

	1925	1937	1970	1964	1915	1911	1958	1956	1968	1955	1924	1956	1949	2003	1964	2011	1930	2003	1937	1920	1969
Year Built	Culbertson Elementary	Cunningham Elementary	Dirksen Junior High	Eisenhower Academy	Farragut Elementary	Forest Park Individual Education	Gompers Junior High	Hufford Junior High & I.E. Program	Jefferson Elementary	Keith Elementary	Marshall Elementary	Marycrest Early Childhood Center	Pershing Elementary	Sanchez Elementary	Sandburg Elementary	Singleton Elementary	Taft Elementary	Thigpen Elementary	Thompson Instructional Center	Washington Junior High & Academy	Woodland Elementary
Accessibility/ADA Enhancements																					
Doors & Hardware	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Restroom Renovations & Accessibility Improvements	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Safety & Security Upgrades																					
Access Controls	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Fire Alarms	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
PA/Intercoms	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Building Envelope																					
Roofing Replacement/Repairs	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Window Repairs/Replacement	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Indoor Learning Environments																					
HVAC	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Lighting	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Flooring, Railings & Hardware	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Furniture & Storage	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Technology Infrastructure																					
Electrical	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Plumbing	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Mechanical Systems	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Technology Infrastructure	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Site Improvements																					
Parking Lots	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Sidewalks/Masonry	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Playgrounds	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Sports Fields/Track			●				●	●													●
Updated Learning Spaces																					
Add and/or Reconfigure Classrooms		●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●				●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Add or Update Gymnasium									●												
Make Resource Center/Library Improvements			●				●	●													●
Replacement of School on Same Site																					
New Building & Ballfields							●	●													
Partial Additions																					
Four Classrooms & Multipurpose Room									●												

● Proposed Improvements to be Addressed by 2023 Referendum ● Work Already Completed



Culbertson Elementary 97 Years Old



Cunningham Elementary 85 Years Old



Dirksen Junior High 52 Years Old



Eisenhower Academy 58 Years Old



Farragut Elementary 107 Years Old



Forest Park Individual Education 111 Years Old



Gompers Junior High 64 Years Old



Hufford Junior High 66 Years Old



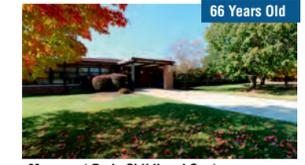
Jefferson Elementary 54 Years Old



Keith Elementary 67 Years Old



Marshall Elementary 98 Years Old



Marycrest Early Childhood Center 66 Years Old



Pershing Elementary 73 Years Old



Sanchez Elementary 19 Years Old



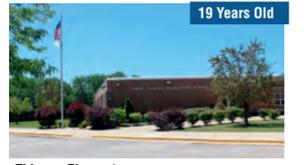
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Woodland Elementary 53 Years Old



FACILITY PLANNING UPDATE

Joliet Public Schools Seeks to Address Districtwide School Building Upgrades, Without Increasing the Current Tax Rate.

Why is Joliet Public Schools District 86 considering placing a bond referendum on the April 2023 ballot?

District 86 seeks to protect and improve its 21 school buildings. The improvements would help address the District's highest priority facility needs to create safer, healthier, and more functional learning spaces, alleviate overcrowding at certain schools, and extend the useful life of existing facilities.

What is the total cost of the proposed improvements?

The District anticipates borrowing \$99.5 million through a bond issue.

If the District plans to borrow additional funds, why would the tax rate stay the same?

Because the District has debt expiring, the proposed financing would not result in an increase in the current tax rate. In fact, by 2030, the tax rate would go down.

Which schools would benefit from the proposed improvements?

All 21 schools in the District would benefit from the planned improvements. Funds from an approved referendum would be used to replace Hufford and Gompers Junior High Schools, add four classrooms and a multipurpose room at Jefferson Elementary School, and make pressing repairs and upgrades districtwide.

“ District 86’s school buildings, most of which are more than 50 years old, are in need of major repairs and renovations. Fortunately, with debt expiring soon, the proposed improvements can be addressed without increasing the current tax rate. ”

– Erick Deshaun Dorris
President, Board of School Inspectors
Joliet Public Schools District 86

INSIDE...

