

Every Learner. Future Ready.

BOND DEVELOPMENT VALUES

The Promise

Fulfill a promise of educational excellence, ensuring every student is **future-ready**, and that the District meets ambitious achievement goals, effectively preparing students for post-graduation success.

Good Stewards

The District seeks to right-size its operations, **efficiently** manage financial resources and use savings to support further improvements and initiatives.

Transformative

Future-Forward
Facilities: Focus on
creating modern,
innovative facilities
that not only meet
current educational
standards but are
also designed to be
sustainable into the
future, enhancing both
student learning and
staff retention.

Pride in CRCSD

The goal is to bolster community pride and trust in the District, creating a positive and visible transformation that resonates widely, leading to a strengthened and more united Cedar Rapids.

Task Force Meeting Values

- Providing **Equity** and Opportunities while Removing Barriers
- Excellence in Education
- Supporting School Staff
- Providing **Modern** Facilities
- Serving the Community

BOND GOAL

Strategically invest in modern, sustainable facilities and optimize operations to enhance educational opportunities, address equity, and build a stronger community, all while preparing students for future success and ensuring efficient use of resources.

ENROLLMENT CHALLENGES ____

Low enrollment poses a challenge for the District. At the elementary & middle school levels, based on school capacity, **CRCSD** operates more buildings than it needs. The costs shown here are the average annual building operational costs at each level. Every year CRCSD spends approx. \$30M more than necessary to operate these buildings.

Average ES

1,860 Empty Seats at the Elementary School Level



= 437Average Capactiy







\$16.8 Mil

TOTAL

\$4.2 Mil \$4.2

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Average MS

1,640 Empty Seats at the Middle School Level



TOTAL

= 790Average
Capactiy





\$13.4 Mil

\$6.7 Mil

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KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL \$12M

NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL \$104M

MCKINLEY **RENOVATION** \$58.9M

WILSON RENOVATION \$35.7M

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IMPACT

Challenge: More buildings than needed.

Solution: Right-sizing the Elementary School Level.

Benefits: Operational savings allows money to be redirected for other facility needs.

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New Facilities: West Willow (Opened 2021) Maple Grove (Opened 2022) Trailside (Opened 2024) Harrison (Design Underway) Hamson (... Hoover (Design Underway) Van Buren (Design Underway) *Kenwood *Johnson *Erskii... *Pierce

Facilities to be Renovated:

Wilson (Convert to ES)

- *Hiawatha
- *Viola Gibson

Facilities to be Phased Out:

Madison (Merge with Harrison) Cedar River Academy (Move to Wilson)

Grant (Move to Wilson)

- *Nixon
- *Wright
- *Grant Wood

*FUTURE PROJECTS

MIDDLE SCHOOL IMPACT

Challenge: More buildings than needed; Four are historic buildings in the core of Cedar Rapids.

Solution: Right-sizing the Middle School Level while maintaining historic buildings.

Benefits: Modernizing several of the historic buildings; Recover operational costs to be redirected.

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Moving Wilson MS programming to Roosevelt MS

This allows Wilson MS to be modernized and renovated into an innovative elementary school.

Renovating and adding on to **McKinley**

This will allow Franklin MS to combine with McKinley. Franklin can be converted to serve Metro HS and the Transition Program.

New Middle School on the NE side

Replace Harding MS. This sets the stage for the development of a true MS to HS feeder system.

HIGH SCHOOL IMPACT

Challenge: Freshman Academy and other improvements at Kennedy are needed. Metro HS is one of the most inefficient buildings in the District's Inventory to operate.

Solution: Investment at Kennedy HS and moving the Metro HS programming to Franklin. Benefits: Continued investment in High Schools and recovering operational costs that can be redirected.

Approving these Bond Projects will allow for the right-sizing of the district by removing 6 facilities from the District Inventory. Additional projects savings in operational costs are projected to be \$128M over the next 20 years.

PROJECTED \$7M SAVED EACH YEAR

The projected savings allows these funds to be reinvested into the District.