





# Collingswood Public Schools

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## Our Foundation

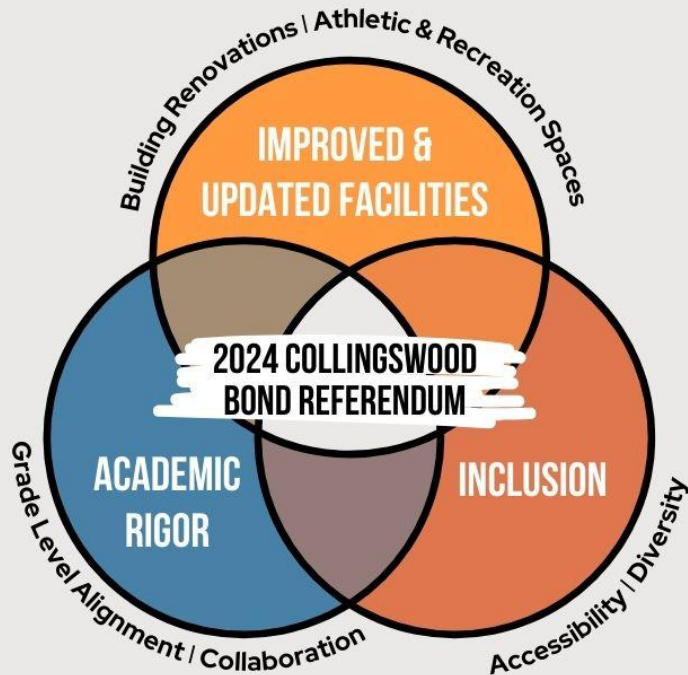
**Mission:** By building on the strengths of our diverse school community, Collingswood/Oaklyn Public Schools commit to providing an inclusive and supportive environment that inspires and empowers every student.

**Vision:** To foster the qualities necessary for students to serve as contributors to an equitable and socially just community.



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## WHY ARE WE HERE?





# Collingswood Public Schools

## How We Got Here

- Superintendent Entry Plan Summary Report (2021)
- VISION Strategic Plan (2021-2022)
- Community Meetings: Infrastructure, Finance, & Facilities (2021-2022)
- Referendum Ad Hoc Committee (2021-Current)



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## Bond Referendum Proposal Summary

- **Elementary School Shifts**

- Tatem and Newbie become Grades K-3 buildings (number of seats remains same)
- Zane becomes a PreK-3 building (building addition adds 126 seats)
- Good Shepherd site becomes a Grades 4-5 building with 300 seats plus room to grow
- Garfield & Sharp will be decommissioned as school buildings due to age and expense to renovate

- **Athletic Fields Redesign**

- Reoriented athletic fields to open up access to outdoor spaces
- There will be both turf and grass fields with many multi-use spaces
- Eight-lane competitive level track
- New grandstands with press box, concessions, locker rooms & storage
- New lighting and sound system

- **Schedule**

- Referendum vote in September
- No shift in schools until Good Shepherd building is fully renovated
- Construction estimated 2-3 years; School shift target September 2027



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## New Jersey Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act

The New Jersey Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act (P.L.2000,c72), enacted on July 18, 2000, launched the New Jersey School Construction Initiative (NJSCI) – a multi-faceted, comprehensive program for the design, renovation, repair, and new construction of primary and secondary schools throughout New Jersey. The initiative is the largest school construction program undertaken by the State of New Jersey and represents one of the largest school construction programs ever undertaken in the nation.

- ❑ 2000 - \$8.6 billion was bonded State debt issued by the NJ Economic Development Authority now called the New Jersey School Development Authority.
- ❑ 2008 - \$3.9 billion was allocated for additional funding for the NJSDA.
- ❑ The School Construction Initiative provides for 100% State funding of approved projects in the 31 "special needs" Abbott districts.
- ❑ For approved projects in all other districts throughout New Jersey the State will fund at least 40% of the eligible costs or the district DAP 31.07% – which means funding of 40% for your District.
- ❑ The only way the State will help fund school projects today is via Debt Service Aid. Districts must incur debt or borrow money in order to get money from the State. Projects funded through the annual school budget are not eligible for State Aid. ROD Grants Round 4 expired in September of 2013.
- ❑ The State will not allow school districts to carry over significant money to replace building systems from year to year and has capped the school budget increases so districts cannot easily replace building systems within their annual budgets.
- ❑ New construction is penalized by a low State mandated (Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act) construction dollar value of \$143 per square foot @ 40% or only \$57.20/SF. Actual current new construction cost varies significantly from region to region but is between \$500/SF to \$600/SF.
- ❑ Renovation costs are not penalized and can reflect the current market values. The State pays 40% of "eligible costs" based on the architect's construction estimate for all renovations.
- ❑ In conclusion. NJ Districts that complete projects through Bond Borrowing are able to capture significant cost advantage because Debt Service Aid is only available through a Voter-approved Bond Referendum.





