



KOHLER SCHOOL DISTRICT

These are exciting times at the District as our students continue to excel both in and out of the classroom.

Academically, Kohler students consistently rank in the top 1% in Wisconsin.

As a district, we've also been working hard to control costs and increase operating efficiencies, which has resulted in a declining tax mill rate.

We are proud of this rare combination of top performance coupled with responsible spending.

While our focus will always be on enhancing student learning, the District has spent the past two years developing a plan to:

- Update our building and grounds;
- Address the space limitations in Technical Education (shop) area; and
- Build a community of school spirit and pride.

The District's long-range master planning efforts, good financial stewardship, and a community-wide survey guided the Board's decision to place two referendum questions on the April 6 ballot.

THE QUESTION #1 | \$17,550,000

Shall the School District of Kohler, Sheboygan County, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$17,550,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a district-wide school facility improvement project consisting of: construction, renovations and improvements to the school building, including expanding the career and technical education areas; construction of an addition for academic space, classrooms and a library; updating classrooms; adding air conditioning; safety, security and site improvements; acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment; and construction of and improvements to certain outdoor athletic facilities?

☐ Yes ☐ No

THE QUESTION #2 | \$2,590,000

Shall the School District of Kohler, Sheboygan County, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$2,590,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of improvements to and construction and equipping of outdoor athletic facilities and related site improvements?

☐ Yes ☐ No

CONTACT INFORMATION

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INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

February 24 • 8:30 - 9:30 am & March 10 • 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Kohler Memorial Theatre & Virtually (details on website)

THE NEED



ACADEMIC ADDITIONS & RENOVATIONS

There is a growing demand for employees in the engineering, construction, and manufacturing fields. However, our current classrooms and labs were built in 1960 and are too small, limiting course offerings in:

- Metals
- Robotics
- Computer science
- Computer-aided design (CAD)
- Woods

Aging classrooms and limited space have restricted the options for hands-on learning opportunities for students studying Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). Current spaces do not provide or allow for:

- Dedicated space to integrate STEM in existing curriculum across all grade levels.
- Access to advanced equipment for all grade levels.
- New / enhanced course offerings, clubs, and co-curriculars.



SITE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

To improve student safety, modifications are needed to the student drop-off and pick-up area and to separate vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

Additional parking is also needed during school, recreation, and community events.



AIR-CONDITIONING INSTALLATION

Currently, none of the school's classrooms are air conditioned. Air-conditioning/dehumidification systems are needed to:

- Provide a better learning environment for students;
- Help prevent mold;
- Improve air quality; and
- Protect assets (furniture, technology, etc.)



EBBEN FIELD / OUTDOOR ATHLETIC ENHANCEMENTS

Ebben Field provides space for physical education and athletic competitions, as well as the community's recreational needs. Over the past five years, the track and artificial turf were installed through private donations.

While Ebben Field already contains adequate space, the site is not fully built out. This requires athletes to use offsite locations and leads to scheduling, transportation, and student supervision challenges.

Updates are also needed to improve site safety and traffic flow.

