



Growing Stronger For Sioux Falls

***A community discussion on increasing enrollment
in the Sioux Falls School District***

Current Reality: “The Why”



- Since 1990, District enrollment has grown from 15,132 to 23,957; +8,825 students or 58%.
- By 2023, enrollment will increase to nearly 25,000 students
- Many buildings are already at, or approaching, capacity
- The last high school built (WHS) opened 25 years ago - 1992

Phases of the Process



Approved
February
2017



Strategic Plan

Priority 4: Community Engagement

Engage community in dialogue about enrollment trends

The District will further engage the community about enrollment trends and their potential impact on facilities. This engagement will occur as a part of the focus groups and town hall/community meetings described above. Additionally, the District will take steps to educate the public on facility needs.

Phases of the Process



**August
2017**

**Sept-Dec
2017**

**Jan-Mar
2018**

**April-May
2018**

**June-July
2018**

**September 18,
2018**

Kick Off

1. Learn

**2. Gather
Feedback**

**3. Develop
Options**

**4. Board
Decision**

5. Action

Board discusses/
approves
process

Enrollment
and Facilities
Info

Community
Engagement

Task Force

Survey &
Scope of
Project

Vote

Phase 1: Learn



- What we learned about enrollment and facilities
 - Discovery and Pettigrew Elementary Schools have 900 students
 - 2,300 students at Roosevelt, which was built for 1,800
 - 1,300 students at Memorial, which was built for 1,000
 - City of Sioux Falls indicates future growth coming in Northwest and Southeast
 - Any solution requires redrawing attendance boundaries
 - SFSD facilities are well-maintained but will require upkeep in the coming years

Enrollment



Enrollment



Key enrollment metrics:

Current middle school enrollment compared to current K-2

- +478 K-2

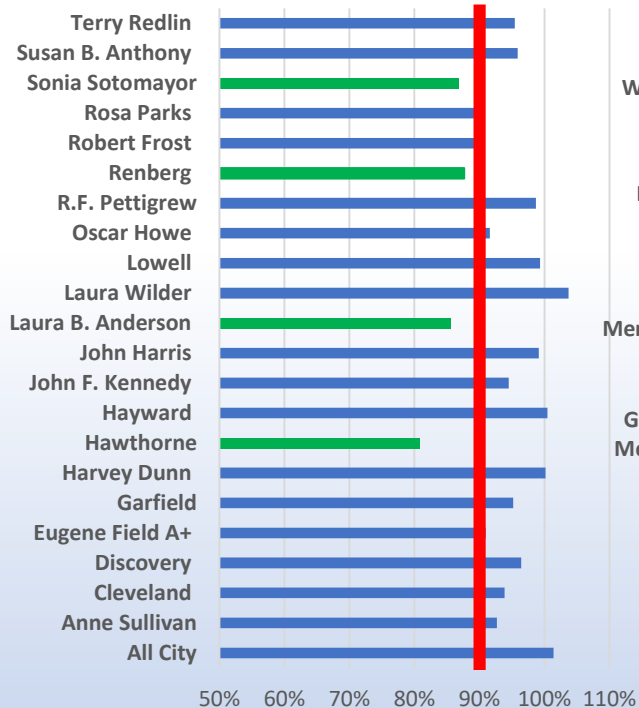
Current high school enrollment compared to current K-3

- +1,144 K-3

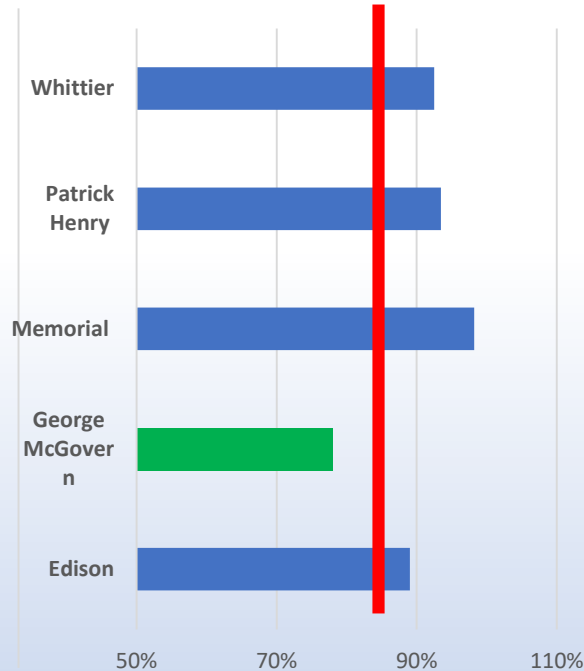
Facilities Facts



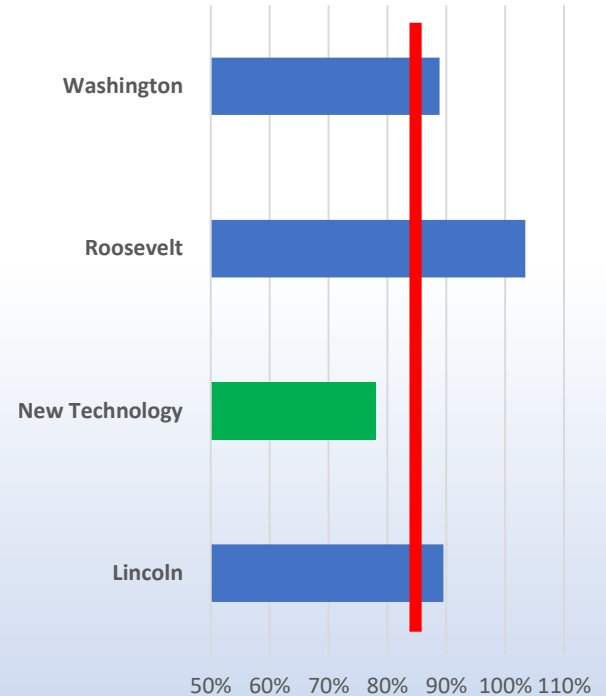
Elementary School Utilization Rate



Middle School Utilization Rate



High School Utilization Rate



Phase 2: Gather Feedback



Phase 3: Developing Options



1. Received input at Community Engagement Sessions
2. Facilities Task Force Created
3. Options Developed and Community Survey Launched
4. Recommendations Made to the Board of Education



