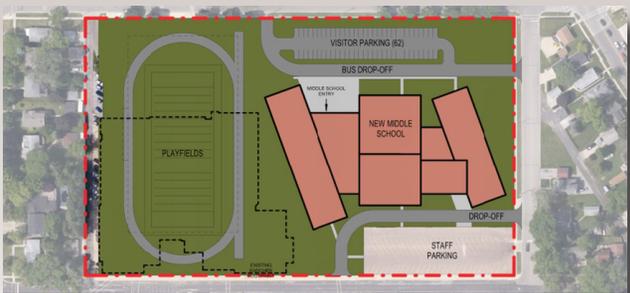
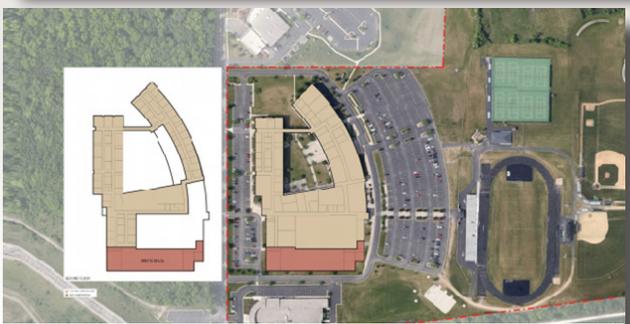


Burlington Area School District's strategic planning process identified the following goals:

- ▶ Provide **sound academic programs** at all levels to all students
- ▶ Provide **extracurricular opportunities** for all students
- ▶ Provide and maintain a **quality learning environment**
- ▶ Provide **necessary resources** to fund district initiatives
- ▶ Attract, retain and develop **outstanding employees** and demonstrate their excellence to the community



Proposed Karcher Middle School



Proposed Expanded Athletics Space



Proposed New Performing Arts Center

What is the Tax Impact?

The District is about to pay off the loans associated with building Winkler Elementary and Burlington High School as well as expanding/remodeling at Lyons and Karcher School. As a result, beginning in 2019, the debt portion of the school property tax bill will drop by \$112 for each \$100,000 of a home's value. This drop in loan payments gives the community an opportunity to borrow up to \$30 million in facility upgrades with no tax increase over the current level. Given this information and the historically low interest rates, the School Board believes this is a good time to consider updating our facilities.

	Q1 New Middle School & Other Improvements	Q2 Athletic Space	Q3 Performing Arts Center
Borrowing Amount	\$68.3M	\$11.7M	\$14.4M
Property Value \$100,000			
Per Month	\$10.25*	\$3.25**	\$3.92**
Per Year	\$123.00	\$39.00	\$47.00
Property Value \$200,000			
Per Month	\$20.50*	\$6.50**	\$7.83**
Per Year	\$246.00	\$78.00	\$94.00
Property Value \$300,000			
Per Month	\$30.75*	\$9.75**	\$11.75**
Per Year	\$369.00	\$117.00	\$141.00

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 20-year borrowing(s). Interest Rate: 3.75% to 4%

* The reduction in debt payments, that equates to \$112 per \$100,000 of a home's value, described above is reflected in this calculation.
 ** The reduction in debt payments, described above, is being applied to the Karcher Middle School Update Options. Therefore, the Athletics addition and Performing Arts Center would require additional debt and represent a higher tax impact.

Burlington Area School District Facts

- 2016-2017 District-wide enrollment is 3,105
- 16.3% of the students receive special education services
- 36.5% of the students served are classified as economically disadvantaged
- Burlington High School's graduation rate is 98%
- BHS's class of 2016 completed 16,026 service hours during high school
- The District operates 10 buildings (seven schools, district office, alternative high school, and PAC house)

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Replace Middle School & District-wide Infrastructure

Question #1

Fund a long-term solution for Karcher Middle School and many District-wide infrastructure improvements

Cost: **\$68.3 million** borrowed over **20 years**

- Invest \$59.3 million in a new, energy efficient, two-story middle school with demolition of old school
- Provide \$9 million toward District-wide maintenance
- Reconfigure entrances at Waller, Lyons, Dyer, and Cooper to better monitor visitor access
- Renovate some vacated spaces to modern, flexible learning spaces

Karcher Middle School

- The original section of Karcher, built in 1924, needs substantial repair. The building needs replacement of the heating, ventilation, mechanical and structural systems, flooring, ceilings, walls, doors, and windows.
- The building is not energy efficient. It costs twice as much to heat Karcher per square foot compared to the high school.
- It is problematic to meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and make entrances secure.
- The outdoor athletic facilities and traffic flow for buses and student pick up could be improved.
- Combining grades 5-8 in one building and having the Montessori program in one location would give students more continuity of program, and increase student affiliation with the school and its staff.

District-wide Infrastructure

- Space issues have placed vital instructional services in storage closets and former locker rooms.
- The District needs to rebalance the number of students to building capacity ratio.
- Converting Dyer into a fifth elementary school accommodates the District's space needs and keeps neighborhood schools.

Expanded Athletics Space

Question #2

Athletic spaces that adequately accommodate school-sponsored and community programs

Cost: **\$11.7 million** borrowed over **20 years**

- Adds a three-station auxiliary gym for physical education classes, school-sponsored sports teams, community-based youth athletes, and community events
- Dedicated space for wrestling and gymnastics programs
- Weight room and training room for all athletes
- Locker rooms and coaches' offices
- Youth sports and community programs continue to grow with the District accommodating approximately 1,000 space requests annually.
- The number of activities taking place in District buildings creates scheduling challenges causing youth practices to go late into the evening on weeknights.
- The tear down and set up for school and community events creates logistical challenges.
- The high school wrestling team lost its dedicated gym when the high school was built in 2000. Since then, mats need to be rolled out, washed, and rolled back up for every practice adding hours of additional labor.
- The gymnastics program doesn't have adequate space to meet its needs. Located in the old gym at Karcher, there is limited for spectators; it is not ADA accessible; and gymnasts have to start their run back in a locker room to build enough speed for the vault.
- The athletic facilities are assets to the community. To continue open use of the facilities and the District's commitment to community, more space is needed.

New Performing Arts Center

Question #3

A Performing Arts Center to dedicate a larger space specifically designed for performances

Cost: **\$14.4 million** borrowed over **20 years**

- A new performance venue with an expanded stage, orchestra pit, and a 750-seat theater
- Enhanced audio/visual technology that improves lighting and sound, as well as a projection room
- Dressing and make-up rooms to support the behind-the-scenes preparations for shows, as well as costume, uniform, and choir robe storage
- Appropriate space for set design and construction as well as storage of building materials
- The current high school auditorium, which seats 400, functions best as a large group instructional space. The auditorium was not designed for performing arts and lacks auxiliary services that are needed for the performances that Burlington now hosts.
- To accommodate as many programs as possible, several programs need to disassemble their sets to allow other groups to use the space.
- There is no space for designing scenery and storing equipment which limits the capabilities of stage crew in set design and costume work.
- There is a need for larger capacity as the musical sells out and many concerts are standing room only.
- A performing arts center would expand the number of events Burlington hosts.
- The District has a commitment to its theater, choral, orchestra, band, and other performance-based activities and could enhance opportunities.



Meet the Needs of all Students



Continue Commitment to the Community



Address Aging Buildings & Infrastructure



Improve Safety & Security