

# WHAT'S NEXT FOR UCS?

## FUTURE PLANNING FOR WEST UTICA ELEMENTARY



### COMPREHENSIVE FACILITY REVIEW

- A comprehensive review is ongoing for each elementary school. This review considers the age of the facilities, safety concerns based on the school's floor plan and overall student enrollment patterns.
- Facility improvements, renovations and/or a new addition/construction will occur at UCS elementary schools to provide our students and teachers the best possible learning environment that meets the high standards of our community.
- In partnership with our parents, the review will include input from a long-standing citizens committee (Enrollment Distribution Advisory Committee) that is comprised of representatives from each elementary school as well as input from school and district staff.
- This comprehensive, systematic plan will continue this spring with a final recommendation provided to the Board of Education in the fall by district leadership.

The projects listed below are scheduled for West Utica Elementary:

### SAFETY

#### PHASE 1: Projects in this phase will be scheduled for summer 2024 through 2026

- Create additional layers of security to limit access for exterior entry points at main entrance and corridors, such as shatter-resistant glass
- Replace drinking fountains with water bottle filling stations
- Install new playground equipment
- Replace playground surfacing

### SUCCESS

#### PHASES 2-5

- Upgrade network infrastructure
- Upgrade security systems (cameras and access control)

- Improve exterior façade and landscaping
- Improve stage lighting and sound within the gym/cafeteria
- Renovate media center
- Renovate restrooms
- Upgrade plumbing and HVAC systems
- Upgrade interior and exterior lighting systems
- Purchase instructional technology equipment for classrooms
- Purchase computers for students and staff
- Purchase classroom furniture
- Purchase media center furniture

### PROJECTS IN PROCESS/COMPLETED

- Replace interior door hardware to integrate improved locking system based on industry-level safety standards\*
- Replace public address system\*
- Improve Parking Lot\*

\*Funded by 2018 bond issue



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