

# April 7 School Referendum

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## The New Unit 4 Referendum Plan

### New Central High School - \$94.5 Million

- New 21st Century high school.
- New school will accommodate a student population of 1,700.
- Facility will feature collaborative learning spaces, Career & Technical Education programs, new science labs, and more.
- Cost reduction from November proposal of \$4 million.

### Centennial High School - \$18.5 Million

- Expansion of the current Centennial facility to accommodate a student population of 1,700.
- Additional classroom spaces would include Career & Technical Education, new STEM labs, and collaborative learning areas.
- Renovations to the Centennial facility would take place in 2025 when funds from the 1% sales tax (an existing revenue stream) become available.

### Dr. Howard Elementary School - \$15 Million

- New 21st Century elementary school facility.
- Comparable to recent elementary school construction and renovation projects within the District.
- New school would better utilize the space available at the current school site.
- Three-strand elementary school, accommodating approximately 425 students.

### Existing Central High School - \$16 million

- Targeted renovations of this existing facility to accommodate the consolidation of the Mellon Administrative Center, Family Information Center, Novak Academy, the ACTIONS program, and the new Midwest Entrepreneurship Center.
- New HVAC system.
- Consolidation into this facility lowers administrative operational costs.

**Total Cost: \$144 Million**

### Estimated Cost to Homeowners

Annual cost for a home with a \$100,000 Estimated Fair Cash Value: \$117.53

Monthly cost for a home with a \$100,000 Estimated Fair Cash Value: \$9.79

### How is this plan different from the plan brought forward in November 2014?

The new referendum plan features reduced costs for the Central High School project and a change in the scope of the Centennial High School project to include additions only. The plan also now includes a new Dr. Howard Elementary School and renovations at the existing Central High School facility that allow for the consolidation of existing programs and District administrative functions.

### Why is the Board of Education bringing forward this plan instead?

The Board of Education believes this plan meets our District's facility needs while lessening the burden on taxpayers, tackling more projects on the District's master facility plan, addressing the immediate facility needs of Dr. Howard, creating a sustainable long-term plan for the current Central High School, and bringing down the District's operational costs.

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