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## Buildings & Grounds



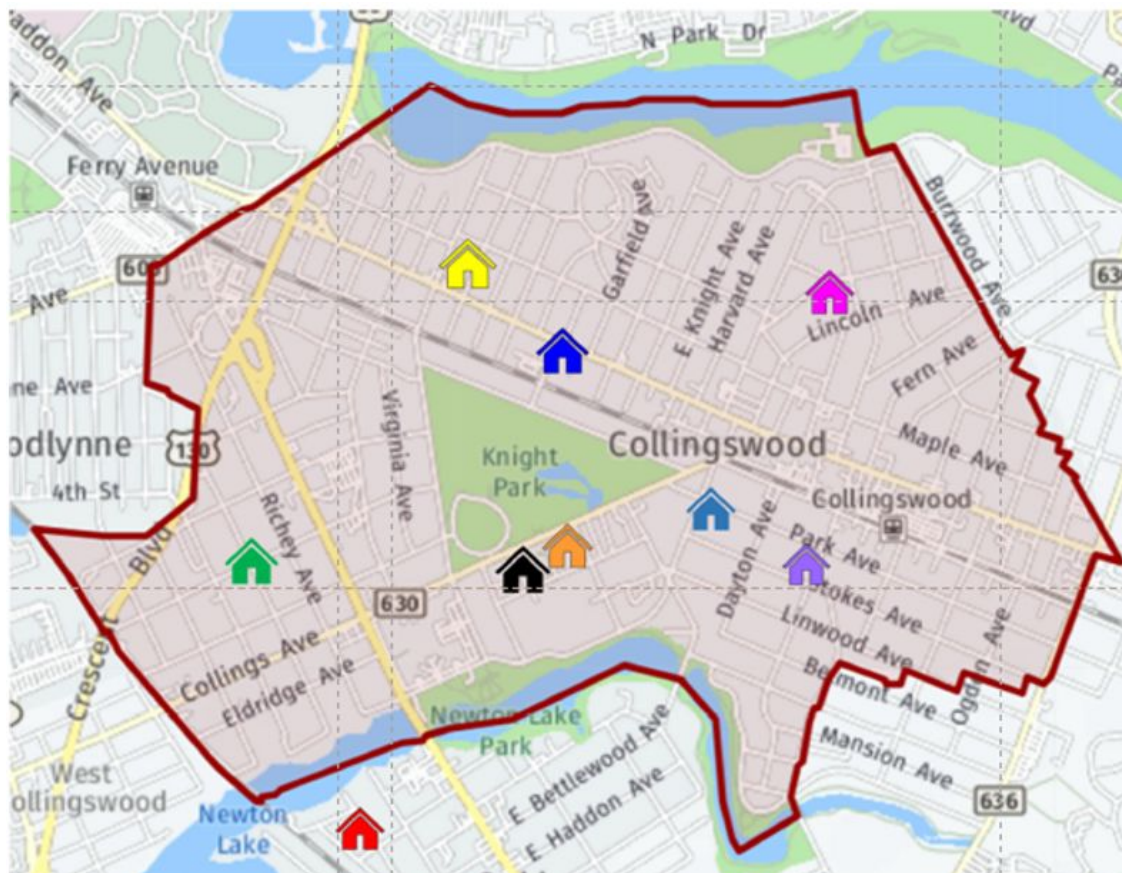
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## Current Facility Map

September 2023 Total Enrollment  
2,260 Students

District NJDOE Functional Capacity  
2,056 Students

NJDOE 2026 - 2027 Projection  
2,314 Students





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## Current District Existing Grade Configuration



**Parkview Apartments**  
**New PK Center TBD**



**Collingswood Pre School at Oaklyn - PK**  
136 Kendall Blvd.  
Oaklyn, NJ 08107  
**38 Students**



**Collingswood Pre School - PK**  
**Penguins Childhood Center**  
201 Dayton Avenue  
Collingswood, NJ 08108  
**54 Students**



**James A Garfield Elementary School**  
480 Haddon Avenue  
Collingswood, NJ 08108  
**128 Students**  
**Grades K-5**



**Mark Newbie Elementary School**  
2 East Browning Road  
Collingswood, NJ 08108  
**133 Students**  
**Grades K-5**



**Thomas Sharp Elementary School**  
400 Comly Avenue  
West Collingswood, NJ 08107  
**218 Students**  
**Grades PK-5**



**William P Tatem Elementary School**  
265 Lincoln Avenue  
Collingswood, NJ 08108  
**257 Students**  
**Grades K-5**



**Zane North Elementary School**  
801 Stokes Avenue  
Collingswood, NJ 08108  
**168 Students**  
**Grades PK-5**



**New 4-5 Upper Elementary School**  
**Good Shepherd Site**  
**Grades 4 - 5**



**Collingswood Middle School**  
414 Collings Avenue  
Collingswood, NJ 08108  
**468 Students**  
**Grades 6 – 8**



**Collingswood High School**  
424 Collings Avenue  
Collingswood, NJ 08108  
**798 Students**  
**Grades 9 – 12**



# Collingswood Public Schools

## Proposed District Grade Configuration and Capacity



**Parkview Apartments**  
**New PK Center TBD**



**Collingswood Pre School at Oaklyn - PK**  
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**James A Garfield Elementary School**  
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**0 Students**



**Mark Newbie Elementary School**  
2 East Browning Road  
Collingswood, NJ 08108  
**133 Students**  
**Grades K-3**



**Thomas Sharp Elementary School**  
400 Comly Avenue  
West Collingswood, NJ 08107  
**0 Students**



**William P Tatem Elementary School**  
265 Lincoln Avenue  
Collingswood, NJ 08108  
**257 Students**  
**Grades K-3**



**Zane North Elementary School**  
801 Stokes Avenue  
Collingswood, NJ 08108  
**294 Students**  
**Grades PK-3**



**New 4-5 Upper Elementary School**  
Good Shepherd Site  
**300 Students**  
**Grades 4 - 5**



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**Grades 6 - 8**



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**Grades 9 - 12**





# Collingswood Public Schools

## James A Garfield Elementary School

480 Haddon Avenue  
Collingswood, NJ 08108



## Thomas Sharp Elementary School

400 Comly Avenue  
Collingswood, NJ 08108



Sharp and Garfield Elementary Schools are the oldest (1905 and 1915) and smallest buildings in Collingswood and will be decommissioned as schools. This will require the reassignment / relocation of 346 student seats to other district schools.



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## Plans for Sharp & Garfield School Buildings

- Garfield will be sold- Students will remain in the building until all work is done to redistribute seats
- A portion of the proceeds from the sale of Garfield will be invested into converting Sharp into a community recreation center
- Additional funds from the proceeds of the sale will go towards ensuring that students who have the farthest to travel as a result of the decommission of Sharp have a safe route to school
- Any remaining funds will be used to address long standing maintenance needs of remaining school buildings and continue to build capital reserves



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## Mark Newbie Elementary School

2 East Browning Road  
Collingswood, NJ 08108

Replacing existing playground with a new ADA-compliant age-appropriate outdoor playground

**Estimated Total: \$320,000**





# Collingswood Public Schools



## William P Tatem Elementary School

265 Lincoln Avenue  
Collingswood, NJ 08108

Replacing existing playground with a new ADA-compliant age-appropriate outdoor playground

**Estimated total: \$380,000**







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## Zane North Elementary School

801 Stokes Ave  
Collingswood, NJ 08108

Reduction of 7,577 SF paved play area allows for building addition while still providing exterior play area.

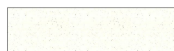
New ADA-compliant age-appropriate outdoor playground facilities.





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## LEGEND



EXISTING BUILDING



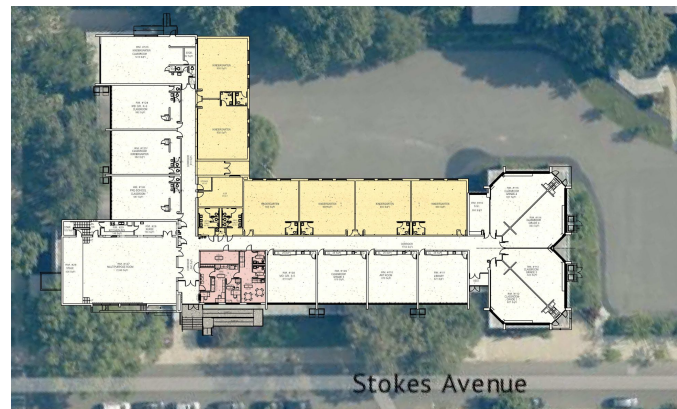
BUILDING ADDITION 7,577 S.F.



BUILDING RENOVATION



BUILDING ENTRANCE / RAMP



## Zane North Additions and Renovations

- New construction (6) new 950 SF Classrooms with Toilets - Add 126 student seats
- New Teacher Work Room, Small Group Instruction Room, Speech Room, and Hall Bathrooms
- New ADA-compliant age-appropriate playground



# Zane North Additions & Renovations

## Site

	Qty	Unit Cost	Cost Estimate
Site Drainage Stormwater, ADA Ramp/Stairs Sidewalks, Inclusive ADA Compliant Age-Appropriate Playground with Poured-In-Place Safety Surface, etc.	1	Lump Sum	\$950,000
25% Soft Costs (A/E Fees, Contingency, CM, Legal, etc.)			\$237,500
<b>Estimated Total</b>			<b>\$1,187,500</b>

## Interior Renovations

New Main Office Renovations with Security Vestibule	1,320 SF @	\$350	\$462,000
New Fire Sprinkler System for the existing and new addition areas	27,457 SF @	\$15	\$411,855
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>\$873,855</b>
25% Soft Costs (A/E Fees, Contingency, CM, Legal, etc.)			\$218,464
<b>Estimated Total</b>			<b>\$1,092,319</b>

## New Construction

New 1-Story (6) Classrooms, Student Toilets, SGI, and Storage Room	7,577 SF @	\$500	\$3,788,500
25% Soft Costs (A/E Fees, Contingency, CM, Legal, etc.)			\$947,125
<b>Estimated Total</b>			<b>\$4,735,625</b>

ZANE	Estimated Total Cost	ESTIMATED State Share	Estimated Local Share
Site Work	\$1,187,500	(\$475,000)	\$712,500
Interior Renovations	\$1,092,319	(\$436,928)	\$655,391
New Construction	\$4,735,625	(\$433,404)	\$4,302,221
<b>Total Renovations</b>	<b>\$7,015,444</b>	<b>(\$1,345,332)</b>	<b>\$5,670,112</b>
		19%	81%

### State Share Calculations:

- Renovations: 40% of Architects' Estimate
- New Construction: Eligible SF @ \$143/SF @ 40%





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## New Upper Elementary Building

Formerly Good Shepherd School

100 Lees Avenue

Collingswood, NJ 08108



Proposed Building Elevation



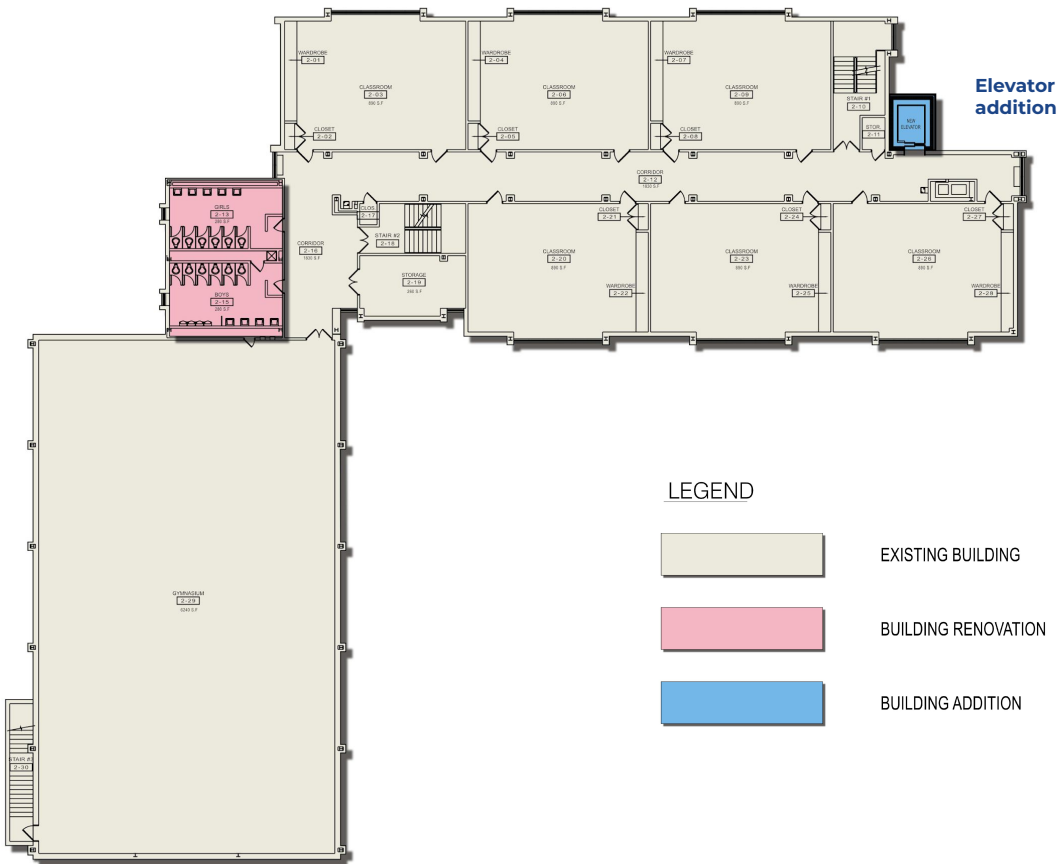
## Enlarged Proposed First Floor



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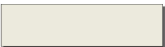
## Upper Elementary Building

