



# MONROE LOCAL SCHOOLS NOVEMBER 2024 BOND



During the 2022-23 school year, a facilities advisory committee consisting of more than 100 members of the Monroe community began meeting monthly to provide input and explore options to address the growing capacity concerns in our school buildings. Last summer, a smaller group of members from this committee met to discuss the possibilities in more detail and ultimately recommended the construction of a new high school to the Monroe Local Schools Board of Education.

In April of 2024, after waiting nearly 10 years for an opportunity to partner with the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission, the district was notified by the OFCC that it was eligible to participate in the Classroom Facilities Assistance Program (CFAP). This partnership provides Monroe with \$25.3 million in state funding for the construction of a new school building, but is contingent upon the school district raising its local share through a proposed property tax.

## FACTS & FIGURES

**ISSUE  
8**

**2,910**

Student enrollment  
growth  
2024 vs. 2004



**1,515**

Monroe's 2-12 campus  
is currently operating at

**124%**

of its intended capacity

Change in effective  
millage

**3.50**



**3.49**

Upon passage, Monroe  
will receive

**\$25.3  
MILLION**

in OFCC state funding  
for the project

A new Monroe High  
School would open at  
the start of the

**2028-  
29**

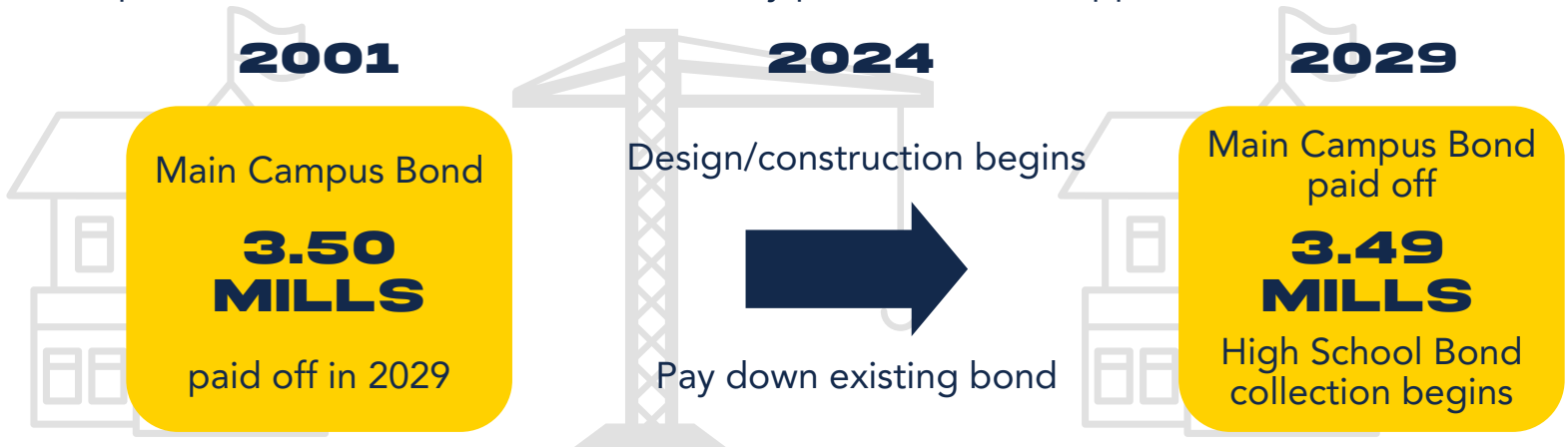
school year

# OVERCAPACITY IMPACT

- Monroe's Yankee Road Campus opened in 2004 and was originally intended to serve as a K-12 building. By 2007, the campus had reached capacity, leading the district to move several grades back into the now 70-year-old Primary School.
- Class sizes have nearly doubled from 115 graduates in 2004 to 220 in 2024.
- A lack of adequate classroom space has limited potential academic offerings and learning opportunities for students and staff.
- Common spaces including hallways, cafeterias and bathrooms were not designed to accommodate the current amount of students, resulting in the restructuring of schedules and limited availability of lockers.
- Elementary specials teachers have taught from mobile push carts since 2015 due to a lack of available classrooms.
- JH/HS Media Center, auditorium, auxiliary gym, athletic training room, "Main Street" hallway and gym mezzanine are utilized as classrooms.
- Primary School stage is utilized as storage and a teacher workroom.
- Nontraditional spaces including closets and storage areas on both campuses have been repurposed as offices and meeting rooms.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

- \$36.75 million bond issue on the Nov. 5, 2024 ballot.
- While the bond issue is on the November 2024 ballot, there will be no increase in millage due to the district leveraging existing local funds to pay off current debts and phase in new payments beginning in 2029.
- Expiring bond: 3.50 mills or \$123 annually per \$100,000 of appraised home value.
- Proposed bond: 3.49 mills or \$122 annually per \$100,000 of appraised home value.



To view FAQs or learn more about the work of our Facilities Advisory Committee and Monroe's facilities master planning process, please scan the QR code or visit [www.monroelocalschools.com/district-info/facilities-planning/](http://www.monroelocalschools.com/district-info/facilities-planning/)

