

November 23, 2021

Dear Auburn-Washburn Families,

I am excited to announce the Board of Education, at the special board meeting held last night (11/22), approved, by a unanimous vote, a two-question bond election to be held in April 2022 by mail ballot.

The first question on the mail ballot, with an estimated total cost for capital improvements not to exceed \$145 million, would include the following projects:

- Increase the number of early childhood classrooms for 3- and 4-year-olds
- Build a second middle school on land already owned by the district and transition sixth grade to both middle schools
- Repurpose space in each elementary school to best meet the needs of PreK – Grade 5 students
- Update Washburn Rural Middle School and repurpose sections to accommodate a sixth grade pod as well as indoor classroom space for the Outdoor Environmental Lab program
- Add an innovative, industry-standard Career and Technical Education Center at WRHS
- Add and repurpose space at WRHS to accommodate academic and co-curricular programs
- Capital outlay maintenance, improvements, and safety upgrades

The second question on the mail ballot, with an estimated total cost for capital improvements not to exceed \$15 million, would include the following project:

- Add a multi-use community pool at WRHS

The Auburn-Washburn school district will partner with the Shawnee County Election Office and it is anticipated that the two-question mail ballot bond election will take place in late March through early April 2022.

This is a very exciting time for the Auburn-Washburn school community. It is our plan to clearly communicate factual information about all projects to staff, parents, and registered voters in our community until the mail ballot officially closes in April. Please remain engaged in this important work and let us know if you have questions along the way. By working together, we can take a very important step forward for our students in Auburn-Washburn.

Thank You & Happy Thanksgiving,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael White". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Michael White
Board President