## Second Floor



Elevator addition

### LEGEND



EXISTING BUILDING



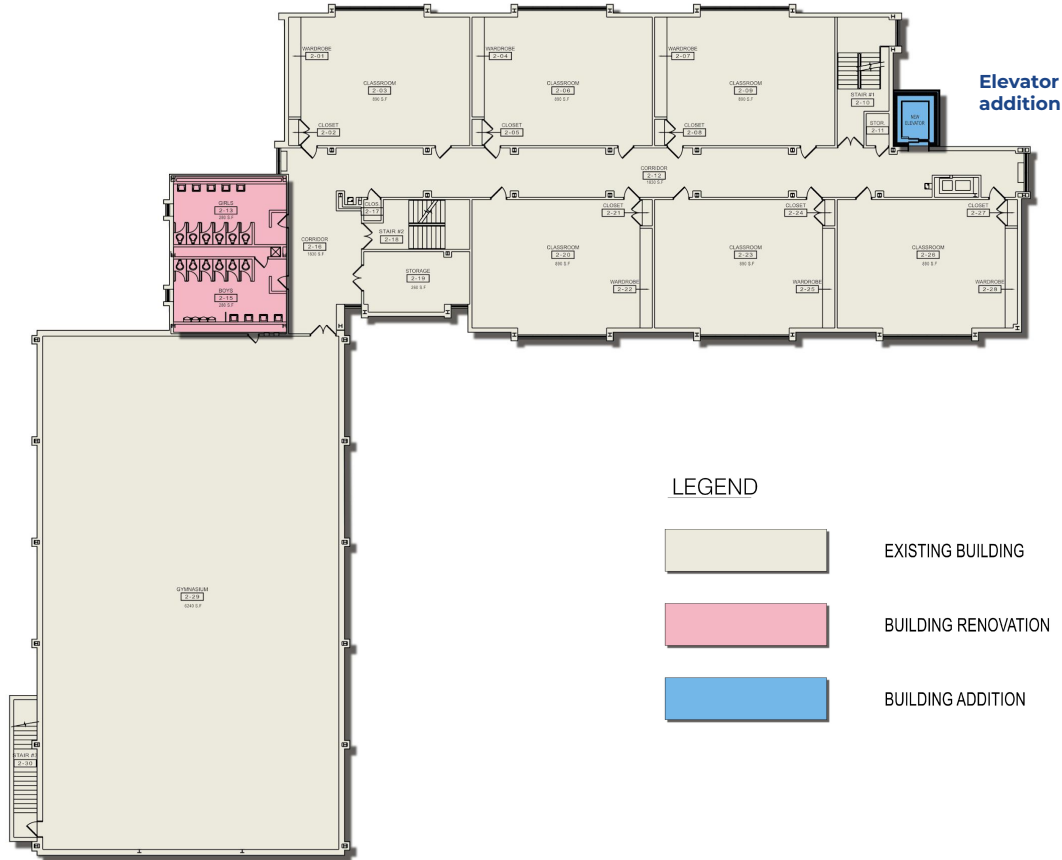
BUILDING RENOVATION



BUILDING ADDITION



## Third Floor



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EXISTING BUILDING



## BUILDING RENOVATION



BUILDING ADDITION



# New Grades 4-5 Upper Elementary School



## Scope of Work Summary:

- ADA Access
- New Roofing, HVAC, Boiler and other major systems
- New Windows, Doors and Masonry repairs
- New Front Canopy
- Classroom Upgrades
- Gym, Kitchen and Library Improvements
- Bathrooms
- Educational Space and Teacher Workrooms
- Security Upgrades and Fire Alarm system
- Hazardous Material Abatement
- Addition of 3 story elevator





# New Grades 4-5 Upper Elementary School

## Site

	Qty	Unit Cost	Cost Estimate
Site Improvements - ADA Compliance, Site Drainage, Paving, Fencing, Signage, etc.	1	Lump Sum	\$100,000
25% Soft Costs (A/E Fees, Contingency, CM, Legal, etc.)			\$25,000
Estimated Total			\$125,000

## Exterior Renovations

Roof Replacement - Remove to Deck (Assume Deck Replacement), New Insulation, Modified Roof System, Perimeter Metal, etc.	42,468 SF @	\$45	\$1,911,060
Exterior Door, Hardware, Frame Replacement	20 @	\$10,000	\$200,000
Exterior Window Replacement with Interior Blinds in Glass		Lump Sum	\$1,500,000
Masonry Repairs - Veneer Repointing/Crack Repair, Window Lintels, Windows, Caulking, Waterproofing, etc.		Lump Sum	\$750,000
New Front Canopy - School Main Entrance		Lump Sum	\$150,000
Subtotal			\$4,511,060
25% Soft Costs (A/E Fees, Contingency, CM, Legal, etc.)			\$1,127,765
Estimated Total			\$5,638,825



# New Grades 4-5 Upper Elementary School

## Interior Renovations

	Qty	Unit Cost	Cost Estimate
Convert 1st Floor Classrooms to New School Main Entrance, Principal's Office, Nurses Suite, Teacher Work Room, Central Admin, Guidance, etc.	5,530 SF @	\$160	\$884,800
New Corridor Thru Café Direct Access to Library	2,000 SF @	\$300	\$600,000
New Classroom Marker Boards and Tack Boards		Lump Sum	\$150,000
Classroom Flooring - New VCT Flooring & Base and Painting of Spaces	30,000 SF @	\$15	\$450,000
New Classroom, Corridor LED Lighting, Ceiling Replacement	42,468 SF @	\$25	\$1,061,700
Classroom Wing(s) Terrazzo and Floor Repair		Lump Sum	\$150,000
Corridor Wall Fire Stopping for Code Compliance		Lump Sum	\$100,000
Kitchen Equipment - Replacement		Lump Sum	\$250,000
New Interior Fire-Rated Doors, Frames, Closers, ADA Modifications, Intruder Hardware	230 @	\$4,000	\$920,000
Renovate Hall Toilet Rooms - All Finishes, Fixtures, Toilet Partitions and ADA Compliant Layout	6 @	\$150,000	\$900,000
New ADA Compliant Interior Signage	42,468 SF @	\$1	\$42,468
Gymnasium - Replace Finishes, New Ceilings, New LED Lighting, Flooring, Gym Equipment		Lump Sum	\$500,000
Library - Replace Finishes, New Furniture, Lights, etc.		Lump Sum	\$500,000
Hazardous Materials Abatement - VAT, Boiler(s), Door and Window Caulk, etc. (District Consultant- Epic Environmental)		Lump Sum	\$325,000
		Subtotal	\$6,833,968
	25% Soft Costs (A/E Fees, Contingency, CM, Legal, etc.)		\$1,708,492
		Estimated Total	\$8,542,460



# New Grades 4-5 Upper Elementary School

## Building Systems

### HVAC Construction

	Qty	Unit Cost	Cost Estimate
Boiler Replacement, Piping, Pumps, Valves, etc.		Lump Sum	\$500,000
Replace HVAC System to include Unit Ventilators Fan Coil Units, Cabinet Heaters, Splits, etc. - Remove Existing Perimeter Units, New Unit Ventilators with New Air Conditioning, New Perimeter Hot Water Radiation, Book Shelving, etc.	42,468 SF @	\$75	\$3,185,100
New Hydronic Heating Piping		Lump Sum	\$250,000
Replacement of the Pneumatic Energy Management System with New DDC Electronic Controls	42,468 SF @	\$7.00	\$297,276
		Subtotal	\$4,232,376
		25% Soft Costs (A/E Fees, Contingency, CM, Legal, etc.)	\$1,058,094
		Estimated Total	\$5,290,470

