

JEFFERSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT



WE ARE JC SCHOOLS

- 8,500 students (Pre-K through 12th grade).
- Graduate 550-600 students into the workforce every year.
- Top three largest employers in our city/county.
- 1,500 staff members, including ~900 certified educators.
- 223 square miles throughout Cole & Callaway counties.
- 18 school buildings + technology center + performing arts center.
- 60 percent of families eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch program.
- That number has tripled since the mid-late 90s.



JC SCHOOLS CHAMPIONS

- 900 students enrolled in 31 AP & pre-AP courses.
- Four National Merit Scholars and 46 AP Scholars.
- Graduation rate in 2022 was highest in 30 years at 90 percent.
- NCC had 66 Skills USA medalists, three national recognitions in 2022.
- NCC Culinary Arts program rated top one percent in the nation.
- Athletics program success includes district & conference titles.
- Individual students frequently advance to state and national levels.



HIGH EXPECTATIONS

- The JC Three: Safe, Respectful, Responsible.
- Expectation to implement in every building, every day.
- Emphasis on holding staff & students accountable to high standards for attendance, performance, punctuality, maturity, and professionalism.
- Tough Love: We want students to not only survive, but thrive. They deserve for us to set and hold them accountable to high expectations.



STAFF CHAMPIONS

- Nationwide teacher shortage.
- JC Step2 (preK) program for employee children.
- Over 500 participating in Career Ladder.
- Offering college tuition reimbursement.
- Increased professional development opportunities by reworking the student calendar.
- Recruitment & retention as important as it's ever been.



WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

PROPOSITION J + C

- Grateful to past community & school board leaders for establishing a fiscally responsible path for future progress.
- Proposition J + C approved in 2017 with 60 percent support.
- Structure designed for future 'No Tax Rate' increase proposals.
- District tax rate (\$4.79) remains low compared to districts of comparable size (\$5.30 avg).
- Want to keep positive momentum in order to provide quality learning environment for all students.



FACILITIES NEEDS

- 5th-6th grade proposal set aside in 2020 to allow more time to evaluate facilities needs.
- Much of K-8 overcrowding has been addressed and eliminated by evaluating student population shifts.
- Most large-scale renovations projects cannot be funded with existing annual facilities budget.
- Using bonding capacity to address capital improvement needs with no increase to tax rate is best use of funds.



PROPOSITION KIDS FIRST

- Board of Education voted to place "Zero Tax Rate Increase" bond issue on April 2023 ballot.
- Will ask voters to support \$85 million bond issue to build new early childhood center and address facilities needs.
- Campaign will launch first week of March.
- Campaign Chairs: John Landwehr, Ashley Freeman, Joni Henderson.



EARLY CHILDHOOD

- A new early childhood center would be constructed on the east side of town (behind LCMS, accessible from E. McCarty).
- Children exposed to preschool have a greater chance of academic success: less likely to be placed in special education, less likely to drop out or get into trouble, more likely to attend college and avoid unemployment.
- District currently serves 150 students. New facility would double capacity to 300 students (out of 600 graduates).





EAST McCARTY STREET

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LEWIS AND CLARK DRIVE

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CONCEPTUAL SITE DIAGRAM
JEFFERSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT | NEW EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER


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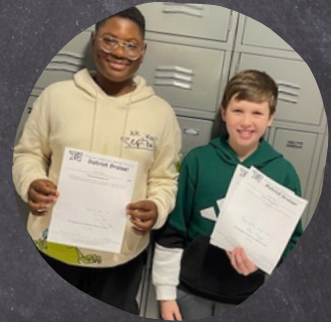
KIDS FIRST PROJECTS

- Technology upgrades for all K-8 classrooms by replacing outdated smartboards with interactive touchscreens.
- Expansion of Nichols Career Center campus & courses to include building trades & new cosmetology program.
- Replacement of aging sound & light equipment at Miller Performing Arts Center.
- Other projects: remodel SWECC for expansion of JCAC, Belair renovations, energy savings fund payment, etc.



KIDS FIRST PROJECTS

- Renovations to both middle schools (built 30 years ago, serve 1,000 students per building every day).
 - Updates would be made to flooring, select windows, lockers, walls throughout building (repairs and paint), track & field at TJMS, sidewalks and parking at LCMS, and front awnings.
 - Bond issue funds would also be used to eliminate trailers currently in use at both schools by expanding the facility to provide additional classroom space as needed.



KIDS FIRST

- \$85M in bonds split into two issuances over next 4-5 years.
- Both issuances would be 20-yr bonds. Conservative estimate of 5 percent interest rate.
- Multiple projects would begin immediately and be completed for 2023-2024 school year.
- Remainder of projects would be completed in phases.
- Anticipate the newly constructed early childhood center would be ready to open for the 2025-2026 school year.



KIDS FIRST TIMELINE: PHASE I

- **Beginning Spring 2023:**
 - **Design & development for Early Childhood Center (project completion for use 2025-2026 school year);**
 - **Design & development for Nichols Career Center expansion (project completion for use 2024-2025 school year);**
 - **Technology upgrades; MPAC updates; pay off energy COPS (immediate).**
- **Beginning Spring 2024:**
 - **Belair remodel (project completion for use 2024-2025 school year).**

KIDS FIRST TIMELINE: PHASE II

- **Beginning Spring 2025:**

- **Phase I of both middle school renovations;**
- **SWECC remodel (complete for JCAC use 2026-2027 school year)**

- **Beginning Spring 2026:**

- **Phase II of both middle school renovations (complete for 2026-2027 school year)**
- **JCAC renovation & athletics facilities (complete for 2027-2028 school year)**

QUESTIONS?