- ▶ Facts about District 86’s proposed referendum
- ▶ Overview of proposed improvements to all 21 District schools
- ▶ Anticipated benefits for students and the community
- ▶ Opportunities to provide input on the funding proposal



Why build two new junior high schools instead of renovating them?

Hufford and Gompers Junior High Schools are both more than 60 years old and face many facility challenges. Outside facility engineers have determined it would be more cost-effective to replace the two schools on their existing sites than to sink more money into restoring them. In addition, a lack of space at Hufford Junior High School has long been an issue, with some students being displaced to modular classrooms for the past two decades. These temporary structures have reached the end of their useful life and pose many safety and security challenges.

Would the new junior high schools be located on their existing sites?

Yes. The plan calls for the new junior high schools to be built immediately across from the existing schools on the same sites. After the new schools are built the old schools would be demolished and new ballfields developed. This approach would minimize disruption of day-to-day operations at each school.

How old are the District's school buildings?

The District's 21 schools range in age from 11 to 111 years old, with the majority of them between 50 and 99 years old. The District has worked hard to properly maintain the schools and allocate taxpayer dollars responsibly. However, many critical facility repairs are needed to extend the life of the buildings and ensure the continued health, safety, and security of the District's students, staff, and teachers.

When is the last time voters in District 86 approved funding for building improvements?

The last time voters in District 86 approved funding for building improvements was more than 20 years ago, proceeds of which were used to fund Sanchez and Thigpen Elementary Schools. Prior to that, the District had not built a new school in more than 30 years.

What oversight would be in place if the referendum were approved?

All spending from a voter-approved referendum, as well as timely project updates, would be publicly shared on District 86's website at www.joliet86.org. There would also be community information meetings held at various times throughout the process where updates would be presented and questions would be answered.

When will a final decision be made regarding pursuit of a referendum?

In January 2023, the Board of Education will decide whether or not to place a bond referendum on the April 4, 2023 ballot.

How can residents learn more about the funding proposal and provide their thoughts and recommendations?

Several public information meetings will be held, with times and locations posted at www.joliet86.org. A public opinion survey will also be mailed to every registered voter household to gather residents' feedback and listen to the community's voice before finalizing a referendum request.

Community Information Meetings & Tours

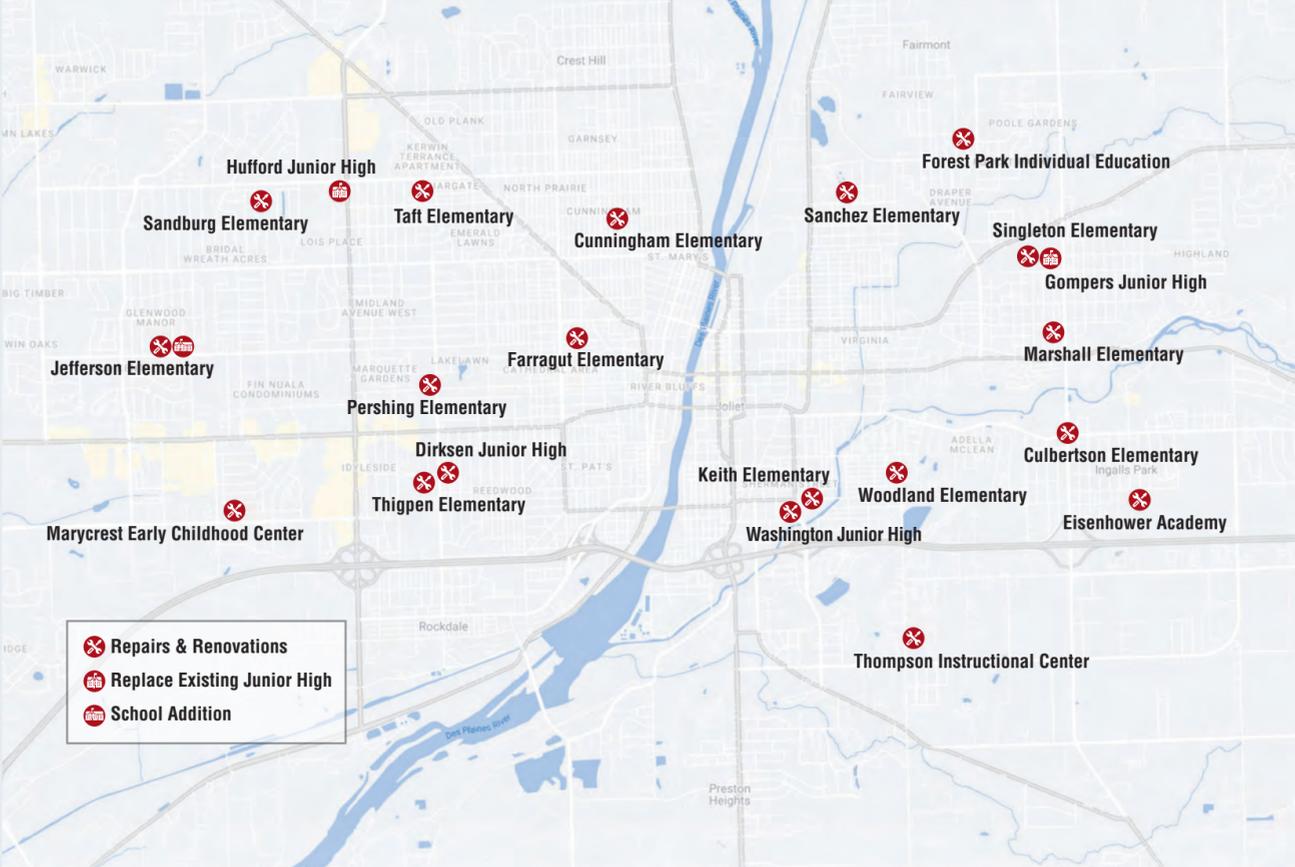
Monday, December 12, 2022, 6:00pm
Gompers Junior High School
1501 Copperfield Avenue

