- Classroom and Hallway Renovation
- Playground Improvements
- Water Heater and Boiler Replacements
- South Side Bus Loop Reconfiguration
- Security Film on Windows and Door Glass



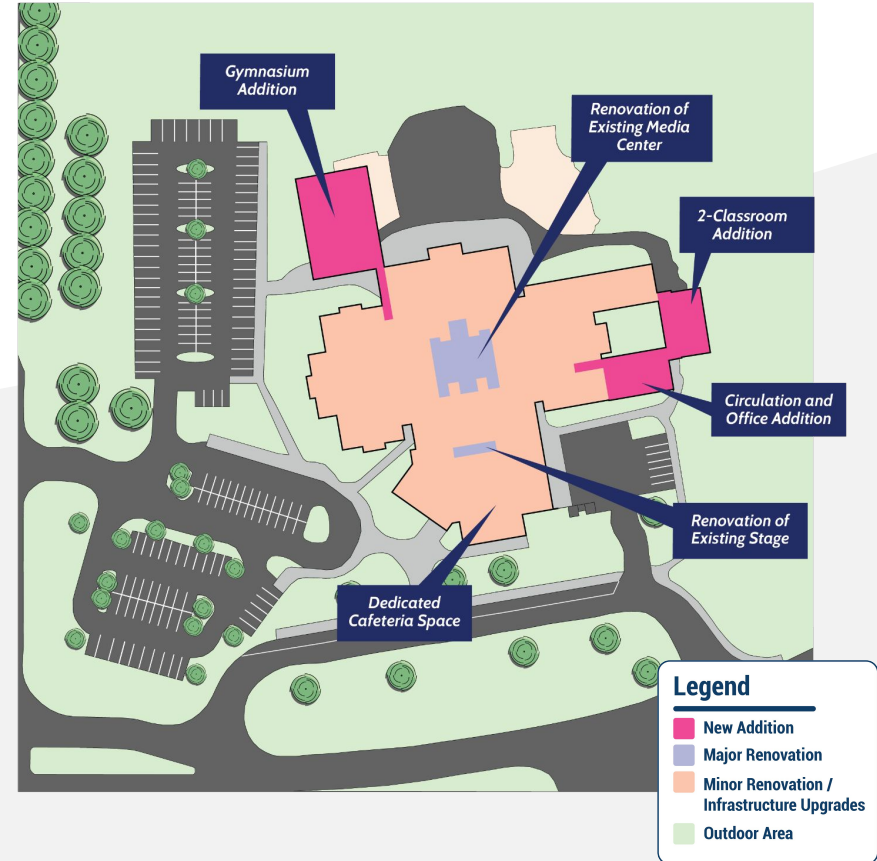
Wacousta Elementary

- Cafeteria Addition
- Security Film on Windows and Door Glass

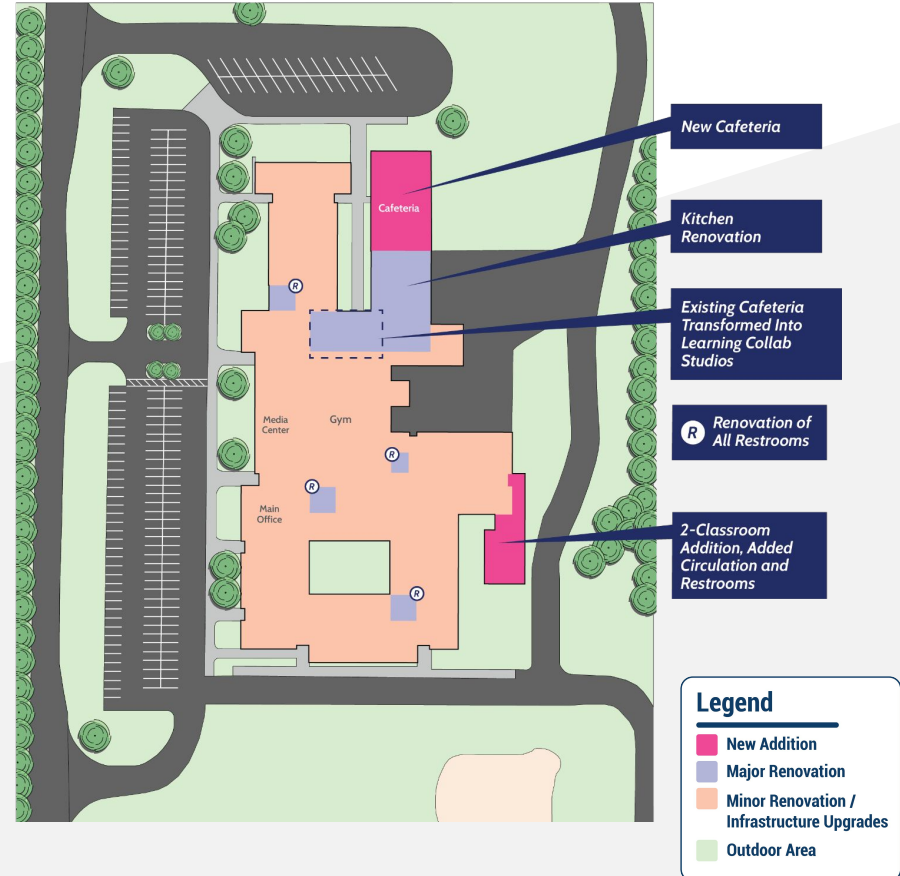


Willow Ridge Elementary

- Two-Classroom Addition
- Classroom and Hallway Renovations
- Gymnasium Addition and New Equipment
- Media Center Renovation
- Instructional Technology Enhancements
- Classroom, Media Center, and Cafeteria Furniture
- Playground Replacement
- Cafeteria/Stage Renovation
- Kitchen/Servery Remodeling
