

**Gilbert Schools, Every Student. Every Day.**

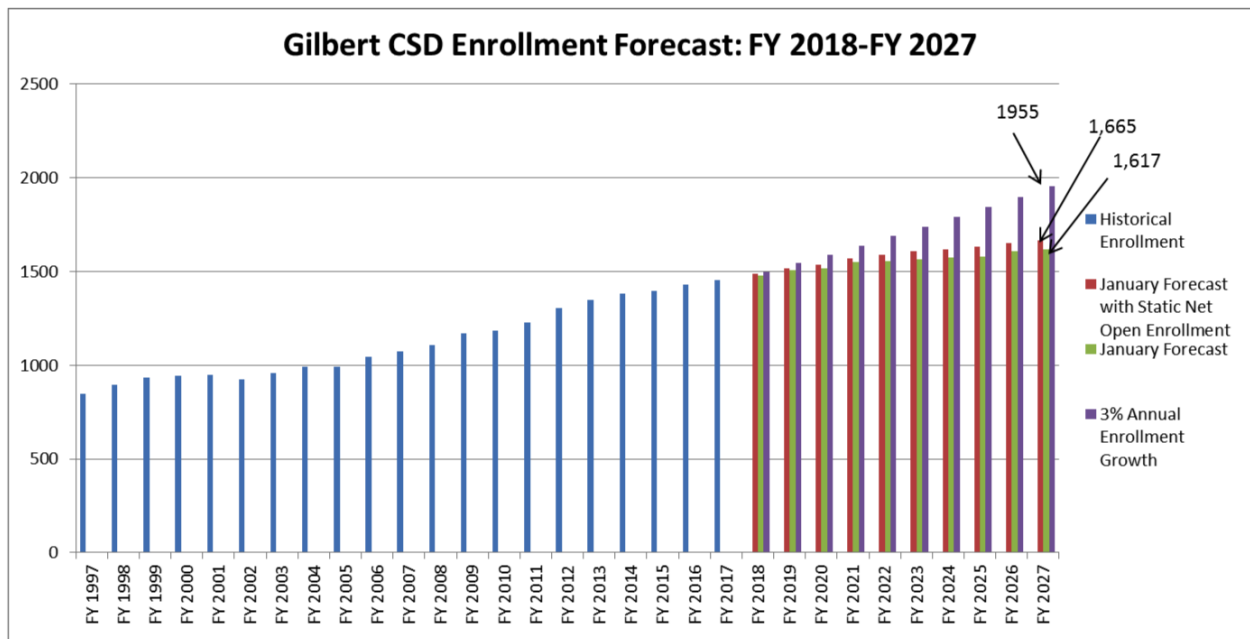
On Monday, January 15, 2018, the Gilbert School Board unanimously voted to move forward with the long-range facilities plan that will go to a general bond election on April 3, 2018. The planning for the improvements began in the fall of 2015 and has included multiple community and faculty task forces at all buildings. Input was also gathered from stakeholders in fine arts, Career Tech Education, and athletics. The district’s goal is to be very transparent in regards to the projects, rationale, and money surrounding this \$14 million dollar bond.

**Background**

In 2016, Haila Architecture was tasked with the challenge of analyzing building and district needs. Those needs include improvements to current facilities as well as additions for the continued growth impacting the Gilbert District each school year.

**Growth**

Gilbert Schools has had an enrollment increase of 3.25% over the last 10 years. While many rural Iowa districts are seeing a declining enrollment Gilbert is fortunate to have increasing enrollment. This growth is felt not only in the classroom each day, but also in athletic and fine arts involvement. Gilbert administration and staff know the importance of students identifying and connecting with a meaningful extra-curricular activity as a student, therefore seeing the increase in participation (athletics, band, choir, drama and many clubs) is encouraging to all staff.



## Planning

Haila Architecture, Gilbert School Board, and Gilbert administrators had meetings with parents and staff representatives of each of the four school buildings as well as athletic, Career Tech Education, and fine arts representatives. The planning included thorough evaluations of building structure, electrical and mechanical systems, and enrollment projections based on 10 years out. Using the information from meetings and evaluations, the Gilbert School Board decided on improvements for all four buildings and athletic facilities.

## Projects Included

Elementary School (grades Prek-2)

- Through renovations Gilbert Elementary will have a safe and secure entrance and improvements in heating, cooling, and electrical.

Intermediate School (grades 3-5)

- Through renovations Gilbert Intermediate will have a safe and secure entrance, classroom updates, and improvements in heating, cooling, and electrical.