Task Force Recommendations



➤ **New high school** should be constructed

- Build on northwest side.
- Open in 2021, if possible, or 2022.
- Maintain the District's north to south boundaries to provide balanced student demographic populations.
- Sanford Health land should be considered to determine if location is appropriate for a new high school.

➤ **New middle school** should be constructed

- Build on southeast side.
- Open in 2021, if possible, or 2022.

➤ **New elementary school** should be constructed

- Open by 2024.

Task Force Recommendations



- **Address equity needs** across the district
- The board should begin to prepare for the eventual **replacement of Whittier Middle School** through land acquisition at the existing location staying committed to the core.
- The school board should use a robust and transparent engagement effort, similar to the one the task force used, to **establish new school boundaries** within the district.

Task Force Recommendations



➤ Financing Recommendation

- The total amount the board should spend on all of the projects is **\$190 million**.
- The resulting bond levy should be partially **offset with a reduction** in the current capital outlay fund levy.
- The combined bond and capital outlay levy should not exceed **\$3.00**.

Task Force Recommendations



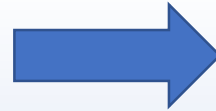
- Cap of \$3 on levy means a net increase of **\$.13 per \$1,000 of taxable value.**

The approximate annual tax increase
on the median priced home in Sioux Falls
(\$185,000 taxable valuation)
would be **\$.24 per year or \$2 per month.**

Bond Referendum Impact on District Levies



SFSD Levies			
	Current	Proposed	+/-
Gen Fund	\$ 3.37	\$ 3.37	\$ -
Opt Out	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.57	\$ -
Sped	\$ 1.46	\$ 1.46	\$ -
Cap Outlay	\$ 2.87	\$ 2.12	\$(0.75)
Bond	\$ -	\$ 0.88	\$ 0.88
	\$ 8.27	\$ 8.40	\$ 0.13



Other District Current Levies	
Harrisburg	\$ 11.66
Tea	\$ 11.14
Garretson	\$ 10.97
Baltic	\$ 9.84
Brandon Valley	\$ 9.35
Dell Rapids	\$ 9.18
Lennox	\$ 8.83
West Central	\$ 8.76
Tri-Vally	\$ 8.47
Sioux Falls	\$ 8.40
Canton	\$ 8.30

District's Tax Track Record



PROPERTY TAX FACTS

16 years of increases on a real house in southwest Sioux Falls

	2002		2018		Increase/(Decrease)		Percent Change	
	Full & True	Taxable	Full & True	Taxable	Full & True	Taxable	16 Year	Annual
Taxable Valuation	\$ 115,951	\$ 106,211	\$ 167,109	\$ 154,409	\$ 51,158	\$ 48,198	45.4%	2.4%
Government	Mil Rate	Taxes	Mil Rate	Taxes	Mil Rate	Taxes	16 Year	Annual
SF Schools	10.880	\$ 1,155.58	8.278	\$ 1,278.20	\$ (2.60)	\$ 122.62	10.6%	0.6%
SF City	4.540	482.20	4.646	717.38	0.106	235.19	48.8%	2.5%
Minn County	2.796	296.97	3.514	542.59	0.718	245.63	82.7%	3.8%
Total	18.216	1,934.740	16.438	2,538.175	(1.778)	603.436	31.2%	1.7%

Phase 4: Board Decision



1. Board reviews Task Force Recommendations & survey info
2. Decides on best option to meet the needs of the District and community
3. Sets bond amount



Phase 5: Action



1. Bond Referendum needed due to
 - A. Capital Outlay limitations imposed by 2016 legislature
 - B. Desire for community approval
2. Community vote likely (decided July 23)
 - 60% voter approval required





School Bond Referendums In Competing Communities

	<u>Home Value</u>	<u>Monthly Impact Home</u>	<u>Annual Impact Home</u>	<u>Current School Taxes</u>	<u>New School Taxes</u>	<u>% Increase</u>	<u>New Tax Levy</u>
Iowa City-\$192 million Sept 2017	\$ 100,000	\$ 4.25	\$ 51.05	\$ 728	\$ 779	7.0%	\$ 7.79
Omaha Ne-\$421 million Nov 2014	\$ 100,000	\$ 5.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,260	5.0%	\$ 12.60
Omaha Ne-\$410 million May 2018	\$ 100,000	\$ 5.83	\$ 70.00	\$ 1,260	\$ 1,330	5.6%	\$ 13.30
Lincoln, Ne-\$153 million Feb 2014	\$ 100,000	\$ 3.50	\$ 42.00	\$ 1,214	\$ 1,256	3.5%	\$ 12.56
Sioux Falls Proposed-\$190 million	\$ 100,000	\$ 1.08	\$ 13.00	\$ 827	\$ 840	1.6%	\$ 8.40

September 18, 2018

VOTE