

# MASON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

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Mason Consolidated Schools is proposing a \$38 million bond on March 10, 2020.

This equates to not more than an estimated 6.26 mills per year, to be levied over 30 years.

## COMMUNITY OPEN FORUMS \*NEW DATES!\*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup> - 10:00AM  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup> - 7:00PM  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup> - 1:00PM  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12<sup>TH</sup> - 7:00PM  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup> - 10:00AM  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup> - 7:00PM



See the Tax Calculator on our Bond webpage:

[ERIEMASON.K12.MI.US/BOND-PROPOSAL](http://ERIEMASON.K12.MI.US/BOND-PROPOSAL)

Community Presentation, informational flyers, Q&A, and more!



# Letter from the Superintendent

As Superintendent of Schools and Board President of Mason Consolidated Schools, we want to bring awareness and provide insight on the important bond proposal that will be on the March 10, 2020 ballot.

On December 4, 2019, the Mason Consolidated Schools' Board of Education unanimously approved placing a bond proposal on the March 10, 2020 election. This marked a key milestone in the strategic capital planning process that started over 18 months ago.

In July 2018, Mason Consolidated Schools hired Plante Moran CRESA to conduct a facilities study. The study looked not only at the infrastructure and integrity of the buildings, but also the wastewater treatment plant, parking lots, and outside athletic areas.

In May 2019, Plante Moran CRESA presented the facilities study findings to the Board of Education with options to address the capital requirements. It was identified that Mason Consolidated Schools facilities are over 55 years old and have systems that are approaching end of life and failing. In order to fix these systems, while at the same time addressing security (physical and social emotional), a bond would need to be considered, since neither General Fund dollars nor Sinking Fund dollars would be able to cover the costs identified.

The Board of Education had two choices: to renovate current buildings or to construct new academic wings to a portion of the existing high school. They had to think about how to create an environment that addresses the physical, academic, and emotional needs of students. Improvements to safety with secured entrances were taken into consideration, as well as the need to provide students the spaces for academic and emotional development with 21st century learning. The Board of Education considered not just today's students, but the students for the next fifty years.

If the bond proposal is successful, the current millage rate of 2.0 mills (Sinking Fund) would increase by 4.26 mills, meaning the overall capital improvement tax rate would be 6.26 mills. If approved, the bond funds would allow us to continue to make Mason Consolidated Schools a strong and vibrant education system by addressing five key areas: educational facilities; new learning opportunities; safety and security; 21st century technology; and infrastructure and equipment.

We would like to highlight four significant points in the bond proposal:

First, the District would construct three new academic wings around portions of the current high school: a Pre-Kindergarten-4th grade wing, a 5th-8th grade wing, and a 9th-12th grade wing, bringing the entire PreK-12 system under one roof. A new kitchen/cafeteria, gymnasium, and new hallways would also be constructed. The District would be able to reduce its facility footprint from 200,000 square feet to approximately 160,000 square feet of building space, saving annual operational dollars.

Second, parts of the existing high school would be renovated. This includes the CTE classroom, band/music room, planetarium, pool, and gymnasium. The renovations to these areas would include heat, electric, new ceilings, and other infrastructure needs.

Third, the District plans to utilize the pool, current gymnasium, and the new walking track and gym for use by the public as a community center. These facilities would be open for the community to enjoy in the evenings and weekends when they aren't being used by the school.

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Finally, the remaining Sinking Fund monies will be used as part of the capital bond implementation. Since its approval, the District has followed the project list that was created prior to the passage of the Sinking Fund. As projects were completed, it became evident that the needs of the District were going to be greater than what the Sinking Fund could support. At that point, all major projects were stopped, and funding has been reserved. A detailed list of every item, completed and on hold, can be found on our website. The completed projects totaled \$1.3 million, and \$1.5 million has been reserved, which will be applied to the building project.

Be sure to check out our website, [eriemason.k12.mi.us](http://eriemason.k12.mi.us). An entire page is dedicated to the bond progress so the community can stay up to date with new information!

As always, please reach out to us should you have any questions.