Middle School (grades 6-8)

- Gilbert Middle School will gain four new classrooms to accommodate growth. A multi-purpose room, gymnasium vestibule, and expanded locker rooms are also included in the plan.

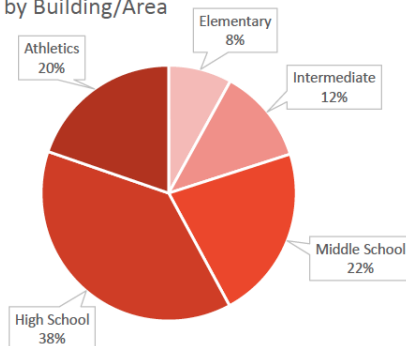
High School (grades 9-12)

- To accommodate growth, Gilbert High School will gain four new classrooms, a fine arts addition, and a Vocational Tech lab addition.

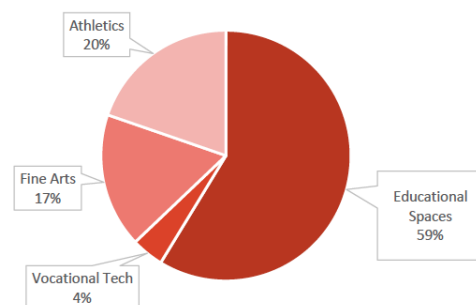
Athletics

- Repairs to the practice track, updates to the current baseball and softball fields, a new baseball and softball field added to the High School Athletic complex and a practice soccer field added north of the Middle School.

Impact by Building/Area

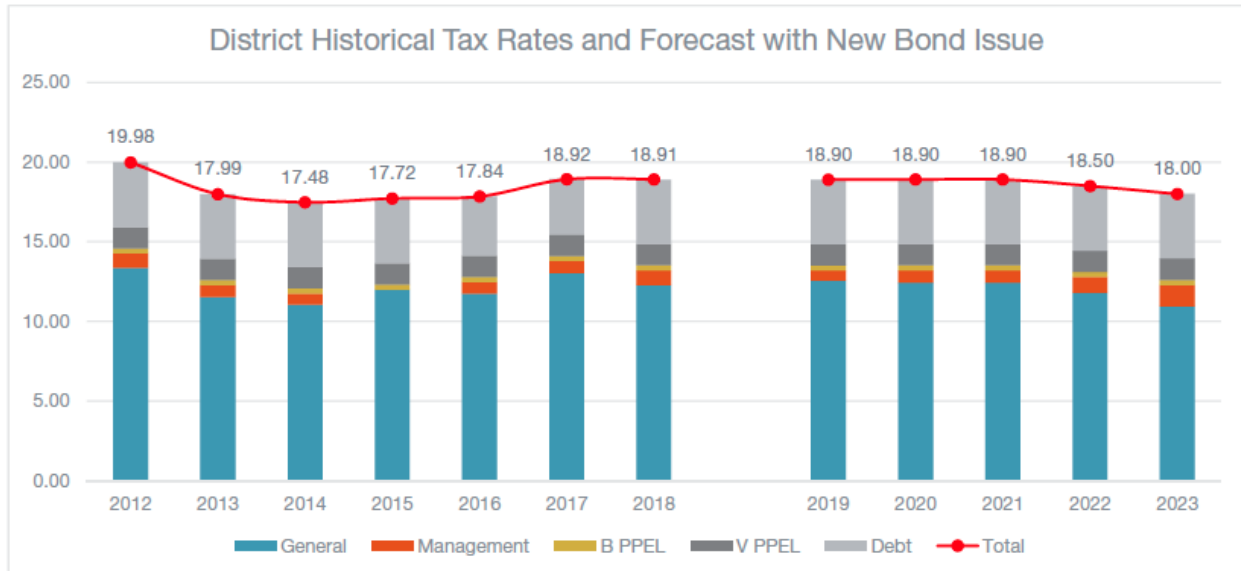


Impact by Category



### How will this affect my taxes?

If the bond is passed (60% of voters, vote yes), the bond will be funded using school tax dollars. The amount that school district residents currently pay will not increase. The number of years that residents will pay that same amount will increase by 5 more years.



The passing of the bond will allow the district to be prepared for the continued growth Gilbert Schools experiences. There is more information located on the District's website at: <http://www.gilbertcsd.org/district/bond-vote-april-3-2018/>. Gilbert proudly provides the best learning environment for Every Student, Every Day.