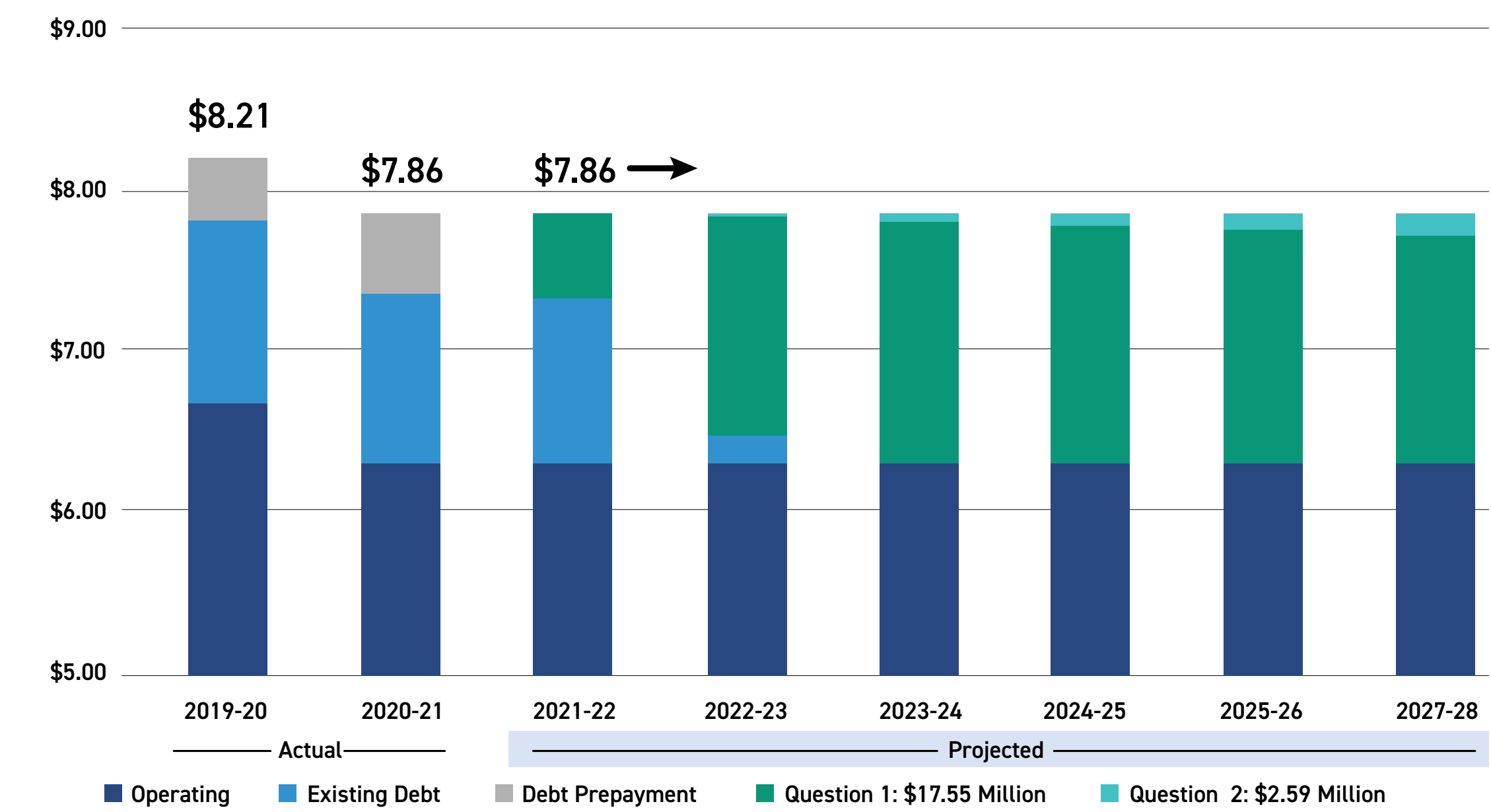
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APRIL 6, 2021



