



LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS: COMMUNITY FORUM

SEPTEMBER 2023





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AGENDA

Welcome!

Background Information

Budget / Funding

Review Schedule

Small Group Exercise

Large Group Exercise

Wrap Up / Next Steps





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THANK YOU, COMMUNITY!

2019 Bond Complete!

Middle School Renovation

New Soccer / Lacrosse Complex

Softball + Baseball Field Improvements

Gymnastics Safety Improvements at Unity HS

Kindergarten expansion and building
renovations at Alto ES

Every school had renovations and
improvements





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A lot of work has been accomplished in the previous bond, but there is more to do.

- LAS has been responsible stewards of the community's tax dollars
- Need modern safe and healthy educational spaces
- This is the next step in an intentional process to provide top notch facilities for your children





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We conducted a comprehensive Facility Assessment of Lowell's school facilities to identify district needs

ALTO ELEMENTARY ASSESSMENT SHEETS

	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	REPLACE	COMMENTS
ELECTRICAL					
Electrical Service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Exterior Lighting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Parking Lot Lighting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Distribution + Branch Panels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Emergency Lighting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Receptacles + Circuiting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Lighting Controls	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Public Address System	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Clock System	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Emergency Power	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Telephone Systems	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Fire Alarm System	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
TECHNOLOGY					
Main Distribution Frame + Independent Distribution Frame	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Projectors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Student Devices	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Teacher Devices	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Wireless System	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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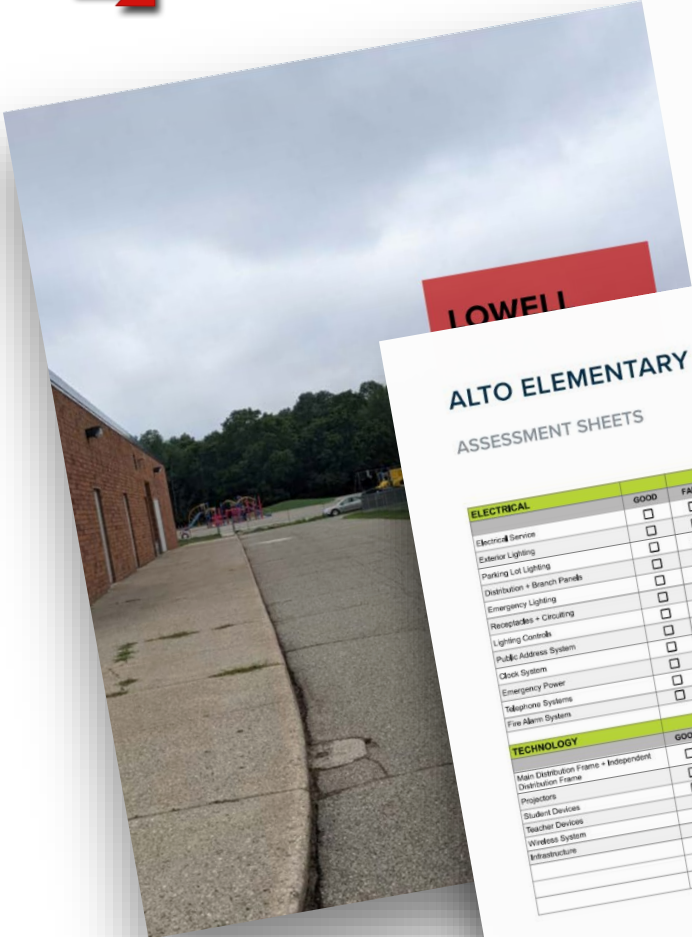
ALTO ELEMENTARY

ALTO ELEMENTARY PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Space	Description	Comments	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Budget
Replace						
PARKING LOTS	Drainage	Areas of bird-bath ponding south of building	2,500	sf	8	20,000
OUTDOOR ELEMENTS	Benches, Flagpole, Etc.	No benches or bike racks. Flagpole away from entry, but good location at road	1	ls	25,006	25,006
OUTDOOR ELEMENTS	Drainage	southside storm is connected to a dry well only needs to be connect to the storm	1	ls	16,671	16,671
OUTDOOR ELEMENTS	Surface / ADA Access	Doors have stoops	1	ls	83,352	83,352
OUTDOOR ELEMENTS	Equipment	Mostly new, some older swings should be replaced	2,500	sf	34	85,000
OUTDOOR ELEMENTS	Playground	No accessibility to play equipment. Does not meet a.d.a.	1	ea	166,800	166,800
ACCESSIBILITY	Building Entrances	RN: canopy allowance @ main entrance	790	sf	676	534,040
ACCESSIBILITY	Toilet Rooms	need ADA improvements and renovation. RN: Gang restrooms only	27,000	sf	34	918,000
BUILDING ENVELOPE	Roofing Membrane and Flashings	Some roofing to be completed under the sinking fund. Media center needs to be replaced	54	leaf	10,003	540,162
BUILDING ENVELOPE	Exterior Doors	replace many of the aluminum doors (especially the ones to the playground)	800	sf	376	300,800
FOOD SERVICE	Overall Kitchen Condition	evaluation needed - needs to be remodeled	1	ls	1,083,568	1,083,568
FOOD SERVICE	Kitchen Equipment	RN: All New FSE Allowance	250	sf	51	12,750
FOOD SERVICE	Toilet Rooms	Main toilet room.	2,425	sf	16	38,800
FLOORING	Media Center	replace mechanical unit. new carpet RN: New Carpet	3,316	sf	35	116,060
CEILING	Corridors	replace lighting and ceilings in approx. half of the bldg.	2,425	sf	35	84,875
CEILING	Media Center	Replace lights and ceiling	128	ea	3,335	426,880
DOORS + HARDWARE		Most doors and hardware to be replaced. RN: replace doors slabs and hardware. frames to remain				

ALTO ELEMENTARY PRELIMINARY BUDGET

PLUMBING	Sanitary System	Sanitary needs to be replaced from the main all the way to the media center.	400	sf	334	133,600
PLUMBING	Domestic Water Piping	domestic water piping in need of replacement.	50,500	sf	11	555,500
Poor						2,865,879
BUILDING ENVELOPE	Trim, Fascia, and Soffits	Fascia needs to be inspected for rot repaired and wrapped	600	sf	126	75,600
SAFETY + SECURITY	Security Camera	additional cameras needed	2,820	sf	32	90,240
FOOD SERVICE	Serving / Dining Areas	RN: Cafeteria Flooring & Paint	1	ls	33,341	33,341
FOOD SERVICE	Deliveries	needs improved access to deliveries	332	sf	26	8,632
FOOD SERVICE	Storage	RN: Shelving Allowance classrooms	8,000	sf	14	112,000
FLOORING	Classrooms	toilet rooms by media center need to be remodeled	228	sf	26	154,128
WALLS	Toilet Rooms	Could use new lights	4,100	sf	26	106,600
CEILING	Gymnasium	Could use new lights	2,820	sf	35	98,700
CEILING	Cafeteria	RN: ACT ceiling/clouds & replace lighting				
HVAC	Cooling Source and Condition	Aging equipment serving the east side of the school. The other 2/3 of the building has been renovated with Vertical Unit Ventilators	20,393	sf	59	1,203,167
HVAC	Cooling Pumps and Piping	Aging equipment serving the east side of the school. The other 2/3 of the building has been renovated with Vertical Unit Ventilators				See Cooling Source Above
HVAC	Ventilation	The east side of the building is served by older equipment that may meet the current ventilation requirements.				See Cooling Source Above
HVAC	Energy Efficiency	Older equipment in the east side of the building is less efficient.				See Cooling Source Above
HVAC	Room Level Terminal Equipment	Aging equipment serving the east side of the school. The AHU serving the Gym is aging. The other 2/3 of the building has been renovated	20,393	sf	17	346,675
HVAC	Building Management System / Controls	Replace controls in older portion of the building	50,500	sf	9	454,500
ELECTRICAL	Distribution + Branch Panels	Panels look to be original	60,765	sf	3	182,295
ELECTRICAL	Fire Alarm System	EST FACP RN: New system entire bldg				
Grand Total						8,007,743





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CURRENT NEEDS + POTENTIAL PROJECTS

Alto Elementary
m

\$6.5

- Renovation of older style classrooms. Site Improvements, New canopy, Mechanical upgrades, renovated kitchen, new playground equipment, roof replacement

