

Central High School Expansion

A responsible long-term solution to enrollment growth
without raising the school tax rate

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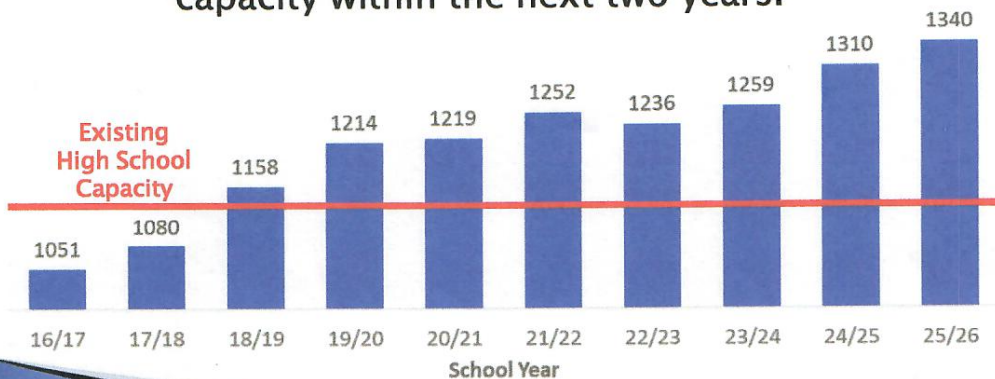
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District 301 Historical & Projected Growth

Enrollment at Central High School has been growing continuously and, even without any additional enrollment in our district, we will exceed building capacity within the next two years.



Funded Improvements Currently In Progress

- ▶ Phase 1 of the high school expansion will be paid for with district funds and will not impact property taxes
- ▶ Construction is expected to start in November 2016 and be completed in summer 2017

Phase 1 will serve as a connecting link to the Phase Two referendum project

Phase 1 - Upper Level

Funded Improvements Currently In Progress - Upper Level

Features:

- Six (6) New Classrooms, Featuring:
 - Music classroom
 - CAD classroom
 - Computer lab
 - Health classroom
 - Dance/Multi-Purpose room
- PE office
- Lobby area

Funded Improvements Currently In Progress - Lower Level

Features:

- Weight room
- Fitness center
- Training room
- Rocket Alumni Hall

Phase 1 - Lower Level

Why do we need Phase 2?

- ▶ **Will provide space for an estimated 15 years of student growth**
 - 2016-17 school year started with 53 more students (@ CHS) than last year
 - Current new construction projects and future slated projects indicate the student growth rate will continue
- ▶ **Provide 12 additional classrooms**
 - Greater access to general education and Advanced Placement (AP) classes
 - Expanded fine arts space alleviating overcrowding & allowing programs to grow
 - Enhanced technical classes for career and college bound students
 - Reduces teachers using carts (portable classrooms) thereby fostering an improved and consistent learning environment
 - Decreasing study hall class sizes from 120 to an appropriate number to encourage studying and learning
- ▶ **Air Conditioning for all CHS students provides an optimal learning environment**



Why do we need Phase 2-Cont'd

- ▶ **Improvements to the cafeteria**
 - Add a 3rd serving line will reduce waiting periods by up to 30%, providing more time to eat or consult with teachers; Students currently have less than 20 minutes to find a seat and eat
- ▶ **Provides for a fully equipped field house**
 - Improves opportunities for PE classes by reducing size and enhancing safety
 - Allows CHS athletes to practice on site instead of being bussed to other schools which wastes valuable time and money
 - Decreases safety issues for athletic teams who currently have to practice in hallways, commons, and without consistent equipment
 - Allows for less impact on our athletic feeder programs giving them more quality time for practices and games



**Phase Two
-Lower Level**

Features:

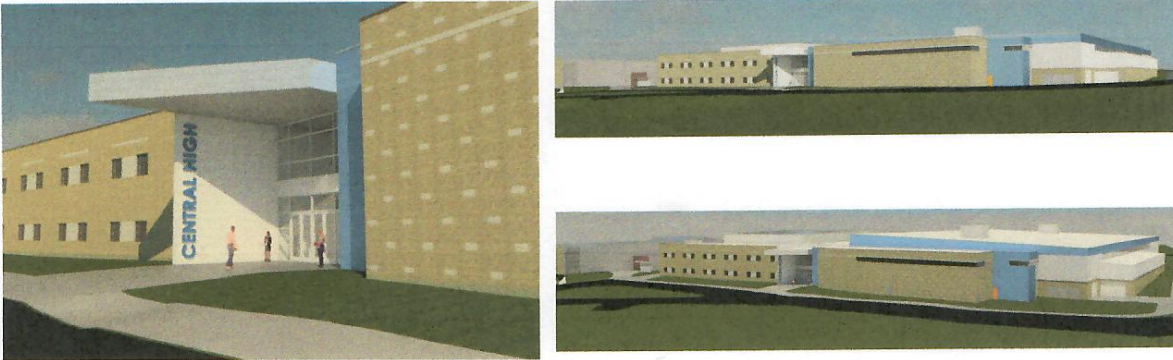
- Field house
- 6 additional classrooms
- Athletic storage
- Commons area

