



## A Proposal Focused on Protecting & Improving District 58's School Buildings



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- ✓ Downers Grove Grade School District 58, which serves 4,966 students in preschool through eighth grade, seeks to repair and renovate its 13 schools.
- ✓ While the District has done a good job of stewarding taxpayer dollars and maintaining its schools, the buildings are in need of significant repairs and renovations.

- ✓ District 58 also seeks to expand the two middle schools (Herrick and O'Neill) to allow for the addition of sixth-grade students. Reconfiguring the schools would benefit all students by improving the middle school experience and freeing up needed space at the elementary schools.
- ✓ The last time District 58 voters approved funding for building improvements was 30 years ago.

### Proposed Improvements at Each District 58 School

Proposed Improvements at Each District 58 School		Belle Aire ES	El Sierra ES	Fairmount ES	Henry Puffer ES	Herrick MS	Highland ES	Hillcrest ES	Indian Trail ES	Kingsley ES	Lester ES	O'Neill MS	Pierce Downer ES	Whittier ES
Maintenance	Year Built	1969	1969	1959	1938	1953	1952	1952	1967	1963	1956	1957	1952	1928
State-Mandated Repairs:														
Fire Alarms		●	●	●		●		●	●		●	●	●	●
Clocks/PA/Intercom Systems		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
ADA Signage		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Doors/Hardware		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Bleachers						●						●		
Roofing				●			●	●				●		
Building Envelope		●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●
Plumbing				●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Electrical Repairs/Panelboards		●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Bathroom Renovations		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Health, Safety & Security														
Secure Vestibules (Entryways)		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Comprehensive Indoor Air Quality, Heating & Ventilation Systems and Equipment Improvements		○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Air Conditioning with Required Electrical Upgrades				●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Grade 6-8 Reconfiguration (Partial Addition & Renovation of Both Herrick and O'Neill Middle Schools)														
Additional Classrooms & Science Labs to Accommodate Sixth-Grade Students						●						●		
Consolidation of Staff & Student Support Spaces						●						●		
Expansion/Remodel of Existing Cafeterias & Kitchen Additions						●						●		
Library Improvements						●						●		
Collaboration Spaces						●						●		
New, Larger Main Gym						●						●		
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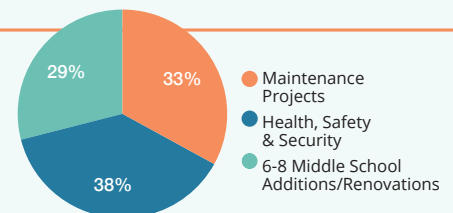


Secure Entry Vestibule

As part of our commitment to the safety of students and staff, future designs will include secure entry vestibules in all schools.

### There are many benefits of the proposed improvements, including:

- ✓ Making our local schools safer and more secure
- ✓ Extending the useful life of existing facilities
- ✓ Reducing emergency repairs
- ✓ Improving energy efficiency
- ✓ Enhancing ADA accessibility
- ✓ Creating classrooms that leverage instructional technology, promote collaboration and can adapt to existing and future teaching methods



Proceeds from the \$179 million referendum would be allocated as follows: \$58.6 million for maintenance projects, \$67.6 million for health, safety and security upgrades and \$52.8 million for the partial addition and renovation of the middle schools to accommodate sixth-grade students.



Go to [www.dg58.org/videos](http://www.dg58.org/videos) to watch videos about District 58's capital facility challenges.



## Why move sixth-grade students to the middle schools? It would...

- ✓ **Give sixth graders full access to their curriculum:** Sixth graders currently cannot complete the full sixth-grade curriculum outlined in the State's learning standards. For example, elementary schools lack the science labs needed for the sixth grade chemistry unit.
- ✓ **Reduce overcrowding:** Many District 58 elementary schools are crowded, with large class sizes and no separate learning spaces for special classes, like music or art. Moving sixth grade would give elementary schools additional instructional space.
- ✓ **Improve alignment and collaboration:** Curriculum materials and State learning standards are generally grouped into grades K-5 and 6-8. Moving sixth grade would better align the curriculum and enhance collaboration opportunities.
- ✓ **Address developmental needs:** Sixth graders are considered young adolescents and have more in common with seventh- and eighth-grade peers than fourth- and fifth-grade students.
- ✓ **Plus:** Moving sixth grade to the middle school would also increase the time between transitions, benefit social-emotional learning, enhance equity, improve math acceleration opportunities, and save operating dollars.
- ✓ **Did you know?** District 58 is one of only two DuPage County school districts with a grade 7-8 middle school model.

## Proposed Improvements to District 58's Middle Schools

### Herrick Middle School

#### Proposed First Floor Improvements:

- ✓ Classroom additions
- ✓ Future ready science labs
- ✓ Collaborative learning spaces outside the classroom
- ✓ Consolidation of student support services into one location
- ✓ Cafeteria expansion
- ✓ Kitchen relocation
- ✓ Reconfigured student drop-off area.

#### Proposed Lower-Level Improvements:

- ✓ Classroom additions
- ✓ Future ready science labs
- ✓ Collaborative learning spaces outside the classroom
- ✓ Reimagined library
- ✓ New larger main gym

### O'Neill Middle School

#### Proposed First Floor Improvements:

- ✓ Classroom additions
- ✓ Future ready science labs
- ✓ Collaborative learning spaces outside the classroom
- ✓ Consolidation of student support services into one location
- ✓ Cafeteria renovation
- ✓ Kitchen relocation
- ✓ Library upgrades
- ✓ New larger main gym

#### Proposed Second Floor Improvements:

- ✓ Future ready science labs
- ✓ Collaborative learning spaces outside the classroom

## What could proposed improvements look like?

While design work has not been completed prior to the referendum, the images below are representative examples from other area schools of the types of spaces that could be developed.

