

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Where can I find the most up-to-date information on the BFA Safety & Security Project?

A: A collection of information pertaining to this project can be found directly on the Bellows Free Academy website. All of the most relevant and up-to-date information will be hosted there until the end of voting day (March 5th). Copies of that content will be available by request after that date.

Q: How can I vote for this bond on March 5th?

A: You can register to vote anytime up to and including Town Meeting Day on Tuesday, March 5, 2019. If you are not able to vote on March 5th, you can go to your clerk's office and vote at your convenience. You can call or write your clerk's office and request an absentee ballot. You can also print an absentee ballot online.

Q: How will traffic be addressed with the new bus drop off and pick up location?

A: The existing parking spaces will essentially remain the same. Buses will now pick up and drop off students at the connector entrance. The parking area will be slightly reconfigured to provide proper turning spaces for the buses. Relocating the buses to the connector entrance will allow BFA to provide 22 additional parking spaces at the former 1889 hospital bus drop off and pick up location.

Q: What does this mean for visitors of the school?

A: The connector between the buildings will become the public entrance for BFA. During the day, all doors will be locked from the exterior and visitors will be greeted through the connector entrance. There will be a staffed reception area where visitors will be identified before entering from a secured vestibule.

Q: What does this mean for the taxpayer?

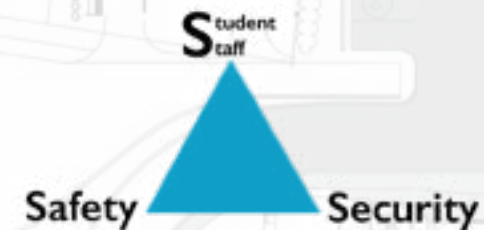
A: MRUSD is asking for \$5,722,153. It is important to note that the tax impact to voters is based on their property values. For an approximate cost, refer to the 'Estimated Tax Impact' chart on the inside of this pamphlet.

Q: What is the timeline for project completion?

A: It is estimated that work will start in the summer of 2019, with the expectation of completion by the 2021-2022 school year.

Q: What happens if the bond is not passed by voters?

A: If this bond is not passed by voters, MRUSD will be unable to proceed with improving our facilities. Safety and security in our buildings will remain in its current state until adequate funding is secured.



Do you have any further questions?

Attend one of our Community Information Sessions on 2/19.

Additional inquiries can be made by phone:

(802) 527-6400

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Visit our website and look for **BFA Safety & Security Project** under our main menu. You'll have access to: Current Information ~ The Official Board Presentation ~ Press Releases ~ Architect's Materials and More!

Front page rendering drawn by Cassie Bittner of Bellows Free Academy



The Maple Run Unified School District Board of Directors has approved a bond proposal in the amount of \$5,722,153 to address the issue of school safety and security at BFA. This project will consist of renovations to the 1889 Hospital Building, a new sprinkler system in the South Building, and the construction of a new connector between the two buildings.



BELLOWS FREE ACADEMY SAFETY & SECURITY PROJECT



A rendering of the proposed connector between buildings at Bellows Free Academy.

PROJECT FEATURES

Connector

- The new connector will link our North and South Buildings. It will feature a reception area, a conference room, and a restroom.
- A secured vestibule will ensure guests are identified and signed in before allowing them to enter the school.
- Students will be shielded from hazardous weather conditions when crossing between buildings. Our maintenance staff and contractors will no longer have to continually clear the walkway whenever snow and ice are present.
- The connector will reduce the frequency of unauthorized persons passing through the BFA campus.
- A centralized conference room will allow visitors and faculty to conduct meetings in a confidential space away from classrooms.
- Relocation of our bus circle will create approximately 22 parking spaces on our campus.

1889 Hospital Building

- The 1889 Hospital Building is in a state of disrepair. The project will include new decking, brick repair, windows, doors, selective replacement of existing roofs, replacement of rotted trim, and reinforcement of the cafeteria floor.
- The damaged and broken sidewalks around the buildings will be repaired and replaced to conform to the new traffic and parking configuration.

South Building

- A sprinkler system will be installed throughout the South Building, as required by the Division of Fire Safety.
- Three single-phase transformers will be removed from the existing electrical room and replaced with a new exterior transformer and electrical service to the school.
- New fire doors will be installed in select areas to maintain and improve exits in all three buildings.



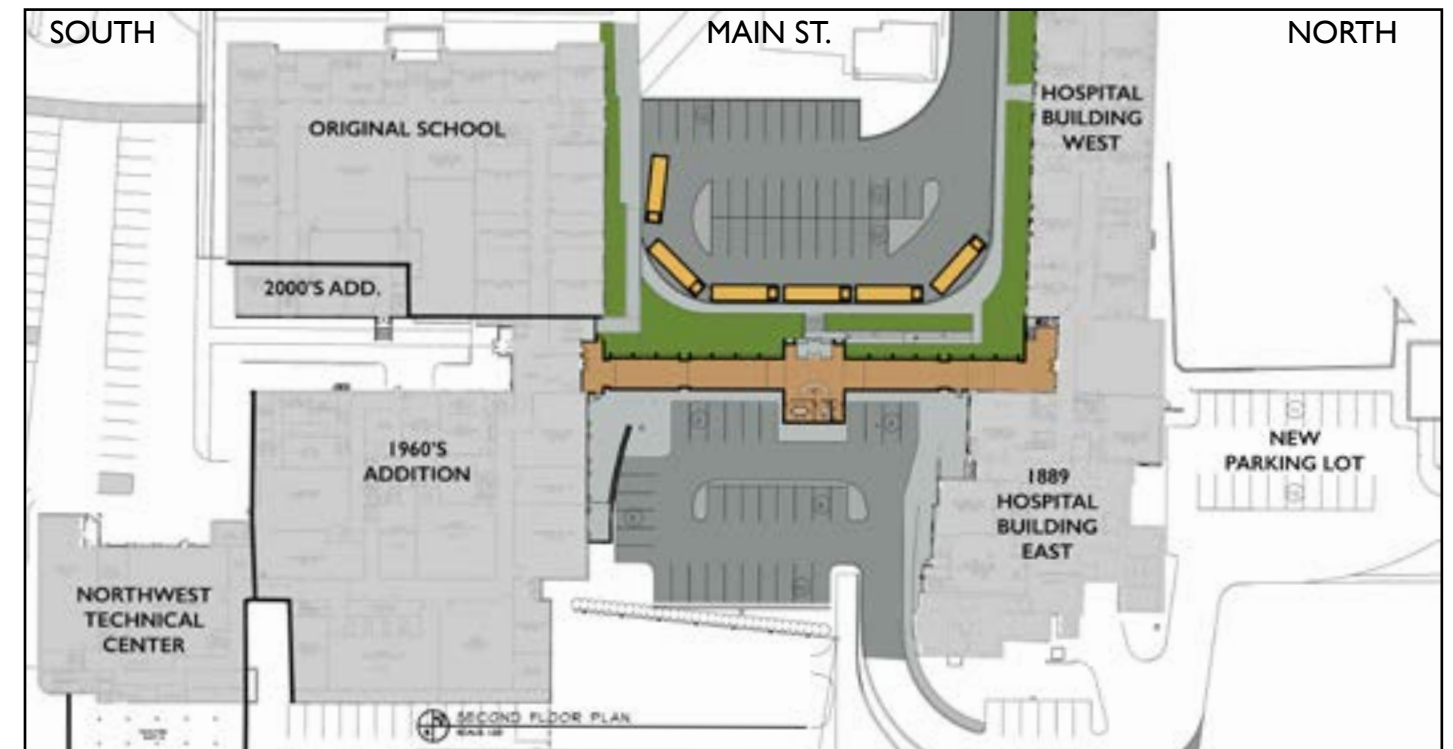
Aerial view of the exposed walkway.



Exterior view of 1889 Hospital Building.



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NECESSARY FUNDING TOTAL
\$5,722,153

ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT

Based on a household value of \$200,000

YEAR 1	~\$15
YEAR 2	~\$29.80*
YEAR 3	~\$29.53
YEAR 4	~\$29.24

*Year 2 is the first year of principle repayment alongside interest. The tax impact is the highest in Year 2, with the contribution lessening over each subsequent year.

IMPORTANT DATES

- FEB 11 - MRUSDA All Staff Information Session**
BFA Library
3:30-4:30 PM
- FEB 18 - BFA Facility Tours**
- FEB 19 - Community Information Sessions**
BFA Performing Arts Center
3:00-4:00 PM: BFA NWTC Staff
4:30-5:30 PM: General Public
6:00-7:00 PM: General Public
- FEB 20 - BFA Student Information Sessions**
- FEB 27 - Mandatory Bond Hearing**
BFA Library
6:00 PM
- MAR 5 - Town Meeting Day**