



REFERENDUM WALKTHROUGH Q'S

General

1. When was the last referendum?

April 5, 2011 - \$1,500,000: This referendum focused on building improvements for the School District of Mondovi including replacing the roof, boiler, and asbestos floor tile and refinancing two state trust fund loans issued for roofing projects

April 7, 1998 - \$6,800,000: This referendum assisted with remodeling and adding on to the elementary, middle school and high school sections of the District.

2. What is the cost impact of delaying this project by 5-10 years?

Five years from now the price would increase at an estimated rate of 3-6% per year. It is estimated the total project cost would be impacted by 15-30%.

3. What is the current and potential future use of Anthony Elementary School?

The District is investigating a variety of options for the future of Anthony Elementary School. Current plans have not yet been defined.

4. What is the construction schedule?

The construction schedule will vary depending on the option selected. Option #1 estimates completion in the summer to fall of 2019. Option #2 and #3 estimates two years for completion. Due to the upcoming school year, the schedule will need to be adjusted to accommodate the school hours.

5. Why repurpose the multi-purpose room into an auditorium if additional gym space is needed?

Repurposing the multi-purpose gym into an auditorium is a consideration because of the existing stage currently in place. However, acoustics and seating would need to be updated. This is an option based on community feedback received for the Strategic Plan. If this space is converted into an auditorium, gym space will need to be added. The District is still considering all community feedback.

6. Are the scopes for Option #2 and #3 permanent?

Options #2 and #3 are suggestions subject to change.

7. What is the annual utility budget?

In 2016/2017 the annual gas cost was \$41,454 and the annual electric cost was \$108,766.

8. Which option addresses the welding ventilation upgrade?

All three options will address the welding ventilation system upgrade.

9. What happens if the referendum fails?

There are maintenance needs within the District that could lead to bigger concerns if not addressed in the next two years. Depending if the District receives negative referendum support, they will need to put contingency plans in place.



10. Have local businesses been contacted for funding support?

The District has developed relationships with community business partners as part of the Strategic Plan (Community Development & Engagement theme). At this time, the District has not been contacted by businesses interested in providing referendum funding.

11. Has the District considered building a completely new facility?

The District has considered building a new facility due to the current space issues affected by state requirements. However, due to the limited amount of debt the District can fiscally be responsible for (10% of the District's property value), eliminates the option of building new.

12. Would the District go to referendum again within the next ten years if Option #1 is selected?

Option #1 will financially support the deferred maintenance plan. If the community would like to update the District with 21st-century learning spaces, they will need to have another referendum in the next ten years to renovate those spaces.

13. Does the state provide funding mechanisms to address capital/deferred maintenance projects?

The District started a Fund 46 that allows them to save money for up to five years. The District plans to use general funds or referendum support to complete any maintenance projects.

14. How much funding does the District expect to receive from the School Safety Initiative?

The District is planning to receive a total of \$60,000 from the School Safety Initiative. Primary funds will be used to apply safety film (shatterproof glass) on three entrances of the school. Other safety measures include placing new exterior signage around the property, upgrading the public address system (PA system), and installing an access control system with electronic strikes to alert staff when doors are ajar and allow for immediate lockdown in the event of an emergency.

15. Why does Option #1 have a \$0 tax impact?

The District has debt falling off after completing their last payment from the previous referendum project. Option #1 would fit the current payment plan and taxes would remain the same.

16. What does ADA stand for?

ADA stands for the American Disabilities Act.

17. Are lunch schedules staggered?

Lunch schedules are staggered throughout the day to assist with traffic flow.

18. What is the age of the playground equipment?

The playground equipment is roughly 21 years old.

19. What are the future enrollment projections?

Based on the third Friday enrollment history:

- 2015-2016 = 924
- 2016-2017 = 933
- 2017-2018 = 977
- 2018-2019 = 990 (projection)

20. Are more students open enrolling in or out of the District?

Based on the response to question #19, the District has more students enrolling in.

21. Are there other grants available?

The School Safety Initiative is the only grant available at this time to support the referendum.

22. How much interest do students have in shop classes?

The District's shop class enrollment is around 20 students per class indicating a high level of interest.

23. What is the replacement schedule for the technology equipment?

As part of the Strategic Plan (Technology theme), the District is on a three to five year refresh cycle for technology replacement.

24. What is the current debt of the District?

District's state trust fund loan: \$52,550

2011 referendum for a new roof, boiler, and flooring: \$1,500,000

Safety and Security

1. Are students using the playground during bus pick-up and drop-off times?

No, students are instructed to wait until bus drop-offs are completed before going to the playground. This allows students five to ten minutes before the first bell rings to start class.

2. Are secured entry renovations part of the School Safety Initiative?

Yes, the District has applied for the School Safety Initiative to include one of the secured entrances at the elementary school.

Facilities

1. Do any of the options include installing air conditioning throughout the entire facility?

Upgrading to new heating, cooling and ventilation (HVAC) equipment will allow the District to convert to air conditioning for future use regardless of which option is decided.

2. Where does the Home Ec room fit into the three options?

Option #2 and #3 include having the Home Ec room renovated.

3. What type(s) of lighting exists throughout the District?

Currently, T12s, T8s, metal halides, and LEDs are installed throughout the District. Each option includes upgrading all the lighting to LEDs.

4. Will Option #1 allow the District to survive for the next 15-20 years?

By correcting the HVAC needs in Option #1, the District will be able to function for the next 15-20 years. However, existing classroom structure will continue to remain as is.

5. What is causing thermal comfort issues in the District?

Thermal comfort related issues in the District exist around the HVAC equipment. Factors contributing to the heating discomfort include: steam heat causing hot spots throughout the building, pneumatic controls not operating efficiently with several leaks, and outdated unit ventilators past their expected useful life. Updating the HVAC equipment will help to correct existing discomfort issues throughout the District.

6. What types finishes are planned to be replaced?

Flooring, ceiling tiles, light fixtures, tables, chairs, curtains, cabinets and counters in certain areas of the District are planned to be replaced.

7. How will the District enlarge undersized spaces?

Remodeling existing classrooms by combining rooms will help to create open spaces. A few areas in the District are currently under investigation to include this option.

8. Who does the District utilize for energy services?

The District uses Xcel Energy for electric and Midwest Utility for gas.