- Four-Office Addition for Support Staff
- Electrical Switch Gear Upgrade
- Water Heater Replacement
- Indoor LED Lighting Replacement
- Security Film on Windows and Door Glass
- Roof Replacement

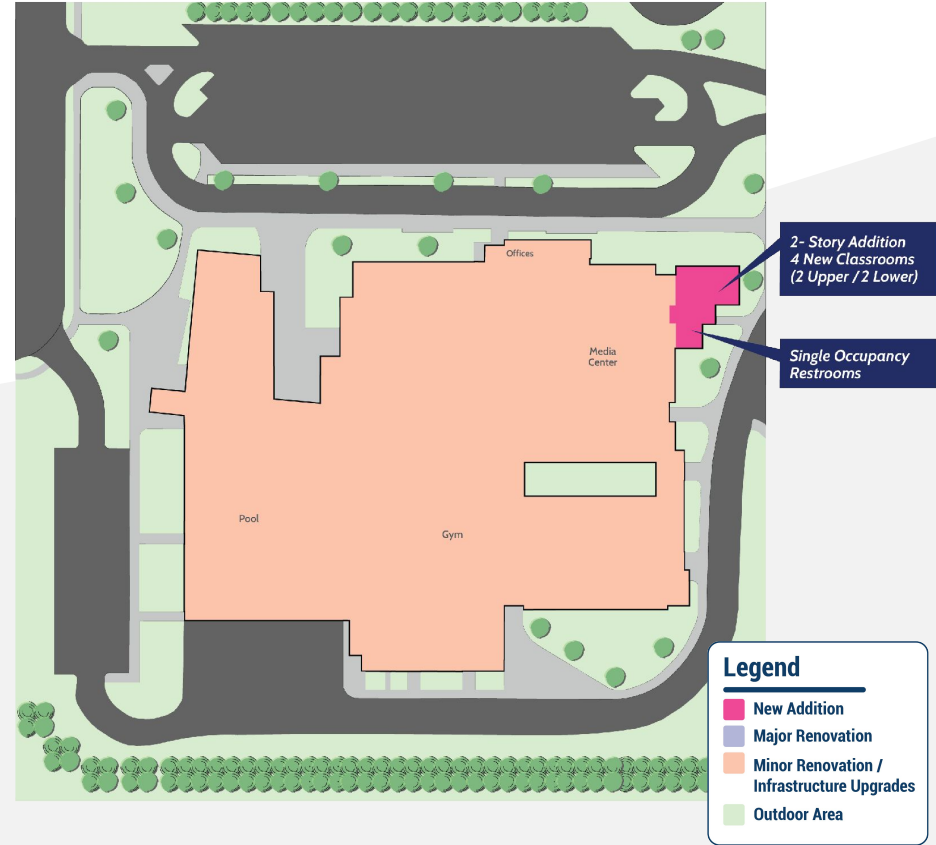


- Two-Classroom Addition
- Cafeteria Addition
- Cafeteria Remodeling for Additional Collaborative Classroom Spaces
- Classroom, Media Center, Cafeteria, and Flex Education Space Furniture
- Instructional Technology Enhancements
- Classroom Carpet Partial Replacement
- Kitchen/Servery Remodeling
- Bathroom Remodeling
- Water Softener Replacement
- Roof Replacement
- Parking Lot LED Lighting Upgrades
- Security Film on Windows and Door Glass



