

BOND PROPOSAL IMPROVEMENTS / NOVEMBER 2, 2021

NO TAX RATE INCREASE OVER THE 2021 LEVY

FACILITY AND SITE INFRASTRUCTURE

- Deconstruct 1950s classroom wing
- Roofing improvements
- Replace boiler
- Plumbing upgrades
- Replace original electrical distribution system
- Update finishes and casework in 1967 wing
- Renovate staff lounge
- Site work associated with deconstruction of 1950s classroom wing
- Site work associated with new classrooms addition
- Replace aging school buses
- Upgrade and move playground equipment

LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

- Construct 8-classroom addition including Special Education and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)
- Purchase classroom furniture for new classrooms
- Purchase educational technology as needed

HAMILTON ELEMENTARY BUILDING OVERVIEW

- Grades K-4
- Three sections of each grade level
- Opened in 1952

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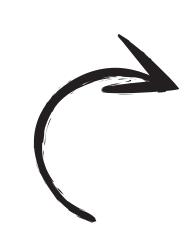
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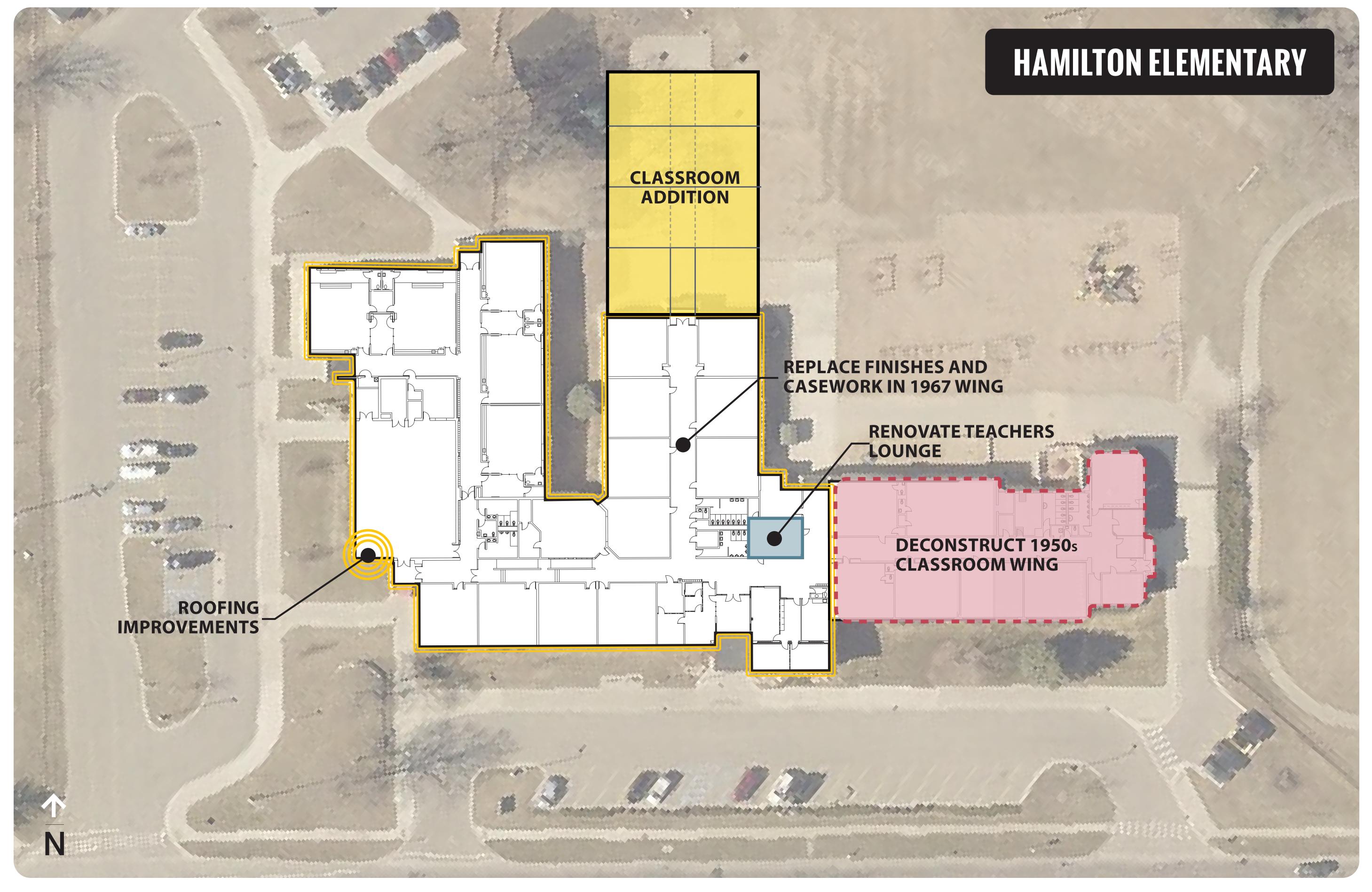
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FACILITY AND SITE INFRASTRUCTURE

