

LAKE MILLS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 2008 SCHOOL REFERENDUM

FACT SHEET

A bond referendum for \$15.6 million for adding to, improving, remodeling and renovating the Lake Mills Middle School will be on the Nov. 4 ballot.

WHY DO WE NEED THIS?

School Board consultants have recommended a “gut rehab” of the Middle School as the most sensible way to solve several problems, including:

- **Safety/security.** The current school has code deficient electrical wiring and unmonitored entries. This plan creates a secure, handicap accessible entrance, and improves safety and security in the commons/cafeteria and parking area. It includes a new, safer gymnasium.
- **Maintenance costs.** Poor energy efficiency has led to high heating costs. Geothermal heating and modern plumbing and mechanical systems will be used to lower operating costs.
- **Need to ease overcrowding at Prospect.** The expansion moves the 5th grade to a second story addition at the Middle School to be shared with the 6th grade. Fifth graders would benefit from access to music and foreign language classes and science labs.

PROPOSED WORK SCHEDULE

Design:	Nov. 2008–April 2009
Additions:	May–Aug. 2009
Renovations:	June–Aug. 2009, June–Aug. 2010

WHAT ABOUT PROSPECT?

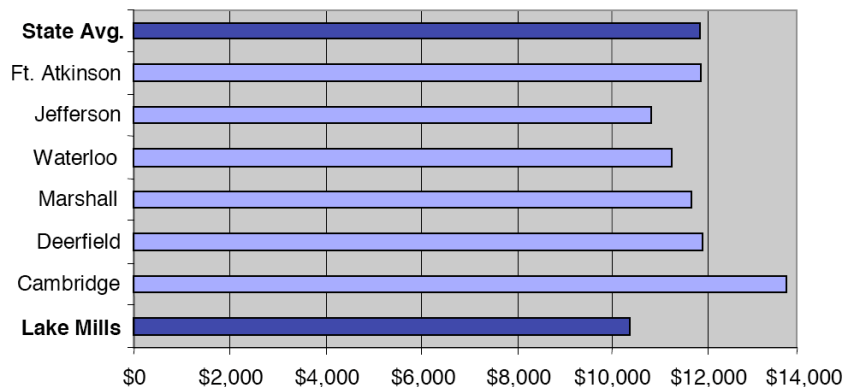
Overcrowding at Prospect will be eased by moving the 5th grade class to the Middle School, freeing four classrooms. This will allow for smaller class sizes and removal of the temporary classroom. Improvements at Prospect are part of the School District’s new long-term facility plan.

HOW WILL THIS AFFECT MY PROPERTY TAX?

The Lake Mills School District spends \$10,026 per student, as shown by the chart at right. This is below the state average and spending in most nearby communities.

The tax rate projected for this project is \$1.25 per thousand dollars of valuation and will decrease over the term of the bond.

Comparative Per Pupil Spending, 2006-2007
(Includes federal, state and local revenue)



**FOR A HOME VALUED AT \$100,000,
THE TAX IMPACT IS ESTIMATED AT
\$125/YEAR OR \$10.42/MONTH.**

**FOR A HOME VALUED AT \$200,000,
THE TAX IMPACT IS ESTIMATED AT
\$250/YEAR OR \$20.83/MONTH.**

Sources: LMASD Nov. 4 2008 Referendum Informational Handout; Wisconsin Dept. of Public Instruction, Multi-District Comparative Cost Comparison Using Audited 2006-2007 Data.

