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### Westosha Central Holds Informational Meeting on April 6 Referendum

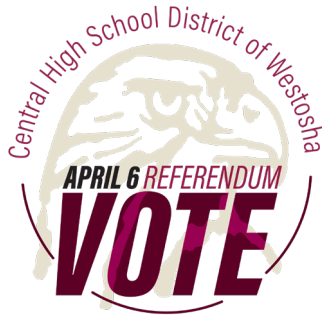
**SALEM, WI** – On February 22, 2021, the Central High School District of Westosha held a public informational meeting about its upcoming April 6 referendum. Community members joined in person at Westosha Central High School, while some joined virtually by viewing a live stream. The meeting began with District representatives providing an overview of the District's facility planning process, needs, proposed solution, and the cost to taxpayers.

Following the presentation, attendees were able to ask questions, as well as submit additional feedback and comments. Optional, socially distanced tours were also available for those that wished to see the current high school facility and the spaces that would be improved, should the referendum be approved by voters.

District Administrator John Gendron commented, "We have facilitated four community outreaches that have included informational meetings at Central and at our K-8 feeder schools. We have ten more outreaches scheduled in the coming weeks, which will include our remaining K-8 districts and local town/village meetings. Stakeholders have appreciated the information, comprehensiveness of the plan, and the focus on student learning, collaboration, and opportunities for students. I look forward to continuing to share the needs of the district while explaining the plan, fiscal impact, and how it impacts our students, staff, and community."

The District's April 6 referendum focuses on four key areas:

- **Enhance Safety & Security**
  - Modify the main entrance to better monitor and control visitor access; upgrade/add security cameras and exterior locks; and revise drop-off/pick-up traffic flow.
- **Upgrade Building Infrastructure**
  - Replace lighting, flooring, ceilings, and walls; remove asbestos; replace sections of roof; and update plumbing, heating/ventilation, and electrical systems that have exceeded their useful life.
- **Modernize Educational Spaces**
  - Create and renovate spaces to provide better access to technology, flexible furniture, small-group instruction spaces, and modern art, choir, and Family & Consumer Science areas.
- **Expand Activities & Performing Arts Areas**
  - Add a new gymnasium and cafeteria/commons and renovate the existing cafeteria to become an auditorium to support physical education, performing arts programs, and community events.



If voters approve the \$39,600,000 referendum for district-wide facility improvements, the estimated tax increase will be \$59 per \$100,000 of equalized property value for a period of 20 years.

The final public informational meeting will be held on Thursday, March 11, from 6:30-7:30 PM. Interested parents and community members are invited to attend in-person at the high school cafeteria, or virtually, to learn more and have their questions answered.

Community members can visit [www.myvote.wi.gov](http://www.myvote.wi.gov) to learn more about voter registration, how to request an absentee ballot, and where to vote. In-person absentee voting begins March 23. Check with your local municipal clerk for hours of operation.

For more information on the referendum, including Frequently Asked Questions, visit the District's website at [www.westosha.k12.wi.us/referendum](http://www.westosha.k12.wi.us/referendum). Questions can be directed to John Gendron, District Administrator, at 262.843.2321 ext. 222 or [gendronj@westosha.k12.wi.us](mailto:gendronj@westosha.k12.wi.us).

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