



## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

# REFERENDUM 2024

MAINTENANCE | MODERNIZATION | NEW POSSIBILITIES



The Colby School District Board of Education will hold an election on **Tuesday, November 5, 2024**, presenting voters with two ballot questions for facility and learning environment improvements.

The questions would authorize general obligation bonds in amounts not to exceed \$17,770,000 (for Question 1) and \$7,720,000 (for Question 2).

## QUESTION ONE

### MAINTENANCE AND MODERNIZATION

\$17,770,000 to fund a comprehensive school facility improvement project. **Key areas of focus include:**

**Health, Safety, and Security:** The plan focuses on creating secure entrances with visitor check-ins at both the middle and high schools, upgrading fire alarms and security cameras, ensuring ADA compliance in key areas, and safely removing asbestos from various locations.

**Infrastructure, Maintenance, and Efficiency:** The plan includes installing digital controls for energy efficiency, replacing aging HVAC systems, upgrading electrical services, and improving plumbing by replacing outdated piping. Additionally, it involves roof maintenance and replacement, updating exterior doors and windows, and refreshing the building's interior with new flooring, carpeting, and painting.

**Modern Learning Environment:** The plan includes creating a flexible multi use cafeteria and commons area for middle and high school students, building a new greenhouse for FACS and agricultural programs, updating agriculture and business labs, and renovating space to add a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) lab with adjacent special education resource rooms, all aimed at creating a relevant and modern learning environment.

## QUESTION TWO

### ELEMENTARY ADDITION & NEW POSSIBILITIES

\$7,720,000 to fund grade realignment and improved educational environments. **Key areas of focus include:**

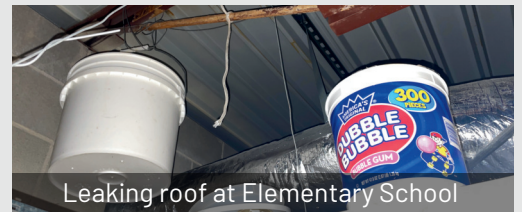
**Grade Realignment:** The plan involves moving 4th grade to the elementary school and 8th grade to the middle school, providing age-appropriate learning spaces and freeing up space across the buildings to enable enhanced programming at all school levels.

**Educational Environment:** The plan includes adding new classrooms and special education areas, enhancing spaces for music, art, and cafeteria use, renovating locker rooms to improve kitchen and food service facilities, and expanding preschool space to support early childhood education and better gym scheduling.

## FACILITY ISSUES



Classroom HVAC



Leaking roof at Elementary School



Aged greenhouse



More photos can be found online!  
Visit [bit.ly/colby-ref24](https://bit.ly/colby-ref24)

## LEARN MORE AND MAKE A PLAN TO VOTE!

Visit the 2024 Bond Referendum website

- Project Scope
- Tax Info
- Concept Plans
- Voting Info... and more!



Or visit our website using: [bit.ly/colby-ref24](https://bit.ly/colby-ref24)

*We prioritized listening to our community through community engagement and a district-wide survey—the key in shaping these proposals. Thank you for helping us create a plan that reflects our community's expectations and values!*



(715) 223-2301

[pgalligan@colby.k12.wi.us](mailto:pgalligan@colby.k12.wi.us)