



Middle School Transformation at BCPS: Bond Information Sheet

Great things are on the horizon for the middle school experience at BCPS! Thank you for your support in helping spread the word about all that's in the works for Northwestern Middle School to become an immersive visual and performing arts academy, and for building upgrades at Springfield Middle School as it continues its transformation into a service learning school experience.

We want your help to get the word out to our community and get our families, friends, coworkers and neighbors excited about the middle school transformation and how it will benefit us all. This info sheet contains additional details and resources you can use in conversations throughout the community.

Thank you for believing in the change!

BOND MEASURE DETAILS

\$44.8 million bond measure:

- Approximately \$32.4 million would go toward funding Northwestern renovations and additions.
- Approximately \$12.4 million would go toward funding Springfield renovations.

The cost to taxpayers:

- For every \$1,000 of Home Taxable Value, it would cost \$1.51 per year, or less than \$6.50/month for a family with a \$100,000 home.



For **less than the cost of one meal from a fast food restaurant** each month, you can help solidify a successful future for our students and our community!

KEY DATES

- **Election Day**
Tuesday, May 4
- **Construction Begins***
Winter 2021 (schools to remain open during construction)
- **Grand Reopening***
Fall 2024 (tentative goal)

Check bcps.me/bond2021 for updates.

TALKING POINTS:

How the Bond Measure Will Transform BCPS

Northwestern Middle School

- **Northwestern will become a K-8 visual and performing arts academy.** Students will have more opportunities to embrace their creativity while exploring the arts.
- Moving to a **K-8 model will provide increased stability** by enabling students to maintain strong and trusting relationships with educators long term.
- A **rich arts educational experience** for students will include community performances, community arts and community involvement.
- **Renovations at Northwestern** will include updates to roofing, windows, doors, lighting, HVAC systems, facilities, security and fire safety.
- **New construction at Northwestern** will include studios and labs for visual and performing arts, elementary classrooms, restrooms, playground additions, auditorium renovations, support spaces and more.
- **Northwestern's pool will remain in place,** leaving open opportunities for swimming lessons and more!

Springfield Middle School

- **Springfield will continue its transformation into a service learning school,** providing a high-quality education that prepares students for success in college, careers and our community.
- Service learning will help students create **stronger connections with their community,** develop **communication and problem-solving skills,** promote **empathy** and **help students feel like they belong.**
- **Renovations at Springfield** will include updates and upgrades to roofing, windows, doors, lighting, HVAC systems, facilities and security.

Great for Our Community

- **Great schools are the foundation of vibrant, thriving communities** and have a huge impact on the local economy.
 - Great schools are vital to **strong local property values.**
 - They **prepare the future workforce** and increase workers' spending power.
- Quality education and thriving schools **bring more businesses to the community.** We have already seen business leaders exploring relocation to Battle Creek who have expressed excitement to collaborate with Career Academies at Battle Creek Central.

Continuing The Success In BCPS

- Since the district transformation began, BCPS has greatly expanded offerings across all grade levels to bring families back and attract new families to our community, **some of our accomplishments so far include:**
 - New curricula and programming
 - Expanded individualized education
 - Two new magnet schools
 - BCCHS Career Academies
 - Increased teacher support and compensation
 - Double-digit gains in kindergarten readiness
- **BCPS wants to continue its success by transforming the middle school experience,** propelling into the next phase of transformation.

Ways to Get Involved

- **Go to bcps.me/bond2021 to learn more** about the middle school transformation bond measure and fill out a form to get involved.
- There will be upcoming opportunities to participate in **surveys or small focus groups** and to potentially **join one of the district's bond measure subcommittees.**