

PARENT REFERENDUM CARDINAL UPDATE – 03/10/25

Bond (Building) Referendum Update

I am excited to share that we will have a [Groundbreaking Ceremony](#) in the front of the High School on Friday, March 14 at 9:30 a.m. We will be celebrating the start of construction on our new High School addition at the very location where our last Bond Referendum project was done 30 years ago! The ceremony will be short, but will consist of introductory words from District Administrator David Novy and Board President Mike Krupke, some songs from the High School Band, and some symbolic dirt digging/photo opportunities with School Administrators, Board Members, students, and some special guests. The extended forecast looks like it will be a great day for this outside event. It will take place next to the flagpole at the front of the school, which is where the new addition will be located. We invite and welcome anyone who wishes to attend this exciting event.

Remember that construction begins on March 24 on the front entrance of the High School, the new 5th grade addition at the back of the Middle School, and the new Band room which will be moved from its current location to what is now the Middle School Maintenance area. For everyone's reference, here is the [\[MAP OF PARKING-SPRING BREAK\]](#), which shows how parking will need to be adjusted in those locations. When students and visitors to our High School come back from Spring Break, the West entrance off County Road GG will be the only entrance into our High School during the school day. Our camera and buzz-in entry system will be located on that door from Spring Break through the remainder of the school year. I have also included a map showing the general location of our new 4K addition on the East side of the Elementary School [\[ES OUTSIDE CONSTRUCTION AREA\]](#). Construction will start at that location on June 9. This map will give everyone an idea of where the footprint of the new addition will be.

The Middle School parking area to the East of the school by our Softball fields will not be accessible due to construction of our new 5th grade addition and new Band room. Sports events and the concession stand will be open, but our typical parking in that area will not be available. Parking in the Elementary School lot and High School lots will need to be used for our Spring sports this year. The North High School lot will be closed during the school day, but will be available for parking during concerts and spring sports and graduation.

I will keep adding to this section, but here are some of the past links to our new spaces for your reference:

[\[FRONT OFFICE LINK\]](#)

[\[LINK TO NEW ADDITIONS\]](#)

[\[5TH GRADE ADDITION\]](#)

[\[LINK TO NEW OFFICE SPACES\]](#)

[\[4K/5K Map\]](#)

[\[MS RENDERINGS\]](#)

Operational Referendum Update

Since my last Parent Cardinal Referendum Update, you should have seen our [\[KEY FACTS SHEET\]](#) insert in the ***Brodhead Free Press***, providing various aspects of this Operational Referendum. We have already conducted two of our Public Informational Meetings and will have one more tomorrow night in the High School Auditoria at 6:00 p.m. For those who do not have the time for a 30-minute public presentation, or are unable to attend for other reasons, consider watching the 6.5 minute [\[VOICEOVER SLIDE PRESENTATION\]](#), which gives all the main components of the Referendum for everyone to consider.

The second of four newspaper articles was in last week's *Brodhead Independent Register* and *Brodhead Free Press*. This article is titled "[Why Does The School District Need a Referendum](#)". The biggest question we are getting from our meetings with stakeholders is "**Can't you just use the funds from the \$17,485,000 Bond Referendum to cover the budget shortfalls?**" No, Referendum questions have a very set and defined purpose. The Bond Referendum passed last April only allows for funds to be used for expenditures related to the approved building projects and for ongoing debt service payments to pay off the debt. An Operational Referendum can only be utilized for the District's operations and not for the debt service or the building projects.

More information can be found on our [\[DISTRICT REFERENDUM WEBSITE\]](#). If any of you wish to discuss any aspects of this Referendum, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. My email is dnovy@brodhead.k12.wi.us and my phone number is (608) 897-2141.

Sincerely,
David Novy, District Administrator
Brodhead School District