



### Why run a bond now?

1. Our schools are overcrowded as we serve over 1,450 students on two campuses, both located on the main county highway and both challenged by daily traffic and congestion. MOE is one of the largest elementary schools in the region and is over-crowded at 600 students due to inadequate gym space and classrooms (half of the 5th grade attend class in a portable building). In addition, the pre-school classrooms are located in the basement of a 40-year-old building.
2. Due to the fact that several athletic facilities are located off-campus (football, soccer, baseball and tennis) students have to drive or be bussed to practice/competition venues.
3. Sargent field is in disrepair and must be modernized due to a failing bleacher system, lighting and substandard locker rooms.

### Why are we building a new high school?

1. The new high school will feature 21st century learning spaces and focus on pathways that align with future job outlooks in our state and the nation: skilled labor, technical training and automotive programs, along with programs specific to this community including culinary arts, hospitality and viticulture.
2. The school will be located on property already owned by the district. Athletic facilities will be consolidated and built at the new campus, thus eliminating the need to bus students to practice and competition venues. The new location will also help alleviate traffic flow and parking issues at the current MS/HS.



## **How many years will the proposed projects meet the needs of our district?**

The projects outlined in the proposal would serve the needs of the district for the next 30-40 years.

## **When will these projects be completed?**

Upgrading would begin within 6 months at Sargent Field, followed by the new high school which would be ready for occupancy for the 2021-2022 school year. Planning the new high school will begin this June. The modernization of MOE and Intermediate/CMS School would follow the construction of the new high school.

## **What are the plans for the current Career & Technology Center?**

The CTE building will be the new home of a STEM Science Hub for our 4th-8th graders. This will offer new opportunities in robotics, agricultural science and computer coding.

## **What will happen to the buildings located on the MOE campus?**

The flat top building will be eliminated and the fate of the Special Programs building is under discussion. Pre-K students will be moved from the basement to an Early Learning Center as part of the MOE campus modernization project. The 5th grade class will transfer to the intermediate school.

## **Why reconfigure grade levels at the elementary and current middle/high schools?**

By reconfiguring grade levels, we are able to group educators and students to maximize learning, create new learning spaces that reflect the future, address overcrowding and alleviate the current traffic safety and parking issues at both elementary and MS/HS campuses.

## **Why renovate Sargent Field and why a “turf field”?**

### **Why not build a new stadium?**

Sargent Field is strategically located and, once renovated, will serve our schools and community for years to come. Installing a “turf field” allows us to maximize community use and accommodate the demands of our growing youth soccer program.

## **Is there an exemption for senior citizens or disabled citizens?**

Seniors and disabled citizens may be eligible for a residential property tax exemption. More information is available through the Chelan County Assessor’s office at (509) 682-6365, the Douglas County Assessor’s office at (509) 745-8521, and the Okanogan County Assessor’s office at (509) 422-7190.

## **What is the difference between a bond and a levy?**

Levies fund day-to-day expenditures and are for those expenses not funded by the State. Levy funds cannot be used for facilities or capital investment projects. Bonds are for building and other capital investments such as land or equipment purchases. Simply put: bonds are for building, levies are for learning.

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