### Electrical Construction

Security System - Door Access Controls/CCTV/Expansion	42,468 SF @	\$3.00	\$127,404
Replace PA System, Clock System and Technology	42,468 SF @	\$3.00	\$127,404
Power/Lighting Branch/HVAC Panel Replacement		Lump Sum	\$650,000
Fire Alarm System - Replacement with Addressable System, ADA Compliant	42,468 SF @	\$7.00	\$297,276
New Emergency Generator - Gas Fuel Source		Lump Sum	\$500,000
Upgrade Main Electrical Service - A/C		Lump Sum	\$500,000
New Classroom Convenience Power	42,468 SF @	\$3.00	\$127,404
		Subtotal	\$2,329,488
		25% Soft Costs (A/E Fees, Contingency, CM, Legal, etc.)	\$582,372
		Estimated Total	\$2,911,860



# New Grades 4-5 Upper Elementary School

## Plumbing Construction

Replace All Hot and Domestic Water Piping in Corridor Ceilings	Lump Sum	\$350,000
New Fire Sprinkler System	42,468 SF @ \$5.00	\$212,340
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$562,340</b>
	25% <b>Soft Costs</b> (A/E Fees, Contingency, CM, Legal, etc.)	<b>\$140,585</b>
	<b>Estimated Total</b>	<b>\$702,925</b>

## New Construction

New 3-Story Elevator Addition for ADA Compliance	Lump Sum	\$300,000
	25% <b>Soft Costs</b> (A/E Fees, Contingency, CM, Legal, etc.)	<b>\$75,000</b>
	<b>Estimated Total</b>	<b>\$375,000</b>



# New Grades 4-5 Upper Elementary School

Good Shepherd	Estimated Total Cost	<b>ACTUAL State Share</b>	Estimated Local Share
<b>Site Work</b>	\$125,000	(\$50,000)	\$75,000
<b>Exterior Renovations</b>	\$5,638,825	(\$556,628)	\$5,082,197
<b>Interior Renovations</b>	\$8,542,460	(\$843,255)	\$7,699,205
<b>HVAC Construction</b>	\$5,290,470	(\$522,240)	\$4,768,230
<b>Electrical Construction</b>	\$2,911,860	(\$287,440)	\$2,624,420
<b>Plumbing Construction</b>	\$702,925	(\$69,388)	\$633,537
<b>New Construction</b>	\$375,000	(\$155,583)	\$219,417
Subtotal	\$23,586,540	(\$2,484,534)	\$21,102,006
<b>Land &amp; Building Acquisition</b>	\$1,450,000	\$0	\$1,450,000
Total	\$25,036,540	(\$2,484,534)	\$22,552,006
		9.92%	90.08%

## State Share Calculations:

- Renovations @ 40% of Architects' Estimate (NOT a current school asset therefore new construction funding applies)
- New Construction or Acquired Asset – 42,468 SF @ \$143/SF @ 40%



# Athletic Fields Site Improvement Plan







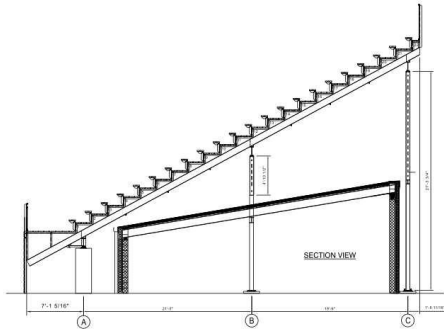
# New Athletic Spaces



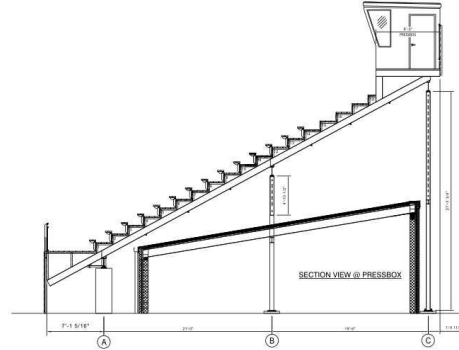
Team Rooms, Bathrooms, Concession, First Floor Plan 4,000 SF



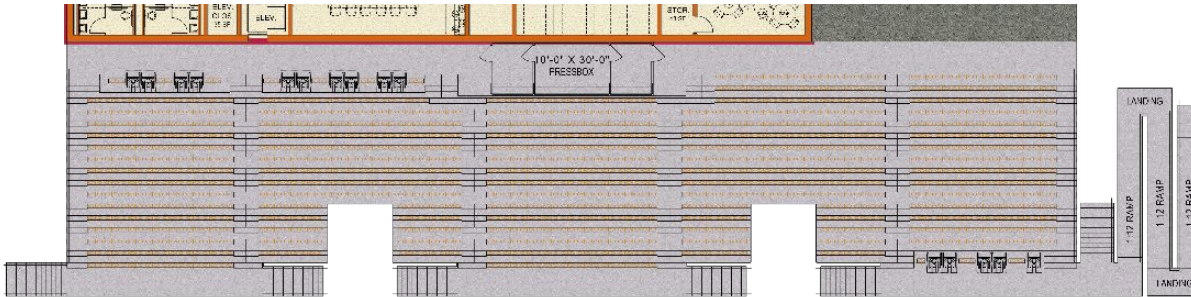
# New Seating Section



Bleacher Seating Section



Bleacher Seating Section w/ Press Box



Proposed Bleacher Seating Area (Front)





