

The Waterloo Community School District has a long history of using Secure An Advanced Vision For Education (SAVE) funds to address our facility needs without placing the burden solely on our district's property taxpayers.

In 1999, voters in Black Hawk County approved the One Cent Local Option Tax for Schools, leading to extensive facility improvements and replacements. With the support of these funds, WCSD constructed nine new elementary schools, completely remodeled two elementary schools, constructed one new middle school, and completed multi-phased projects at the middle and high schools.



THESE PROJECTS REPRESENT NEARLY \$212 MILLION

in construction, renovations, and improvements—without increasing property taxes.



MINIMIZING TAX IMPACTS


While other schools have needed to ask their communities to approve general obligation bonds for facility and construction projects, WCSD has been able to move forward with these wide-reaching projects using SAVE. This means our district has elected NOT to ask residents to take on additional property tax burdens.





WHAT'S NEXT?


Over the past 20 years, WCSD has used Iowa sales tax dollars to build and renovate elementary and middle schools. Now, it's time to address the needs of our high school students.


On November 5, voters have an opportunity to approve or deny the use of sales tax dollars to construct a unified high school campus. Authorizing the use of the 1% local option sales tax dollars means that property taxes will not be raised to pay for the \$165M project.


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2002
Cunningham School for Excellence opens. Multi-phased renovations completed at East High and West High.
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2003
Irving Elementary opens.
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2004
Addition completed at Bunger Middle School.
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2005
Lou Henry Elementary and Lincoln Elementary open. Remodel completed at Hoover Middle School.
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2006
Kingsley Elementary renovations completed.
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2006
Voters approve 10-year extension of One-Cent Option Tax.
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2007
Improvements at Bunger, Central, and Hoover Middle Schools completed.
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2008
Lowell Elementary and Central Middle School renovations completed.
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2009
Poyner Elementary opens. East High School renovation completed. Property acquired at 266 Prospect.
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2010
Carver Academy opens.
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2011
Highland Elementary and Kittrell Elementary open.
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2012
Property acquired at 307 Sunset.
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2013
Becker Elementary School opens.
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2014
Orange Elementary opens. Tech Building acquired.
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2019
Career Center opens.
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2022
Lowell Elementary opens.
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2023
Career Center expansion opens.

