



Hinsdale Middle School Referendum • November 8, 2016 Election

HMS Project Changes from the March 2016 Referendum to the November 2016 Referendum

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On the ballot with the November 8, 2016 General (Presidential) Election will be a question put forth to District 181 voters seeking authorization to sell up to \$53,329,194 in bonds for the purpose of building a new school that would replace Hinsdale Middle School. This will be the second referendum attempt for a new HMS. The first referendum, presented in the March 2016 election, was defeated by a vote of approximately 56% to 44% and sought authorization to sell up to \$65 million in bonds. Thanks to the clear and comprehensive feedback of our D181 community following that referendum's defeat, we were able to develop a revised proposal that took into account the data from 500 phone survey respondents, over 1,500 online survey respondents, conversations with the HMS staff and Board members, input from those who attended our engagement events, and best practices in education design and school construction.

How did the design and proposal change from March 2016 to November 2016?

- We reduced the cost from the prior proposal, from \$65 million to \$53,329,194. This represents a reduction of more than 17% (\$11,670,806).
- We selected a new preferred scenario for the sale of bonds, should the referendum be approved.
- We eliminated the auditorium in the design and instead have a cafetorium (cafeteria with stage / performance space). The new design allows for the potential future addition of auditorium seating should there be a desire and funding to add it at a later time.
- We reduced the overall footprint from 160,000 square feet to 139,000 square feet.
- We reconsidered all internal spaces and compared them against our recently adopted District space planning guidelines.
- We reduced one choral space to match the current number of choral spaces at HMS.
- We reduced the number of core classrooms from 38 to 34; every core teacher still has his/her own classroom.
- We eliminated artificial turf from the design and instead will re-seed / re-sod the Washington Street field with grass.
- The P.E. indoor running track will be bid as an alternate, meaning that it will be included only if project bids come in low enough for the track to be included and be within the project budget.

The overall height of the building is still eight feet lower than the current building, and the three-story sections of the design are purposefully on the downtown (north) side of the building. The residential (south) side of the building is primarily only two stories.

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