

\$0 Tax Increase Referendum

**Bristol School District #1**  
**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS CONCERNING BRISTOL'S REFERENDUM**  
**for the 2 April, 2013 General Election**

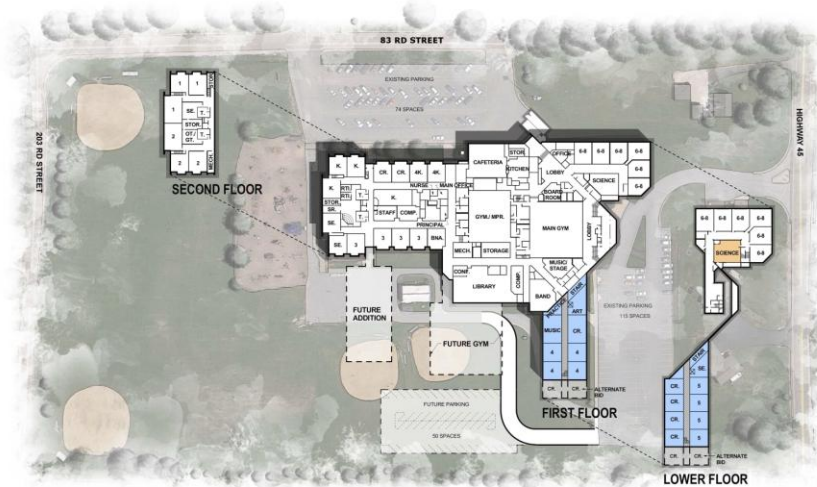
**OVERVIEW:**

The Bristol School District is seeking approval for a \$5.3 million building project referendum on the April 2 ballot. The \$5.3 million budget for the project will add 14-18 new classrooms, a new music room, new art room and special education spaces and conversion of the existing art classroom into a science classroom. Also included is the remodeling of the restrooms in the West building.



**How will the Bristol School Referendum impact my Property Taxes?**

If the referendum passes, tax bills for taxpayers in the district will remain unchanged or be slightly reduced depending on interest rates. By refinancing the 1994 referendum bonds, taxpayers have saved over \$144,000 in interest and will retire those bonds a year early, in 2013. Current principal and interest bond service is approximately \$390,000 annually. With passage of the referendum, payments will be approximately \$384,000 annually, commencing in 2014.



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**Why a Referendum to Expand Bristol School at this Time?**

Our available building space has been taxed to its absolute limit in recent years by the combined pressures of the addition of our 4K programs, growing population and our continued increase in open enrollment. Newly mandated programs also require additional, currently unavailable classroom space.

In 1996, there were approximately 500 students at Bristol. We expanded the school at that time to accommodate approximately 700. We currently enjoy 715 students and are expecting to continue to grow.

Additionally, Bristol School is retiring its 1994 debt this year (1 year ahead of schedule), which will allow financing of the proposed project without a tax increase. Interest rates in the 3% range make it a very favorable time to invest in our school's infrastructure, assuring a continuing quality education for Bristol residents.

### What are some specific benefits of the additional spaces and renovations?

- More educational options in the 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades by providing flexible space.
- Move the art classroom to a central location in the building.
- The 1996 addition increased student capacity to 700+; student count is presently at 715 students.
- Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> are at 4 sections
- The existing Music room will be moved from the stage to new space in the addition.
- New practice rooms for music and band.
- Provide another room for science in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Add space to provide for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning environment.
- Extend the useful life of the entire building by 20 years.
- Space for additional State-mandated programs – each grade level needs 3 to 4 additional spaces for small groups involved in Response To Intervention (RTI) program



### What has been the process?

- All staff was interviewed and surveyed as to the deficiencies of the present building.
- All members of the district were surveyed.
- Five community meetings have been held to get input from Bristol taxpayers.
- Five different design concepts were developed with projected costs ranging from \$4 million to \$13.6 million.

### When will the Uline are TID be retired?

- Originally the TID would have been retired in 2017 or 18. Recently Pleasant Prairie extended the retirement date to 2022.
- The impact on the Bristol School District taxes would be approximately \$150,000,000 increase in EAV, which would drop the mil rate by 18-25%. This would effectively drop the taxes paid by a local tax payer for Bristol School District as well as Westosha Central.



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