# Athletic Field Improvements

## Site Work

	Qty	Unit Cost	Cost Estimate
Site Demolition and Clearing / Grading, Stormwater & Underdrain System, Electrical, Water, Sewer, etc.			\$1,043,951
Paving & Concrete including Concrete Curbing and Sidewalks, ADA Accessible Ramp, Sports Court, etc.			\$518,177
* Synthetic Turf Surface, Stadium 8-Lane Track, Track Events Scoreboard, Tennis & Basketball Courts, Amenities, Underdrain System for Grass Multipurpose Fields			\$2,952,093
Landscaping including Topsoil, Fertilizer and Fields Sod, Irrigation, etc.			\$818,358
Stadium Field Sports Lighting (Stadium and Multi-Use Fields) (only)			\$1,121,250
Chain-Link & Outfield Fencing, Bollards, Handicap Parking Signs, Masonry Trash Enclosure, Flagpole etc.			\$368,200
			\$6,822,029
25% Soft Costs (A/E Fees, Contingency, Clerk, Legal, etc.)			\$1,705,507
		Estimated Total	\$8,527,536

## Architectural Building Costs

New Stadium Grandstands with Press Box (1,500 Seats)			\$1,000,000
New One-Story Stadium Building / Team Room(s) / Bathrooms / Concession Area	4,000	SF@	\$400
			\$1,600,000
			\$2,600,000
25% Soft Costs (A/E Fees, Contingency, Clerk, Legal, etc.)			\$650,000
		Estimated Total	\$3,250,000

ATHLETIC COMPLEX	Estimated Total Cost	ACTUAL State Share	Estimated Local Share
Site Work	\$8,527,536	* (\$625,140)	\$7,902,396
Architectural Building Costs	\$3,250,000	\$0	\$3,250,000
TOTAL	\$11,777,536	(\$625,140)	\$11,152,396
		5%	95%

\* Eligible/Partially Eligible for State Aid – Health/PE Usage Renovations = Architect's Estimate @ 40% State Aid



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	Estimated Total Cost	<b>ACTUAL State Share</b>	Estimated Local Share
<b>NEWBIE &amp; TATEM PLAYGROUNDS</b>	\$700,000	<b>(\$280,000)</b>	<b>\$420,000</b>
<b>ZANE NORTH ES</b>	\$7,015,444	<b>(\$1,345,332)</b>	<b>\$5,670,112</b>
<b>NEW 4 - 5 UPPER ES</b>	\$23,586,540	<b>(\$2,484,534)</b>	<b>\$21,102,006</b>
<b>Land &amp; Building Acquisition</b>	\$1,450,000	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,450,000</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$32,751,984</b>	<b>(\$4,109,866)</b>	<b>\$28,642,118</b>
		<b>13%</b>	<b>87%</b>

**State Share Calculations –**  
Renovations @ 40% of  
Architects' Estimate

**New Construction –**  
Eligible SF @ \$143/SF @ 40%

<b>ATHLETIC COMPLEX</b>	Estimated Total Cost	<b>ACTUAL State Share</b>	Estimated Local Share
<b>Site Work</b>	\$8,527,536	<b>* (\$625,140)</b>	<b>\$7,902,396</b>
<b>Architectural Building Costs</b>	\$3,250,000	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,250,000</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,777,536</b>	<b>(\$625,140)</b>	<b>\$11,152,396</b>
		<b>5%</b>	<b>95%</b>

**\* Eligible/Partially Eligible for  
State Aid – Health/PE Usage**  
Renovations = Architect's  
Estimate @ 40% State Aid

<b>TOTAL COST</b>	<b>\$44,529,519</b>	<b>(\$4,735,006)</b>	<b>\$39,794,514</b>
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**School District  
Borrowing Capacity  
\$54,959,571**

Tax Impact Per Month on Total Cost	Average Assessed Home
\$35 - \$40	\$232,569

**\* Tax Impact based on 4- 4.5% over 30 years as  
calculated by the District's financial advisor**



# Bond Referendum Proposed Schedule

Event	Responsible Party				Minimal Critical Timing	Bond Referendum Date	Bond Referendum Date
	Architect	School District	Bond Counsel	Other			
Building Program/Scope Schematic Design Update LRFP	• • •	• • •				2022 - 2024	2022 - 2024
Architect submits to NJ DOE	•				N/A	May 2024	TBD
LRFP Revise and Resubmit	•				N/A	April 2024	TBD
NJDOE Issues PEC Offer	•	•	•		N/A	July 2024	TBD
NJDOE issues FEC					N/A	August 2024	TBD
Board Approves Special Election		•			60 Days	July 19, 2024	October 11, 2024
Filing of Supplemental Debt Statement				Auditor	60 Days	July 19, 2024	October 11, 2024
Co-Muni Clerk, Board of Elections Notice (60 days prior to election required by Law P.L. 2023, c.124)		•			60 Days	July 19, 2024	October 11, 2024
Planning Board Submission/Meeting	•	•			55 Days	July 24, 2024	October 16, 2024
Publication of Vote by Mail Notices			•	Clerk	50 Days	July 29, 2024	October 21, 2024
Certified Proposal (Questions) Statement to County Clerk		•	•		21 Days	August 27, 2024	November 19, 2024
Voter Registration Deadline				Voters	21 Days	August 27, 2024	November 19, 2024
Publication and Posting of Notice of Special Election			•	Board of Elections	10 Days	September 7, 2024	November 30, 2024
Furnishing of Sample Ballots			•	Clerk	8 Days	September 9, 2024	December 2, 2024
Deadline to Apply for Mail-in-Ballots				Voters	7 Days	September 10, 2024	December 3, 2024
Obtain Certification of Grade Level Instruction			•		1 Day	September 16, 2024	December 9, 2024
Special Election				Board of Elections		September 17, 2024	December 10, 2024