**Phase Two
-Upper Level**

Features:

- 6 additional classrooms
- Wrestling room
- Commons area

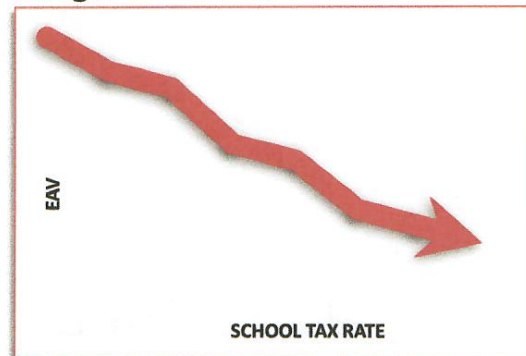
Central High School with Completed Phase 2



Phase 2 Facts

- ▶ The Phase 2 improvements will require a \$22 million referendum
- ▶ The total tax rate for District 301 has been dropping, and is expected to continue to drop in the coming years, due to existing bonds being paid off, steady new construction and the equalized assessed value (EAV) in our district

Higher EAV means lower tax rates

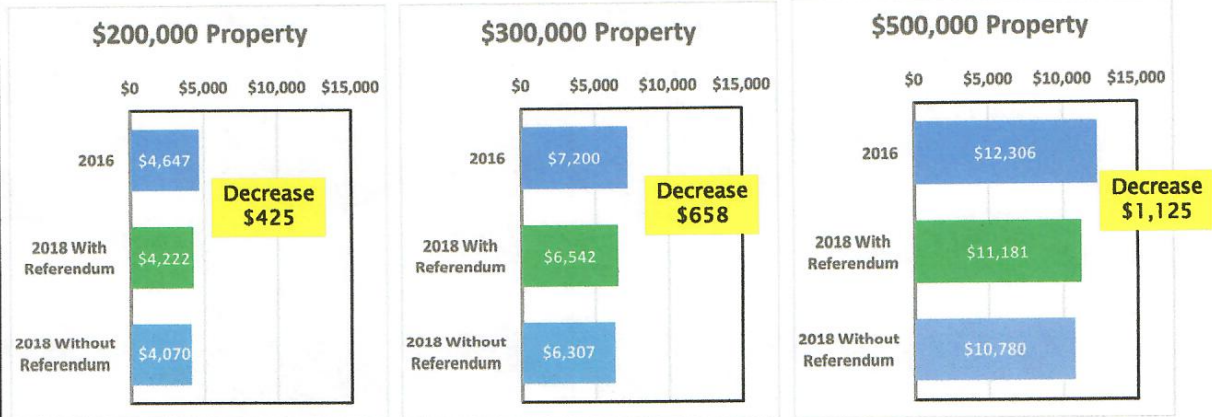


Even with a referendum
the school tax rate would decrease

- just school portion
of your taxes 10/5/2016

Funding the Expansion

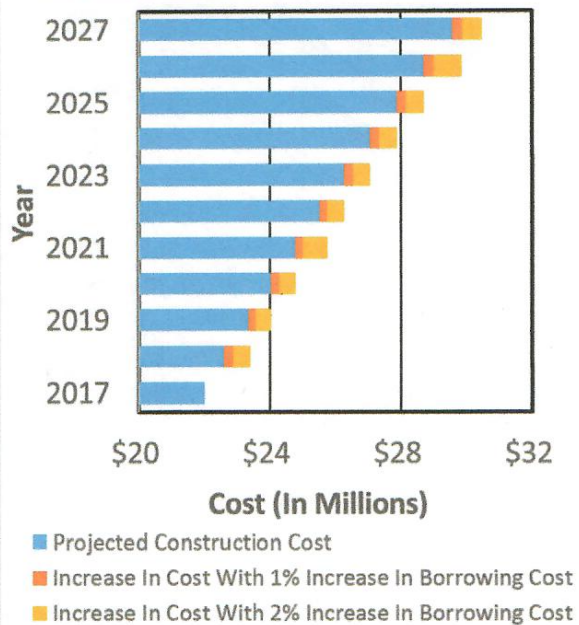
D301 Current & Projected Annual School Taxes