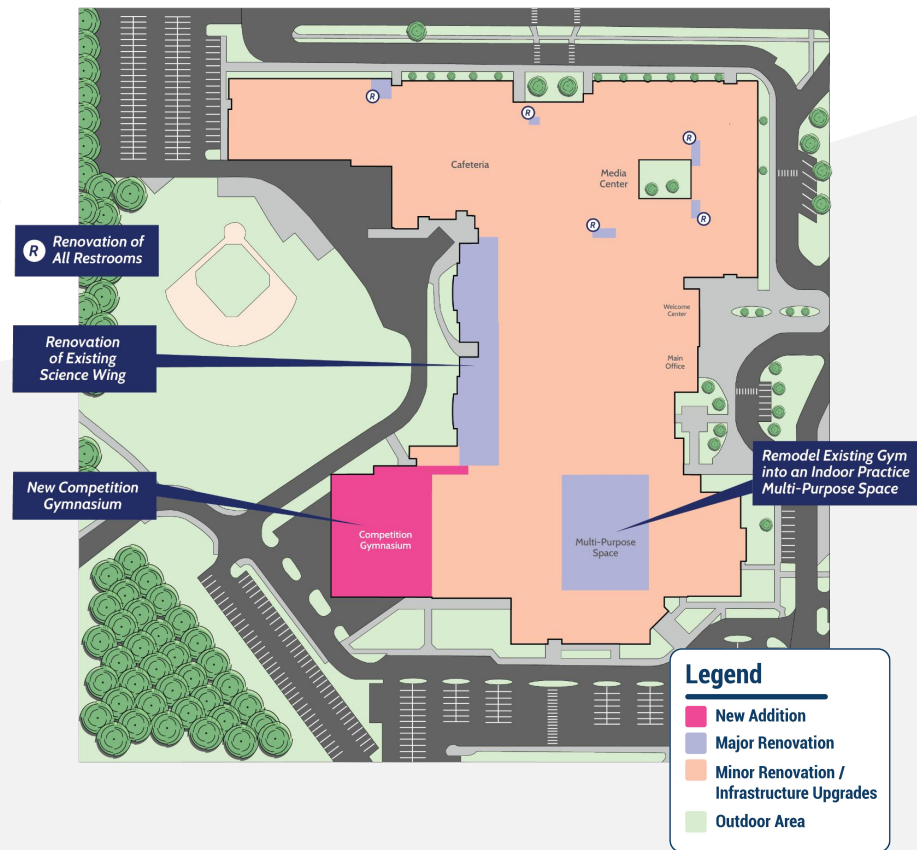
Beagle Middle School

- Four-Classroom Addition
- Classroom and Media Center Furniture
- Instructional Technology Enhancements
- New Kitchen Water Heater
- Partial Roof Replacement
- Pool Boiler and Chiller Replacement
- Security Film for Windows and Door Glass
- Sewer Line Replacement



Grand Ledge High School

- Science Lab Remodeling
- Media Center Renovation
- Classroom, Media Center, and Cafeteria Furniture
- Instructional Technology Enhancements
- Restroom Remodeling
- Auditorium Renovations (New Seating, Carpet, ADA Compliance)
- Gym Addition including Parking Lot / Driveway Modifications and Relocated Parking
- Existing Gym Conversion into Multi-Purpose Facility
- Equipment for Gym and Multi-Purpose Facility
- Auxiliary Gym Floor Replacement
- New Tennis Courts in the Same Location
- Gorman Baseball Field Irrigation
- Track Facility Enhancements (Parking Lot, Sidewalks, East Bleachers)
- Roof Replacement
- Underground Piping Partial Replacements
- Interior and Exterior LED Upgrades
- Stadium LED Lighting and Fencing Upgrades
- Security Film for Windows and Door Glass
- Renovation of 1958 Locker Rooms



Other Buildings

Sawdon Administration Building

- Full Replacement of 1934 Fan
- Unit Ventilators on 2nd and 3rd Floors
- Data Center Power Replacement
- Security Film on Windows and Door Glass
- Roof Replacement

Operations/Transportation

- Parking Lot Lighting and Paving
- Technology Upgrades
- Security Film on Windows and Door Glass

Wacousta Commons

- HVAC Upgrades
- Security Film on Windows and Door Glass
- Technology Enhancements
- Complete Roof Replacement
- Furniture

Thank You!



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