Bushnell Elementary
m

\$6.7

- Mechanical + electrical replacements, new classroom finishes, new exterior doors. Roof edge and fascia repairs, repurposing old computer labs

Cherry Creek Elementary

\$28.8 m

- Major renovation of the entire school and site





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CURRENT NEEDS + POTENTIAL PROJECTS

Murray Lake Elementary

\$1.4 m

- New classroom and corridor finishes. Site drainage, mechanical upgrades

High School

\$28.9 m

- Band/ Orchestra/ Choir room renovations
Complete Mechanical+electrical replacements, new classroom and corridor finishes, new exterior doors. New furniture, Complete lighting replacement, upgraded security at classroom doors, site accessibility and safety improvements





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CURRENT NEEDS + POTENTIAL PROJECTS

Unity High School/TOTS/Admin \$5.6 m

- New classroom and corridor finishes, replace mechanical, new exterior doors and windows, replace ceilings and lights, classroom door security upgrades, restroom remodel for ADA compliance

Wittenbach Center \$129k

- New flooring, restroom renovations, mechanical updates

Transportation **revise** **value** \$1,014,086

- Restroom renovation for ADA compliance.





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CURRENT NEEDS + POTENTIAL PROJECTS

High Athletics:

\$3.7m

Renovations to concessions stands and press box including new finishes and flooring, new doors, and lighting.

- Stadium irrigation system and a new track surface.
 - Renovations to team building including new doors, restroom remodel, new mechanical systems, and interior finishes.
- replace this with a pic of the stadium and the pinks seats





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CURRENT NEEDS + POTENTIAL PROJECT SUMMARY

Alto Elementary

6,520,964

Bushnell Elementary

6,780,261

Cherry Creek Elementary

Murray Lake Elementary

High School

28,975,542

Unity High School/ TOTS/ Admin

Wittenbach Center

128,825

Transportation

\$

\$

\$ 28,860,0006

\$ 1,382,680

\$

\$ 5,592,101

\$

\$

Sinking Fund Projects

0.9766 mil pay as you go which generates \$1.1m in one year

Funds parking lots, roof replacements, security improvements, and technology infrastructure.

Up for a renewal in 2026

revise
number



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HOW SCHOOLS ARE FINANCED





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BOND FUNDING OPTIONS

Bond Funds Generated:	\$100 m
\$130 m	

Current Millage:	7.0 mils	7.0 mils
<u>Millage Increase:</u>	<u>0.0 mils</u>	<u>0.0 mils</u>
Total Millage:	7.0 mils	7.0 mils

Keeping bond below maximum gives more flexibility down the road to meet new needs that may arise

est. thru 2031

est. thru 2036

Cost increase per household:	\$0/yr
\$0/yr	

- Senior citizens and low income households can qualify for a property tax credit which can



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SERIES / BUDGET / FUNDING

Series 1 - 2024

\$32,791,081

Cherry Creek Elementary

\$28,860,006

High School Athletics

\$ 3,931,075

Series 2 - 2028

\$32,432,324

High School and Freshman Center

\$32,432,324

Series 3 - 2030

\$22,533,292

Alto Elementary

\$ 6,520,964

Bushnell Elementary

\$ 6,780,261

Murray Lake Elementary
add technology

\$ 1,382,680

Unity High School/ECC/Admin

\$

5,592,101



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SCHEDULE

	2023		2024	
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
Stakeholder Input Sessions + Surveys	09-18	10-10, 11-07		
Pre-Bond Campaign			May 7, 2024 Election Day	
Department of Treasury Meeting		12-15		



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SMALL GROUP EXERCISE

- Breakout into Groups of 3-4
- Identify what's important for the basic needs of the district





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1. Do you agree or disagree with the proposed recommendations?
 2. What do you think our students need to be successful?
 3. What additional information do you need?
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1. Do you think our community will support this plan?

- 10 minute discussion
- Select a Spokesperson and a recorder



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LARGE GROUP DISCUSSION

- Each Group Report Back on their Discussions
- Confirm Needs for the District





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NEXT STEPS

- Review / Analyze
Feedback from Today
- **Community Forum #2:**
Cherry Creek Cafeteria,
October 10 at 6:30pm
- **Community Forum #3:**
Middle School Cafeteria,
November 7 at 6:30pm





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