## **Concept B: Phased Long Term Plan**

This plan is based in part on the fact that Concept B will invest up to \$34.5 million in essential repairs and replacement of core infrastructure in all three schools. This assures that going forward each school will not require investments in major equipment and major maintenance for 15-25 years, assuming a properly funded Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Accordingly, the next major investment can be focused almost entirely on new construction.

Specifically, the plan calls for replacing select building sections in 11-12 years with a **50,000** square feet two story building for either the middle or elementary school. The cost in 2035 dollars is estimated at \$51,808,550 and financing would raise taxes 2.8%.

This strategy will recover open space and preserve the basic footprint of the campus that under Concept B provides for a shared performing arts theater, a shared cafeteria and a shared secure entrance. Building "up" on roughly the same footprint will result in a more compact, cost-effective and efficient middle and elementary school complex with reduced sprawl. Also, excess space would be demolished, freeing the land for other purposes.

The repair and renovation program for Concept B would be revised, calibrated and possibly scaled back somewhat depending on which school is targeted first for phased new construction. This could materially reduce the cost of Concept B.

## **Phased Construction (Cooling ES and MS Classrooms)**

- 1) Implement Concept B with \$83 million in two tranches (\$41.5 million each) with a tax increase of 9.8% over two years. Target either the middle or elementary school to replace existing space with a 50,000 square foot, two story building.
- 2) At the 10<sup>th</sup> year of the amortization schedule, refinance 30 year bonds: roll remaining principal of \$64,690,621 into new 30 year bonds, reducing annual debt service from \$4,655,273 to \$3,628,343. Refinancing will free up revenue sufficient to finance \$18,309,379 of additional debt with a ZERO increase in taxes in 2035.
- 3) 50,000 square feet building @ \$700/SF = \$ 35 million (2025 dollars), adjusted with 4% annual inflation escalator = \$51,808,550 (2035 dollars)
- 4) Finance as follows based on assumptions for the Town Manager's tax impact calculator extended to 2035: \$18,309,379 bond with a ZERO tax increase, plus new \$33,499,171 bond with 2.8 % tax
  - increase = \$51,808,550 (see below for calculations)
- 5) Repeat in 11-12 years

## **Calculations**

Tax data for 2035 is based on Town Manager's tax impact calculator assumptions, extended five years:

2035 budget: \$67,028,745 2025 budget: \$41,800,000.00

Annual budget increase: 4% starting 2030

2035 taxable valuation: \$3,994,332,501 2025 taxable valuation: \$3,800,000,000.00

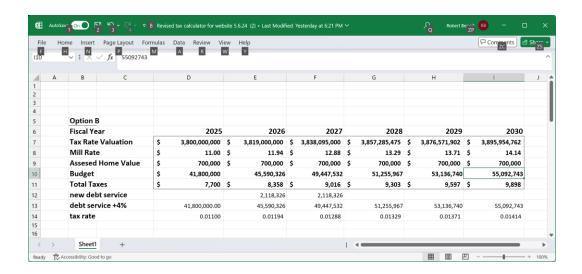
Annual increase in valuation: 0.5% starting 2025

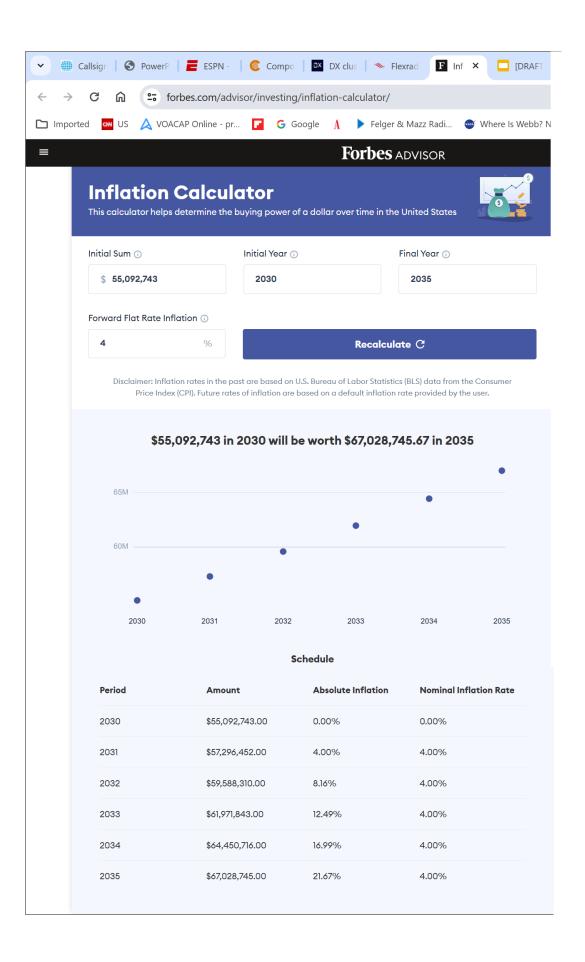
2035 building cost: \$51,808,549 2025 building: \$35,000,000.00

Annual increase: 4%

2035 tax rate 0.0167809 (\$67,028,494/\$3,994,332,501)

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## Calculations for new construction bond:

