



Referendum Fast Facts

Serving You Today and Tomorrow



MEETS THE NEEDS OF ALL STUDENTS

Burlington Area School District serves 3105 students with a variety of programs that meet each learner's unique needs.

Appropriate space is essential for required services (reading and math interventions, physical therapy, health services, etc.) that did not exist in the past.

The District seeks to build on the success of its students both in the classroom and beyond by minimizing the number of transitions between schools and expanding educational opportunities.



CONTINUE COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY

The District wants to be responsive to the feedback gathered from the community during the facility planning process.

We heard a need for quality learning environments and more adequate spaces for academic and extracurricular programs. There is a desire to expand partnerships and opportunities that benefit the whole community.

Strong schools strengthen the community.



ADDRESS AGING BUILDINGS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Key building systems in Karcher Middle School are reaching the end of their useful lives and a long-term solution is needed to increase efficiency.

All schools, three that are nearly 60 years old, have significant maintenance needs. Some schools have placed vital instructional services in storage closets and locker rooms.



IMPROVE SAFETY AND SECURITY

To meet today's safety standards, all schools need to properly view and control front entrances.

Updated lighting and other maintenance will improve safety.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance standards could be better met.

KEY POINTS:

- The election takes place Tuesday, April 4, 2017.
- A new Karcher Middle School would be built on the Karcher Middle School site to accommodate grades 5-8. Planning to date places the Montessori program at Karcher Middle School.
- Upon students occupying the new building, the former Karcher Middle School would be demolished.
- Question 1 asks for funds to update District-wide building infrastructure and security.
- Montessori program would be consolidated to one location (currently at both Cooper Elementary and Dyer Intermediate School).
- Additional athletic space and a new performing arts center would alleviate scheduling pressure from school and community events.
- Moving grades 5-8 to Karcher Middle School would open Dyer Intermediate School to become a fifth elementary school to rebalance the number of students with building capacity. No neighborhood elementary schools would be closed.

REFERENDUM QUESTIONS for the April 4, 2017 Ballot:

QUESTION NUMBER 1

Shall the Burlington Area School District, Racine, Kenosha and Walworth Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$68,300,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school building and improvement program consisting of: the construction and equipping of a new middle school on the Karcher Middle School site; and District-wide building and infrastructure improvements?

QUESTION NUMBER 2

Shall the Burlington Area School District, Racine, Kenosha and Walworth Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$11,700,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of the construction and equipping of an additional gymnasium and athletic space at the High School?

QUESTION NUMBER 3

Shall the Burlington Area School District, Racine, Kenosha and Walworth Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$14,400,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of the construction and equipping of a new performing arts center?

Questions about the referendum?

*Use the "Facilities Referendum Question or Comment" link
on the District's referendum webpage - www.basd.k12.wi.us/referendum2017.cfm.*

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