

# GROWING To Meet the Future



## Franklin Township Community School Corporation 2022 Referendum



## Referendum Fast Facts Vote May 3, 2022 #weareflashes

### We have a lot to be proud of!

Students are learning, and Franklin Township Community School Corporation is recognized as a top district in Indiana.

**'A' rating from Indiana Department of Education**

**Top 15% of high schools in the country according to U.S. News & World Report**

**95% of students graduate within 4 years**

Flashes are doing great things, including undefeated Show Choir, undefeated Show Choir Band, a Gymnastics State Champion, and students competing at state in girls' cross country, boys' track, wrestling, girls' tennis, and boys' and girls' swimming.



### The Situation

#### Flash enrollment is booming

You've noticed all the new homes being built in Franklin Township. Maybe you are one of the several thousand new residents to our area since 2010 who lives in one of those new houses! The population of Franklin Township is booming and so is enrollment in FTCSC.

**We welcomed almost 500 new students this school year – that's the size of some of our elementary schools.**

**FTCSC enrollment is up by 2,462 students since 2011 and has grown by 1,745 in the past 5 years alone.**

#### School Year Enrollment Numbers

School Year	Enrollment Numbers
2021-22	10,843
2020-21	10,349
2019-20	10,116
2018-19	9,552
2017-18	9,297

### Facilities are showing their age

District-wide, our six elementary schools have worn carpeting and flooring, worn cabinets, peeling wall coverings, aging playgrounds, and parking lot potholes. And, at almost 50 years old, Franklin Central High School has major challenges, including:

Core mechanical, electrical, plumbing and roofing systems that are near or at the end of their useful life.

Not enough classrooms or co-curricular spaces to serve the 4,500 students who will be in the building in the next few years.

Classrooms built for an education system in the 1970s, with many spaces not meeting today's standards of contemporary learning approaches.

### The Plan: Renovation Referendum

A referendum will be held May 3, 2022. If approved, additional property taxes would be collected to fund long-term maintenance, improvements and additions to FTCSC schools to increase capacity and bring schools up to standards.

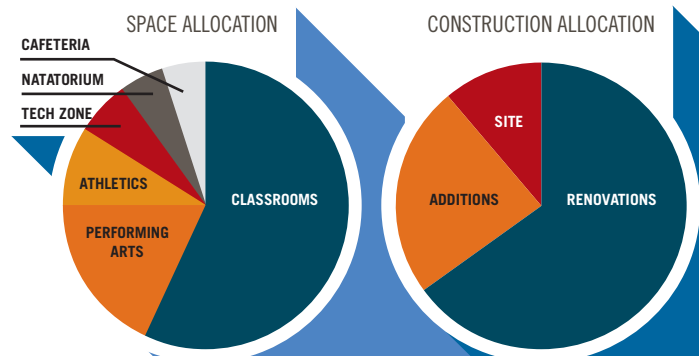
A facilities study by Skillman, a highly reputable and respected contractor, calculates the cost of renovations at Franklin Central and our other facilities to exceed our available resources.

### How will the money be spent?

In addition to completing FCHS work listed above, updates and upgrades to our six elementary schools will address such items as flooring, carpeting, paint, asphalt, curbs, casework and HVAC controls.

About 94% of construction funds allocated for FCHS work; 6% to elementary schools.

### FCHS Breakdown



# What happens if the referendum is not approved?

According to a 2021 study by McKibben Demographics, enrollment will continue to increase by more than 250 students each of the next five years. We simply won't have room in FCHS for all our students. We will have to run referendums until one passes, which will cost taxpayers more as construction costs and interest rates increase.

# What would it cost me?

If the referendum is approved, \$0.2099 per \$100 of net assessed home value, which would be the lowest in Marion County. That's the equivalent of \$15.48 per month on the median value home of \$185,700.

Home Value	Annual	Monthly
\$150,000	\$136.96	\$11.41
\$185,700*	\$185.67	\$15.47
\$211,800**	\$221.28	\$18.44
\$300,000	\$341.61	\$28.47

\*2021 FTCS median home value \*\*2021 FTCS mean home value  
Use the tax calculator at [ftcsc.org](http://ftcsc.org) to learn tax impact to your property

**Strong Schools = Strong Communities**

According to a National Alliance of Business report "The second most often cited reason for a business selecting a particular location is the quality of the schools."

Good schools are also shown to attract and retain families. A community that attracts families and businesses tends to have a stronger tax base, higher home values, and a tax burden that is spread more widely.

**Survey Says 68%**

of residents believe the school district should explore a bond referendum to manage enrollment growth

2020 community opinion survey conducted by Baker Tilly

# Addressing growth without raising taxes

## Reconfiguring lower-grade level schools

We created pre-K-Grade 4 Elementary Schools, Grade 5-6 Intermediate Schools, and Grade 7-8 Junior High School.

## Completing a Junior High addition

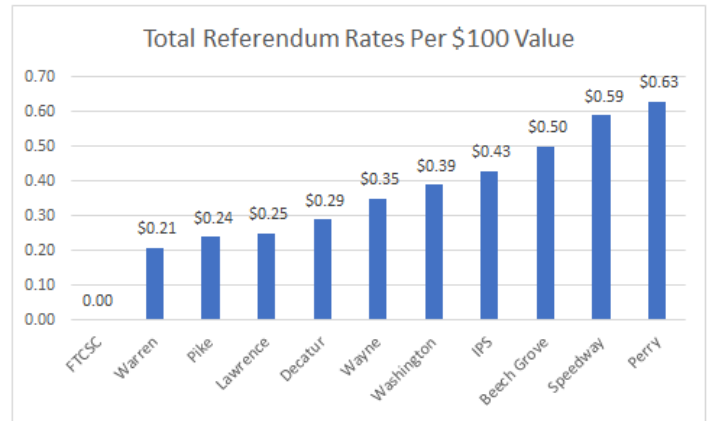
We added 51,000 square feet - primarily academic space, plus performing arts space and a fitness area - to the Junior High.

## Planning additions and a new school

We're beginning work on expanding Kitley Intermediate School and Edgewood Intermediate is next. Given the rate of growth, we also plan to build a new elementary school to serve the district's northeast corner, without raising taxes.

# Did you know?

- Residents living within the Franklin Township school boundaries pay the lowest residential school taxes in Marion County.
- FTCS is the only Marion County district that has not received referendum funds.
- FTCS is the only school district in Marion County to see enrollment growth during the first year of the pandemic.



"The spaces in which students learn change over the years. Anything that was built in the 1970s is preparing a student for postsecondary outcomes of the 1970s."

*Chase Huotari, FTCS Chief Academic Officer*

## Where and when do I vote?

Election Day Voting,  
6 a.m. to 6 p.m., May 3, 2022  
Additional Voting Details Available  
<https://indianavoters.in.gov>

## Need more information?

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## Community Meetings

Learn more at open houses held at FCHS on April 5 and 12.

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