# Estimated Referendum Timeline





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## Academic Opportunities



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### Student Benefits:

- **Increased middle school readiness** for all students
- Opportunities for students to **build relationships with all same-age peers** before joining middle school
- **Minimize school transitions** for students identified as requiring special education and/or multi-lingual services
- More **specific focus on developmental needs and resources** of each age group level (K-3 & 4-5)
- School routines and recess activities can be more **developmentally/age appropriate**
- Appropriate **spaces for specialized services & learning styles**



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### Teacher Benefits:

- More **equitable distribution of staff and material resources**
- Opportunity for **better alignment of curriculum & programming**
- Increases flexibility for **teacher collaborative time** to analyze student data
- Provides **common planning opportunities** for grade-level teachers
- Allows for **increased specialization of instructional support staff**
- Gives Specials Teachers (music, art, ASL) **dedicated space**
- Potential for teachers at the upper elementary level to become **subject specialists**
- **Positive social development** for students to shift among teachers instead of staying with one; flexibility to mix students up in terms of needs, supports, and socialization



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## Academic Opportunities

### District Benefits:

- Schools are **representative of our entire community**
- Culture and climate benefits - **community building that begins prior to Middle School**
- Increased **field usage, community access, and student competitiveness**
- Creates **dedicated space for existing recreation programs** such as Odyssey of the Mind and Art Camps and gives potential to add more community programming
- **Increases revenue to district** from band & athletic competitions, field rentals





## **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Impact**



## Diversity

- The practice or quality of including or involving people from a range of different social and ethnic backgrounds and of different genders, sexual orientations, and developmental abilities



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## Snapshot of Our District:

Five Elementary Schools	65% White   35% Non-White
Collingswood Middle School	62% White   38% Non-White
Collingswood High School	51% White   49% Non-White



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## Approximate Student Enrollment, Fall '22-23:

Garfield Elementary	60% White   40% Non-White
Sharp Elementary	40% White   60% Non-White
Newbie Elementary	65% White   35% Non-White
Tatem Elementary	70% White   30% Non-White
Zane North Elementary	80% White   20% Non-White



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## Projected Student Enrollment of Upper Elementary School Based on Fall '22-23 Data:

- Projected Upper Elementary School make up to be 65% White / 35% Non-White
- As a result of realignment, the Upper Elementary School enrollment will be reflective of our elementary population across the district, our current middle school, and closer to our high school enrollment
- PreK-3 elementary schools will also be more reflective of the enrollment demographics across the district



## Equity

- Freedom from Bias and Favoritism
- Equity in Education
  - No matter a student's race, economic status, gender, disability or history and background they will have an opportunity to receive services and resources to accomplish academic achievement that meet their needs



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## Benefits of Equity:

- Gives everyone a chance to learn in ways that best fit their learning style
- Provides more opportunities for under-resourced students to get what they need to be successful academically, socially and emotionally
- Helps to close the gap in academic achievement
- Removes the unconscious bias associated with the success or failure of certain school communities





## Inclusion

- The practice or policy of providing equal access to opportunities and resources for people who might otherwise be excluded or marginalized such as those who have physical or intellectual disabilities and members of other diverse groups

# How do we measure inclusion?

- A student with a disability spends **80% or more** of their day in the general education setting

In 2022, the national average inclusion rate in the United States was

**66%**

# How are we doing?

	1995	2001	2005	2022
New Jersey	45%	44%	46%	45%
Connecticut	56%	55%	65%	68%
Maryland	43%	49%	60%	71%
Virginia	37%	36%	56%	72%
US Average		48%	54%	66%
Collingswood (K-12)				40.96%

- NJCIE data from January 2024



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## Inclusion Benefits:

- Greater access to the full spectrum of curriculum offerings
- Increases social interactions and relationships among peers
- Fosters acceptance and understanding of individual differences
- Creates a culture of belonging
- Makes space for collaborations between teachers and aides across the spectrum of specialties



## Unity

- “Alone we can do so little, Together we can do so much” - Helen Keller
- “The Greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members... a heart of grace and a soul generated by love” - Coretta Scott King



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## Bond Referendum Proposal Goals

- More equitable distribution of staff and material resources
- Facilitates district goals for inclusive practices in a more cost-effective manner
- Increases flexibility for teacher collaborative time to analyze student data (PLC)
- Provides common planning opportunities for grade-level teachers
- Allows for increased specialization of instructional support staff
- Opportunities for students to build relationships with additional same-age peers before joining middle school
- Minimizes school transitions for students initially identified as requiring Special Education and Multilingual Services
- Culture and climate benefits; community building that begins prior to middle school
- Provides developmentally appropriate exposure and opportunities to implement additional academic models
- Adds value to the community associated with updated school buildings and provides additional access to updated athletic and recreational facilities.



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## Questions?

Use this QR code to submit questions to be added to the Frequently Asked Questions documents on our website.

