

Building Bond Referendum is Nov. 8, 2022

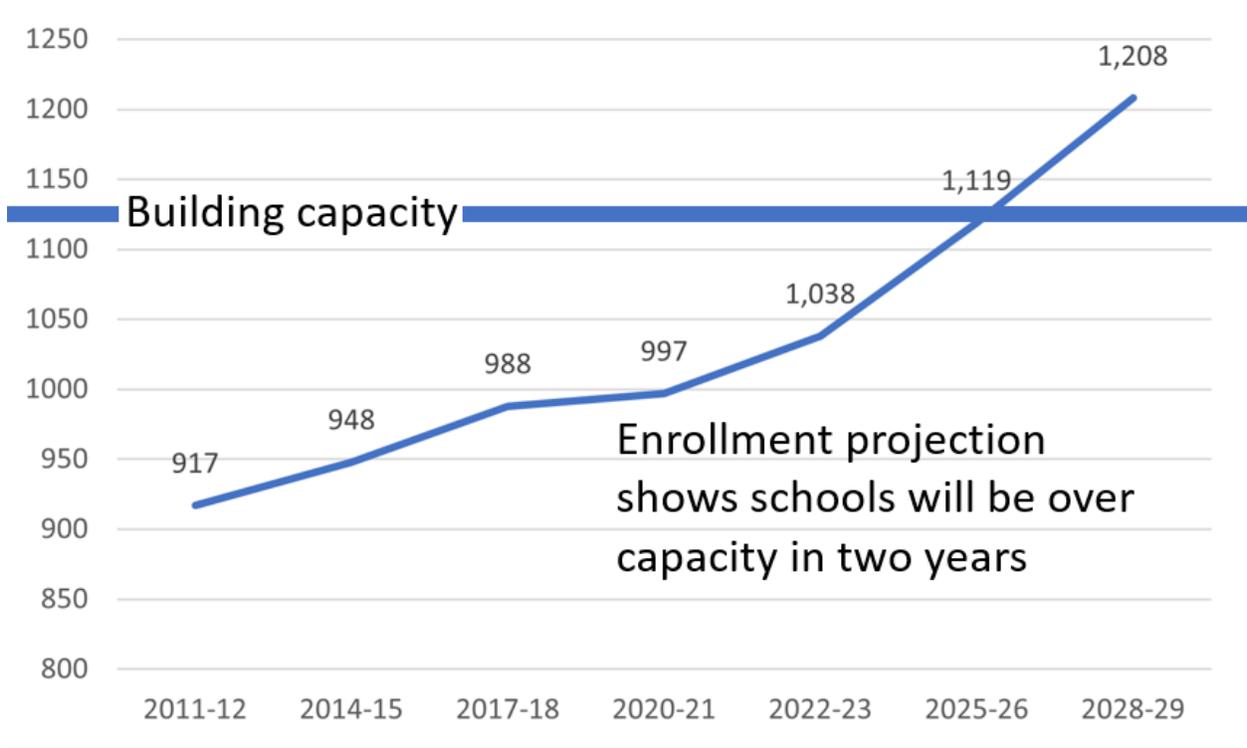
From the Board Chair:

Dear Hawley Public Schools Community,

We have a lot to be proud of! Students are learning! Our school district is in good financial standing, enrollment is growing, and our operating expenses, revenue, and fund balance are stable. We have excellent community support for our schools and our students.

Running Low on Space

Our success has led to a good problem to have - as enrollment climbs, our buildings are running low on space. A demographic study anticipates our enrollment will be greater than our building capacity in two short years. In fact, the demographic study forecast enrollment in the 2022-2023 school year at 1,038 students, and instead we are at 1,053!



Community Engagement

Over the spring and summer we conducted a scientific community survey and met with a task force of community members and staff to study the issue and look at a number of options to address this challenge. On August 22nd, the board unanimously voted to move forward with the construction of a new middle school. This option was deemed affordable by residents who responded to the survey, and was considered to be the best option by the task force given those survey results.

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Of course new buildings don't come cheap, but this is an investment that will last decades and serve generations of our children and grandchildren. We are asking residents to consider funding this new building through a building bond referendum that will be on the Nov. 8 general election ballot.

More Information Coming Soon

In the days and weeks ahead, we will launch a website with comprehensive information about our growing pains and the proposed solution. In addition, we're launching an e-newsletter ([sign up here](#) to receive it), we will post information on social media, and our superintendent will be meeting with residents all over the district.

The District is required by law to provide only factual information and cannot advocate for or against any referendum questions. Our commitment and responsibility is to provide the necessary information for voters to make an informed decision.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Superintendent Phil Jensen at pjensen@hawley.k12.mn.us or 218-483-4647.

Go Nuggets!

Sincerely,
Cody Marshall, School Board Chairman
Hawley Public Schools