Thank you,

Andrew Shaw  
Superintendent of Schools

Bruce Stieben  
Board of Education President



Innovative approach to classroom design



Renovated school will have secured vestibule



55+ year old pipes to be replaced



Middle School students won't walk outdoors to lunch

**CURRENT AMOUNT BEING COLLECTED FOR SINKING FUND (LAST COLLECTION DEC. 2019) PER YEAR**

Taxable Value

	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$60,000	\$75,000	\$90,000	\$100,000	\$125,000	\$150,000	\$175,000	\$200,000
2.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$120.00	\$150.00	\$180.00	\$200.00	\$250.00	\$300.00	\$350.00	\$400.00

**EST. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT INCREASE ON INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYERS, MINUS SINKING FUND, PER YEAR**

Taxable Value

	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$60,000	\$75,000	\$90,000	\$100,000	\$125,000	\$150,000	\$175,000	\$200,000
4.26	\$106.50	\$213.00	\$255.60	\$319.50	\$383.40	\$426.00	\$532.50	\$639.00	\$745.50	\$852.00

**EST. IMPACT ON INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYERS FOR BONDED DEBT (TOTAL) PER YEAR**

Taxable Value

	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$60,000	\$75,000	\$90,000	\$100,000	\$125,000	\$150,000	\$175,000	\$200,000
6.26	\$156.50	\$313.00	\$375.60	\$469.50	\$563.40	\$626.00	\$782.50	\$939.00	\$1,095.50	\$1,252.00