Tuesday, December 13, 2022, 6:00pm
Hufford Junior High School
1125 North Larkin Avenue

Benefits of the Proposed Referendum

There are many anticipated benefits of the proposed facility improvements:

-  Improving safety and security
-  Extending the useful life of existing facilities
-  Improving indoor air quality and comfort level
-  Enhancing instructional technology
-  Improving accessibility for students, staff, and visitors
-  Addressing overcrowding and improving educational outcomes
-  Enhancing energy efficiency
-  Attracting and retaining quality teachers
-  Protecting property values



ADDITION TO JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Jefferson Elementary School was built 54 years ago and faces many design-related challenges. The current classrooms are too small. They limit student collaboration opportunities and do not allow for teachers to have desks within the classrooms. Additionally, the gym has inadequate space to accommodate sports or proper physical education programming. Adding four new classrooms, creating a new multipurpose room, and reconfiguring existing classroom spaces would help solve these issues.

REPLACEMENT OF TWO AGING JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS



Conceptual Rendering of New Hufford Junior High School

The plan calls for "twin" junior high school buildings. One on the east side and one on the west side of District 86.



Conceptual Rendering of New Gompers Junior High School

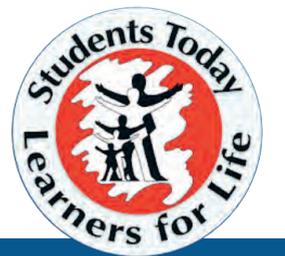
REPLACE HUFFORD JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL ON SAME SITE

Hufford Junior High School was built 66 years ago and no longer meets the needs of today's students. Due to a lack of space, two modular classrooms have been in use for the past 20 years. However, these units have reached the end of their useful life. Additionally, having classrooms detached from the main building creates many safety and security concerns. Building a new school would address the population overflow and help create a more healthy, safe, and secure environment for all students.

REPLACE GOMPERS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL ON SAME SITE

The 64-year-old Gompers Junior High School has reached the end of its useful life. It has been determined that replacing the school makes greater economic sense than trying to repair, renovate, and reconfigure the school. Similar to Hufford Junior High School, the plan calls for the new school to be built directly across from the existing school. Once complete, the old school would be demolished, making way for new ballfields.

JOLIET PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT 86



The average age of District 86's schools is 68.



All 21 of District 86's schools would benefit.



Only the highest priority facility needs are part of the plan.



The building improvements can be done WITHOUT increasing the current tax rate.