

BHS/BTC 2025



In August 2022, City Council voted to allow Burlington School District to place a \$165 million bond question on the November ballot to build a new high school and technical center.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

*Ballots will be mailed in September
Election Day is November 8*

WHY DO WE NEED A NEW SCHOOL

In 2020, BHS and BTC were closed due to high amounts of PCBs in the air. The PCBs were found during a voter-approved renovation project and added to a long list of deficiencies previously identified.

Aging and outdated learning spaces

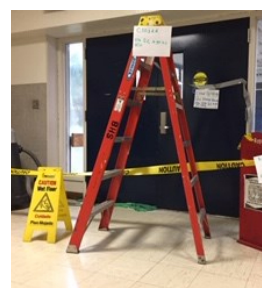
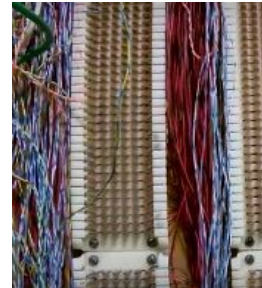
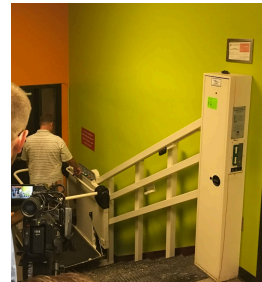
- Does not meet “Collaborative High-Performance School Standards”
- 1960s classrooms
- Science labs insufficient for larger class sizes
- STEM equipment in need of replacement

\$30+ million needed for maintenance (in 2018)

- Crumbling infrastructure
- Outdated plumbing, electrical, heating, and ventilation systems
- Insufficient insulation and windows
- Outdated tech infrastructure

Does not meet current accessibility standards

- Comprised of six academic buildings with unheated, outdoor walkways
- Seven stories from top to bottom
- Elevators outdated and in undesirable locations



WHY NOT JUST REMOVE THE PCBs?

PCBs are not only in the air

- Found in tile, ceiling, walls, soil, and concrete floor
- BSD cannot reoccupy without removing all contaminated materials, including all the soil between buildings
- PCB removal would require every window to be replaced, along with two feet of wall on each side
- Building likely to never be “PCB free” and will always need ongoing, costly testing

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE \$70m BOND FROM 2018?

BSD no longer has access to that money

- BSD spent \$4m of the 2018 bond request on the ReEnvisioning project before canceling the plan
- All other funds were either returned or never borrowed
- This new bond entirely replaces the 2018 bond

WHY NOT JUST STAY IN MACYS?

Downtown BHS (DtBHS) is not a long-term solution

- BSD doesn't own the old Macy's building and is leasing the space
- DtBHS does not have windows or an auditorium or gymnasium
- BTC is not located in DtBHS, but leases several spots in Burlington and South Burlington
- Building is scheduled for demolition following our lease agreement

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WHY IS THIS THE BEST PLAN?

Built for Current and Future Needs

- Adaptable to future technology infrastructure
- LEED Certified, 'Net-Zero Ready' saves energy costs over time
- High-efficiency heating and cooling systems
- Designed with 50-100-year lifespan

Supports "Deep Learning for all Students"

- Flexible learning spaces and updated classroom technology
- Multi-use spaces can be expanded or reduced in size based on program needs
- Maintains connection to outdoors and community
- Meets high-performing standards for STEM

Designed with Public Engagement

- Design Steering Committee included representation from schools, families, community
- Multiple rounds of feedback from students and community
- Incorporates community asks from prior projects

Balances Need for New Spaces and Cost to Taxpayers

- Lowest cost option out of five design options
- Saves taxpayers \$20m by leveraging Congressional grant to move half of BTC programs to airport (original project cost was \$210m before deciding to move programs)
- Reuses land owned by School District

BUDGET and BOND

Total Project Cost	\$190 million*
BSD Contributions (\$5m budget savings/surplus, \$10m from capital plan, \$10m American Rescue Plan) <i>*In addition to these contributions, BSD utilized another \$10m congressional grant to move half of BTC's programs to the airport, reducing the original project cost from \$210m to \$190m</i>	\$25 million*
Total Bond Request on November Ballot <i>*BSD is committed to fundraising to borrow less than \$165m. We also recently supported legislation that provides more funding to districts with students who qualify for free and reduced lunch or who are learning English. We expect this to substantially reduce the impact this project has on tax rates.</i>	\$165 million*

TAX IMPACT

Fiscal Year	Estimated Borrowing	Cumulative Tax Impact	Change from Prior Year	Property Tax Change from Current Rate (\$370K Home)	Income Tax Change from Current Rate (\$50,000 Income Payer)
2023	\$30 million	0%	0%	\$0	\$0
2024	\$70 million	2.85%	2.85%	\$146	\$34
2025	\$65 million	9.50%	6.65%	\$488	\$115
2026	\$0	15.67%	6.17%	\$805	\$190
2027-44	\$0	15.67%	0%	\$805	\$190
2045	\$0	12.82%	-2.85%	\$659	\$155
2046	\$0	6.17%	-6.65%	\$317	\$75
2047	\$0	0%	-6.17%	\$0	\$0