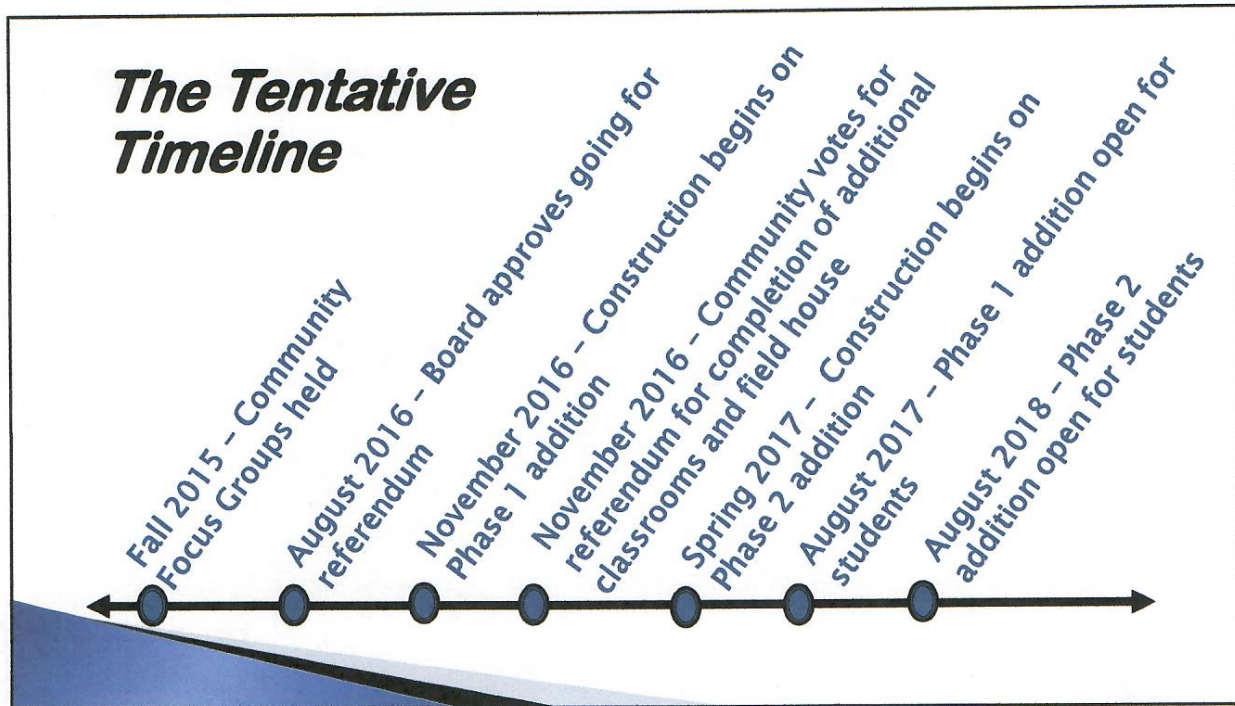


Personal Tax Calculator & Info at: www.VoteYes301.com

Now is the most cost-effective and tax rate-effective time to finish the long-term expansion of Central High School!

Projected Construction & Borrowing Costs





Build A New High School?

- ▶ In 2005, the District Issued Debt Certificates To Purchase a 135 Acre Parcel For a Potential Future High School Campus
 - New Development Impact Fees Were Used To Pay Off This Debt → The Purchase Did Not Affect Property Owner's Taxes
 - The Last Debt Payment Was In December 2015
- ▶ Based On the Growth Leading Up To 2005, It Seemed Likely That A New High School Would Be Needed In 10 - 15 Years
 - The "Great Recession" Changed Development Patterns Within the Country & District
- ▶ The Current Cost Estimate For A New High School For Our District Is \$130,000,000 - \$150,000,000
- ▶ Our Current EAV Cannot Support the Construction Of a New High School & It Will Be At Least 15 Years Before It Can

D301 Current EAV & Minimum Required EAV To Fund \$140,000,000 High School



Note: Minimum Required EAV calculation based on statutory debt limit of 13.8% of EAV

What Would Be the Consequences of Not Passing a Referendum

- ▶ CHS will **exceed building capacity** within 2 years
- ▶ **Mobile classrooms** will be needed
- ▶ Inconveniences such as **reduced variety of classes & extracurricular activities, inferior environments, larger class sizes, stretched resources, split schedules**
- ▶ **Decreased property values** due to an alteration in our district's outstanding reputation & surrounding districts offering more student opportunities
- ▶ **3-5% year-over-year increase in building costs** for future building needs.
- ▶ **Increase of teachers using carts** and having to share available classroom space
- ▶ **Decreased space** for general education and Advanced Placement (AP) classes, growing fine arts programs, career/technology classes, study halls, CHS athletic practices, athletic feeder program practices and safe PE classes.

How will this impact our community?

- ▶ Studies have shown that having good schools increases property values and reduces foreclosures.*
- ▶ Additional athletic space will provide areas for community groups and athletic feeder teams to utilize for meetings, practices, and events.
- ▶ Larger athletic facility and 200 meter track will bring more sporting events and consumers to our area, increasing revenues for local businesses.



* <http://blogs.wsj.com/developments/2011/11/16/one-antidote-to-foreclosures-good-schools/>
<http://realtormag.realtor.org/daily-news/2013/09/26/study-50-more-square-foot-for-homes-near-good-schools>

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