

WHY NOW

Schools built decades ago do not make the grade when relating to how today's students learn and how educators deliver curriculum. Learning

environments must be flexible to give students and staff control of their space to form and shape it to meet the day's schedule. The evolution of lighting, acoustics, furniture, outdoor spaces and independent study all contribute to achieving higher academic performance. The bottom line is that our current facilities do not serve our students and staff in the ways they should. Celina deserves modern facilities for modern learning. Let's do our part!

THE NEED

Information was gathered in 2018 from an open survey with Celina residents that received

1,400 responses. That feedback was shared through five public meetings to choose the plan that best fit the district's needs and community's vision. Issues commonly heard as priorities for new schools include:

- ADA accessibility
- Safety/security enhancements
- Air conditioning
- Storm shelters
- Fewer building transitions
- Infrastructure improvements
- Lower maintenance costs

THE INVESTMENT

We are expecting favorable interest rates for this investment in our schools and community. The state is agreeing to share 49% of the cost of this project, which equates to \$51 million. Over the past few years Celina City Schools has paid off previous bonds making this an effective increase of only 5.2 mills. With the 3 mills coming off our books in 2020, the effective tax increase for a \$100,000 home would be \$182 per year or approximately \$15 a month. The timing of this levy may never be better.



WHAT WILL BE COMPLETED WITH THIS PROJECT?

- Build an addition for pre-kindergarten through 4th grade to the already existing Celina Intermediate School (grades 5-6) located at 227 Portland Street.
- Demolish the Celina Elementary and Primary buildings (formerly East and West).
- Construct a new Junior-Senior High School (grades 7-12), which will include a new auditorium, where the Primary (East) currently stands. *Middle and high schoolers will be separated and not share spaces.*
- Transition the current Celina High School (specifically the 1998 addition) to be central offices and Head Start. The Tri-Star portion (from 1984) will become the transportation office and bus garage.
- Both new buildings will include one kitchen, one central office, a storm shelter and two gyms. Drop-off and pick-up locations also will be enhanced.
- All buildings will have modern safety and security features, be ADA accessible and climate controlled.



HOW WOULD THE CELINA COMMUNITY BENEFIT FROM THIS INVESTMENT IN OUR SCHOOLS?

This unique chance to replace and upgrade many of our aging facilities—with the state providing a large portion of the funding—comes at a very opportunistic time. Many schools around the county and state have already taken advantage of these state OFCC funds to provide their students with the advantages that this project would bring to Celina.

We envision continued economic development in our city, and many of our residents feel Celina's schools should reflect our progressive community. To sustain Celina's industrial and business growth, we need to offer innovative educational environments that are able to fully educate our students with modern learning, health, safety and security elements. These new facilities will make Celina an attractive choice for families considering working and living here.



\$51 MILLION

STATE FUNDED

The state share for this project through the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) is \$51 million. **There may never be a better opportunity for our district to make this upgrade.**

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CELINA FOR NEW SCHOOLS