THE INVESTMENT

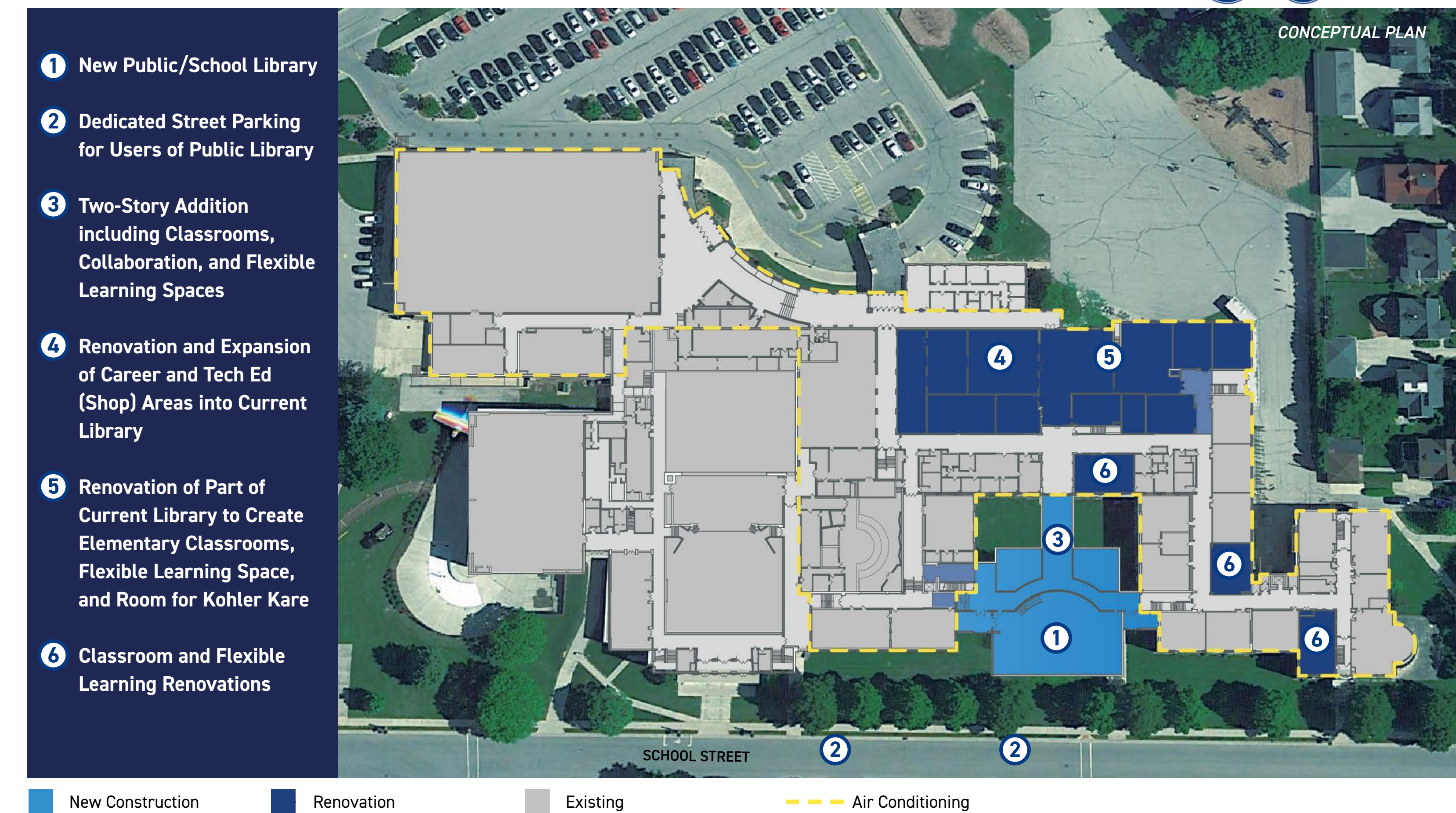


If one or both questions are approved, **the referenda will NOT increase** the tax mill rate for debt payment over the current level.



ASSUMPTIONS | 20-year long-term borrowing at a planning interest rate of 3.75%. Mill rate based on 2020 Equalized Valuation (TID-OUT) of \$783,863,921 with annual growth of 2.00% thereafter. Question #2 represents additional amounts over the \$17.55 million base plan. Note: If a referendum does not pass, the mill rate will likely decline in 2021-22. - Provided by R.W. Baird & Co.

THE SOLUTION | Q1 - SITE PLAN & FIRST FLOOR



THE SOLUTION | Q1 - SECOND FLOOR

