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Timeline of Major Events Capital Bond Improvements

October 2019 – January 2022

Thirty strategic planning meetings held with over 500 participants from the Auburn-Washburn school community to collect feedback on Strategic Plan 2026.

June 2021

[Strategic Plan 2021](#), which guided the district's work from 2016 – 2021, sunset.

July 2021

[Strategic Plan 2026](#) is announced which will guide the district's work from 2021 – 2026.

November 22, 2021

The Board of Education approved, by a unanimous vote, a two-question bond election to be held in April 2022 by mail ballot.

April 12, 2022

The Shawnee County Election office shared the following election results:

- Question 1 - Not to exceed \$145 million dollars – Passed
 - 5,657 Yes votes - 61% vs 3,651 No votes - 39%
- With Question 1 passing, the school district will pursue the following capital projects:
 - Build a second middle school
 - Expand the early childhood program
 - Build a Career and Technical Center
 - Add and/or repurpose spaces at each school to meet student needs
- Question 2 - Not to exceed \$15 million dollars - Did Not Pass
 - 4,199 Yes votes - 45% vs 5,105 No votes - 55%

May 2022

The Board of Education approved the following partners to design and build bond capital improvements:

- HTK Architects, Topeka, will lead design work at WRHS and all elementary schools.

- MultiStudio, Lawrence, will lead design work at WRMS and MS2.
- MCP, Topeka, will lead construction work at MS2.
- Loyd Builders, Ottawa, will lead construction work at all elementary schools.
- McCown Gordon, Manhattan, will lead construction work at WRHS.

July 18, 2022

The Board of Education approved to build Middle School #2 on district owned property located at the NE corner of Auburn Road and 29th Street. It had previously been discussed to build Middle School #2 on district owned property located south of 29th Street on Urish Road.

August 2022

Moody's awarded the Auburn-Washburn School District a AA2 rating which is a very respectable rating for a public school district our size. Following that rating, a favorable bond sale closed on August 30 for \$71,935,000 (general obligation refunding and improvement bonds) which is 50% of the full authority amount of \$145,000,000. It is expected that a second bond sale for the remaining 50% of bond authority will occur in 2024.