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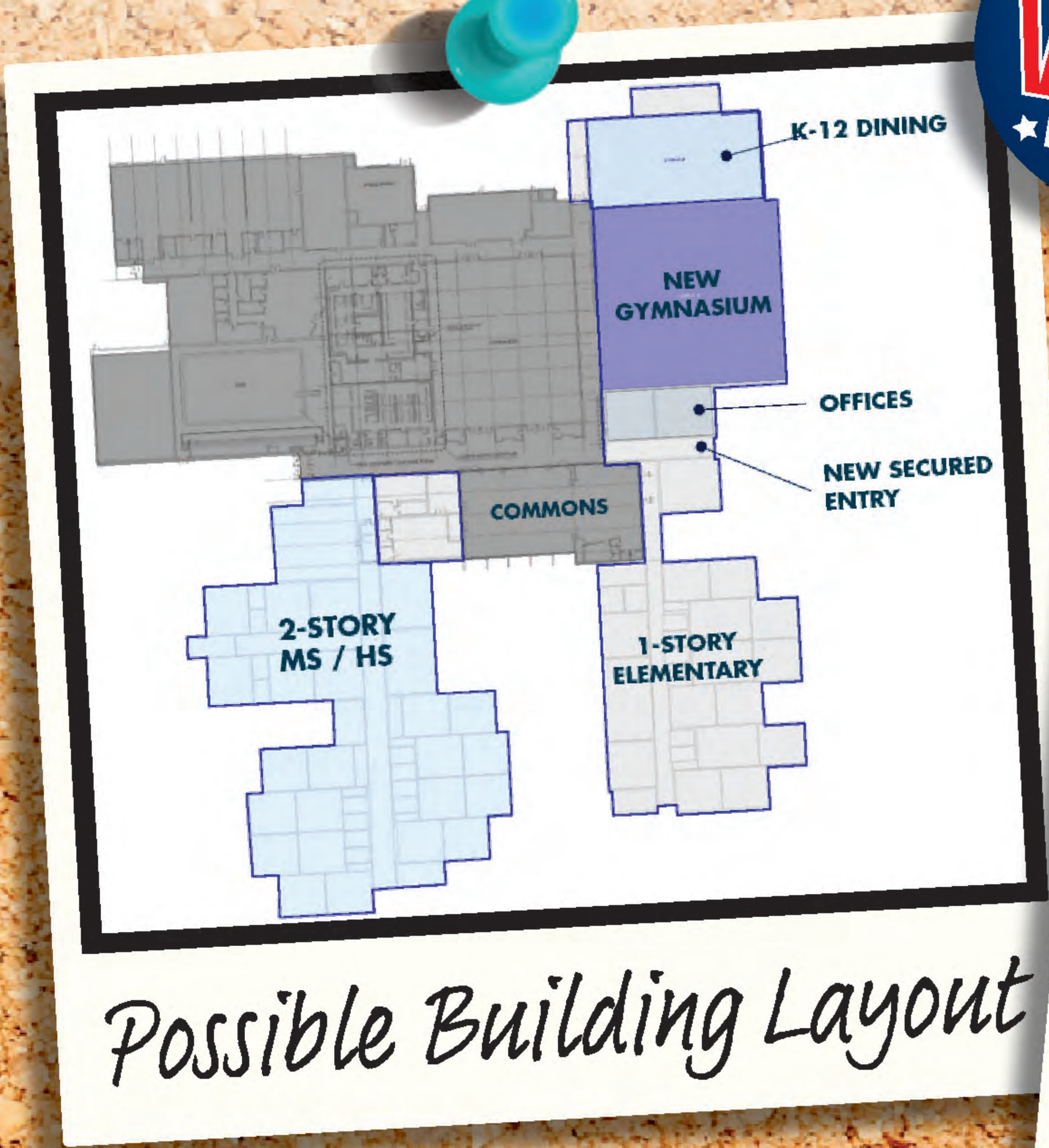
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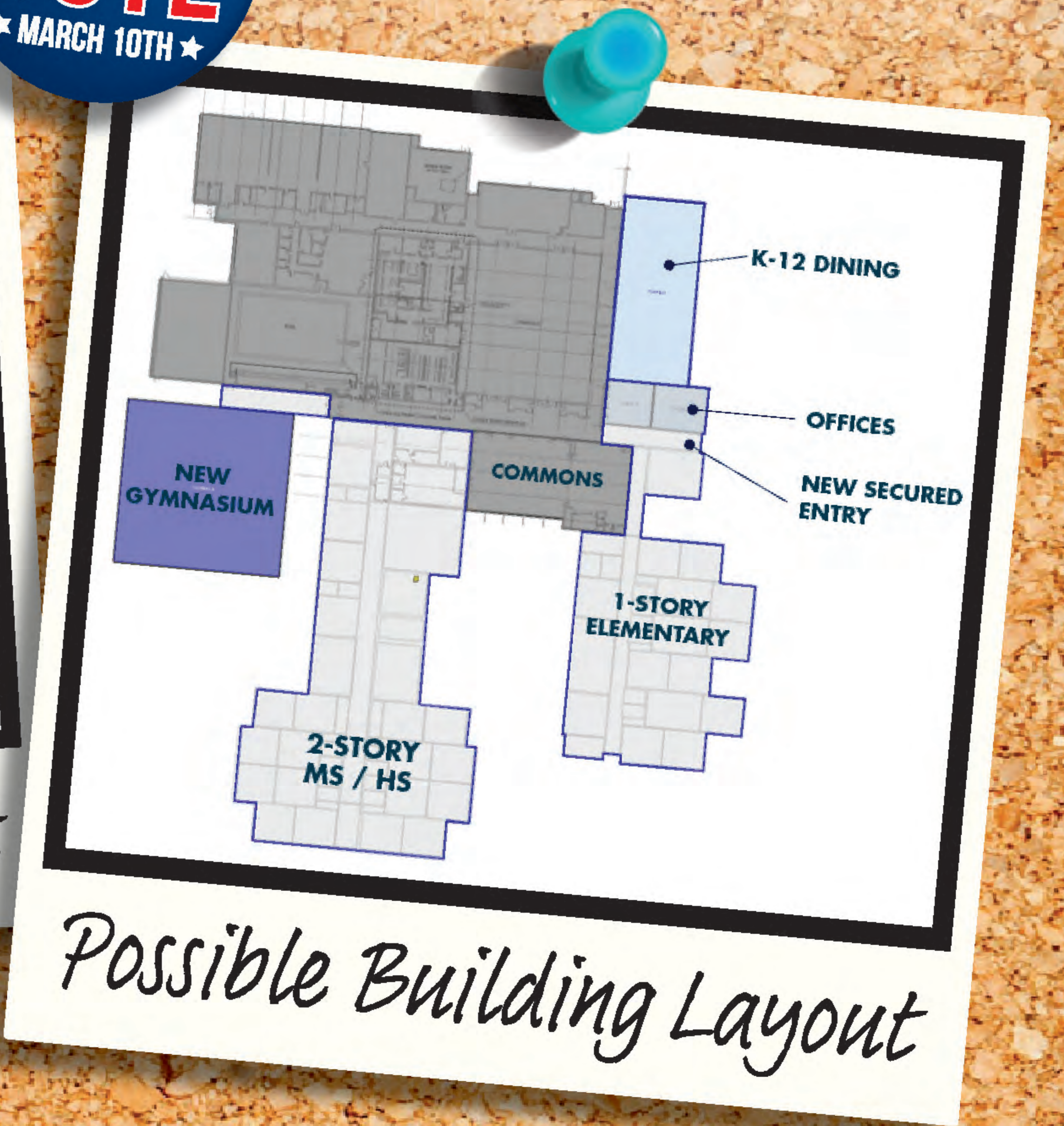
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