



Dear CPU Families,

Maintaining high-quality schools is not an easy task, especially for smaller school districts like ours. That's why we emphasize ensuring our students have the educational setting and resources they need to thrive.

The School Board and administration have actively studied the district's facility challenges since the 2021-22 school year and examined potential solutions. This process has included:

- The creation of a Master Facilities Task Force to engage with parents, residents, and members of the business community
- Partnering with INVISION Architecture for facility assessments and professional consultation
- Developing a master facilities roadmap
- Holding work sessions with staff focus groups

These steps led to the School Board's decision on July 17 to approve petition language that seeks to place a \$20.61 million bond referendum on the ballot for November 5, 2024. The board also approved a project proposal provided by the task force, which is divided in two parts based on funding streams.

The first phase aligns CPU's ongoing maintenance and system replacements with funds the district receives from the statewide one-cent sales tax fund known as SAVE, along with its voted Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL). The focus areas of this phase are:

- Safety and security improvements to the primary school and middle school
- Roof repairs and replacements at the primary school and middle school
- Updates to the prekindergarten rooms at the intermediate school
- HVAC and restroom improvements at the middle school

The second phase would use general obligation bonds approved by voters to construct a new 600-seat auditorium at the high school. A new weight room and multipurpose space would also be built at the campus, and improvements would be made to the athletics fields.

More details will be provided soon. Community information meetings will be scheduled and a new referendum website will be created to provide opportunities for everyone to make their voices heard and have their questions answered.

I want to thank the task force and community members who have engaged with the district and helped guide our facility planning. I look forward to having more conversations about these exciting projects in the weeks and months ahead.

Sincerely,

John W. Elkin  
Superintendent