WHY MORE SCHOOLS?

A new high school and middle school will be built on the south side of the district, within the city limits of Horace. The district already owns the land for these facilities and it is located at Sheyenne St and 76th Ave S. The new secondary buildings will be fed by the attendance area that encompasses the areas south of 40th Ave S on the west side of the Sheyenne River and south of 52nd Ave S on the east side of the Sheyenne River, to include the elementary attendance areas of Legacy Elementary School, Deer Creek Elementary School, and Horace Elementary School.

COST DETAILS

The total projected cost of the high school and middle school is $88.5 million, or around 83% of the total bond package cost.

Of the estimated annual net tax impact of +$15.80 for a $100,000 home value, $13.08 would be associated with the high school and middle school project.

SECONDARY SPACE NEEDS

In regards to enrollment, our secondary buildings are already the largest in the state. For the fall of 2017, West Fargo High School was the largest high school in North Dakota with 1,458 students. Sheyenne High School was the second largest with 1,285. Liberty Middle School was the largest middle school in North Dakota with 1,193 students. Cheney Middle School was the second largest with 1,148 students.

At the middle school level, West Fargo Public Schools has a capacity of 2,600 students, but we will exceed the capacity at Liberty Middle School already in the 2018-2019 school year.

At the high school level, West Fargo Public Schools has a capacity of 3,100 students, and we are expected to surpass that threshold in 2020-2021.

The project would allow for an overall balance of enrollment district-wide at our secondary level and create middle schools and high schools that model the community’s values in constructing middle schools for no more than approximately 1,200 students and high schools for no more than approximately 1,550 students.

BUILDING DETAILS

The middle school will be built to initially accommodate 800 students and the high school will be built to accommodate 1,000 students. The campus site is large enough that both buildings could be expanded upon, if needed in the future, to 1,200 students at the middle school and 1,550 students at the high school.