- Boiler replacement
- Kitchen finish upgrades and new kitchen hood
- Electrical panel replacement
- Replace aging school buses

LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

Purchase educational technology as needed

BENTHEIM ELEMENTARY BUILDING OVERVIEW

- Grades K-4
- Two sections of each grade level
- Opened in 1968

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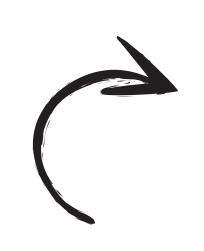
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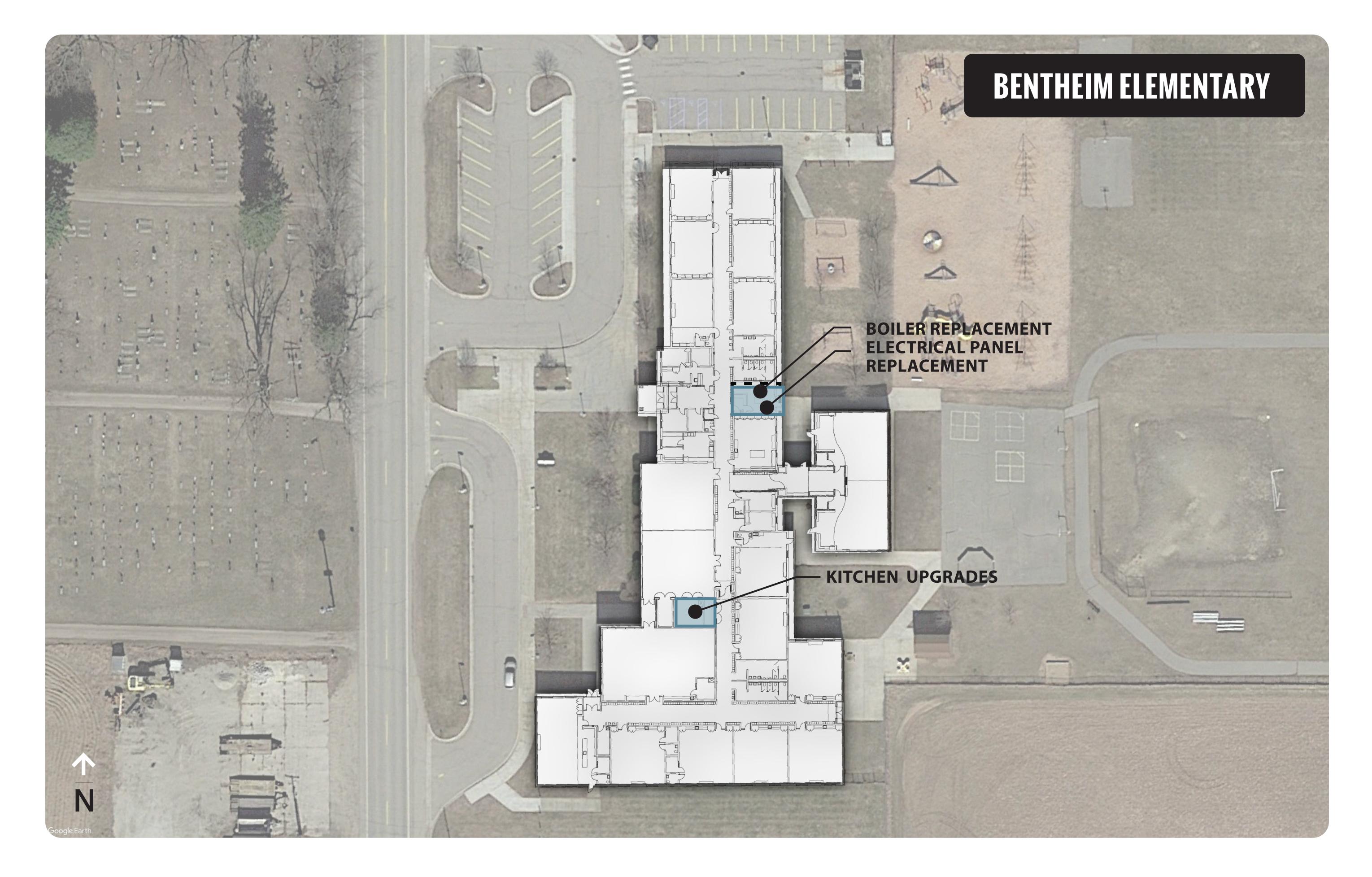
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- Replace classroom casework as needed
- Kitchen finish upgrades
- Replace gymnasium flooring
- Replace lockers as needed
- Replace bell system
- Replace aging school buses

LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

• Purchase educational technology as needed

BLUE STAR ELEMENTARY BUILDING OVERVIEW

- Grades K-4
- Two sections of each grade level
- Opened in 1968

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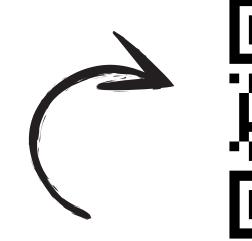
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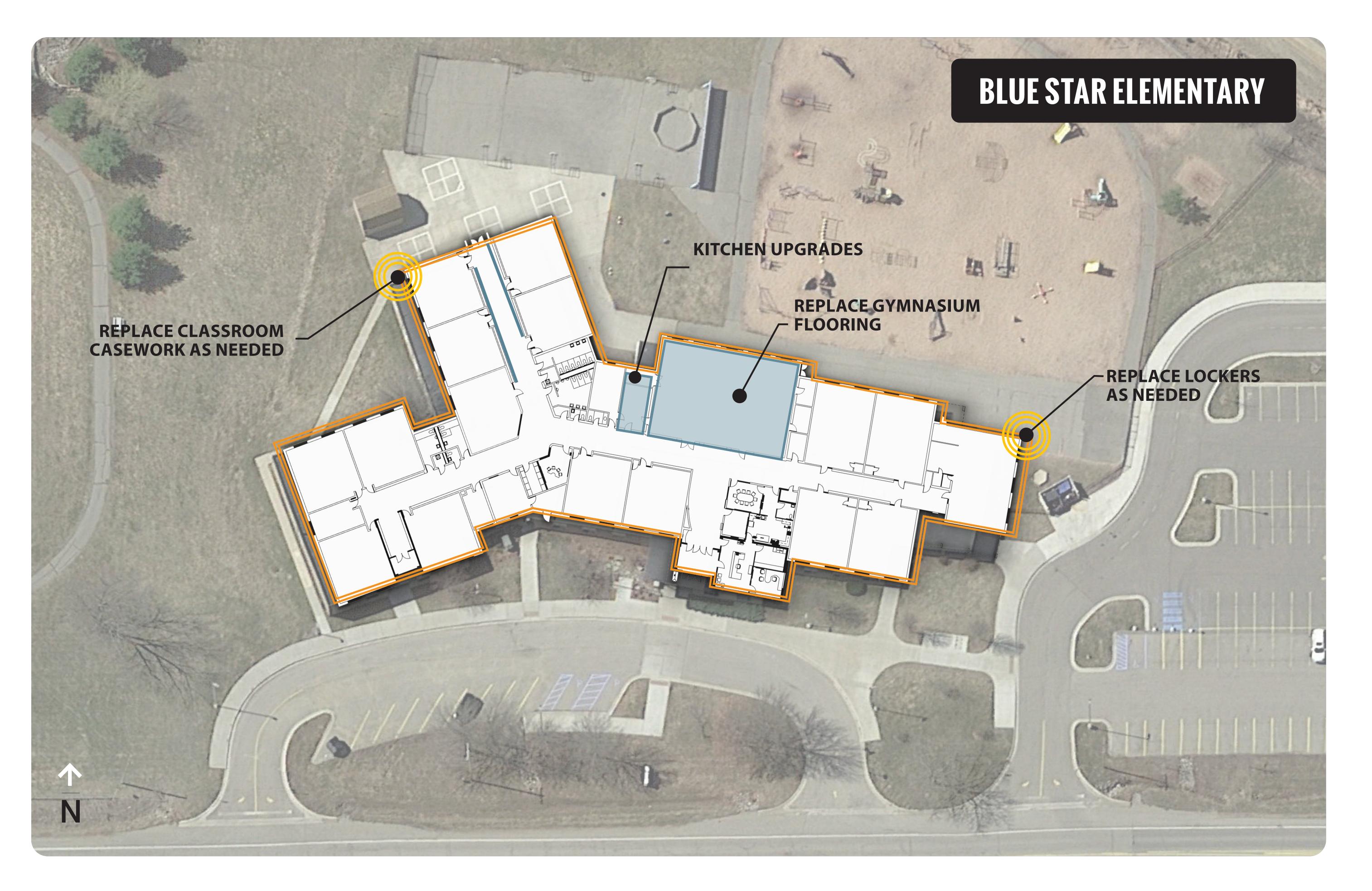
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- Roofing improvements
- Replace exterior doors as needed
- Replace lockers as needed
- Classroom casework and countertop as needed
- Kitchen finish upgrades
- Replace multi-purpose room/gym flooring
- Replace classroom door hardware
- Replace tile in toilet rooms as needed
- Replace aging school buses

LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

Purchase educational technology as needed

SANDYVIEW ELEMENTARY BUILDING OVERVIEW

- Grades K-4
- One section of each grade level
- Opened in 1954

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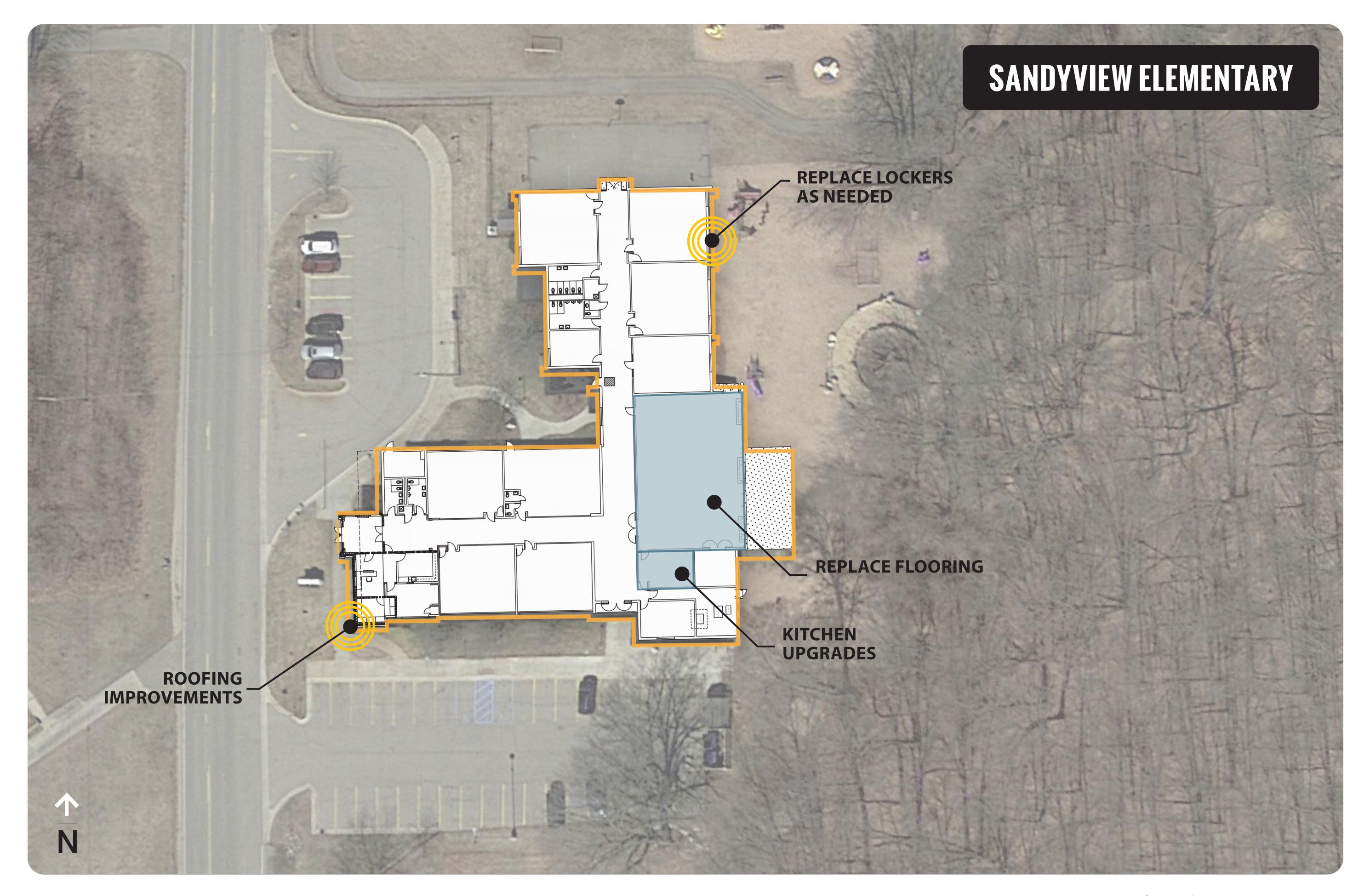
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- Roofing improvements
- Replace pool dehumidification system
- Replace domestic heat piping
- Replace fire alarm
- Replace lockers as needed
- Renovate staff lounge
- Renovate performance stage in east gym
- Purchase educational technology as needed

HAMILTON MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILDING OVERVIEW

- Grades 5-8
- Opened in 1963

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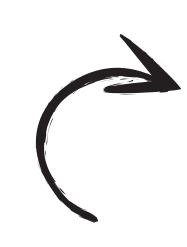
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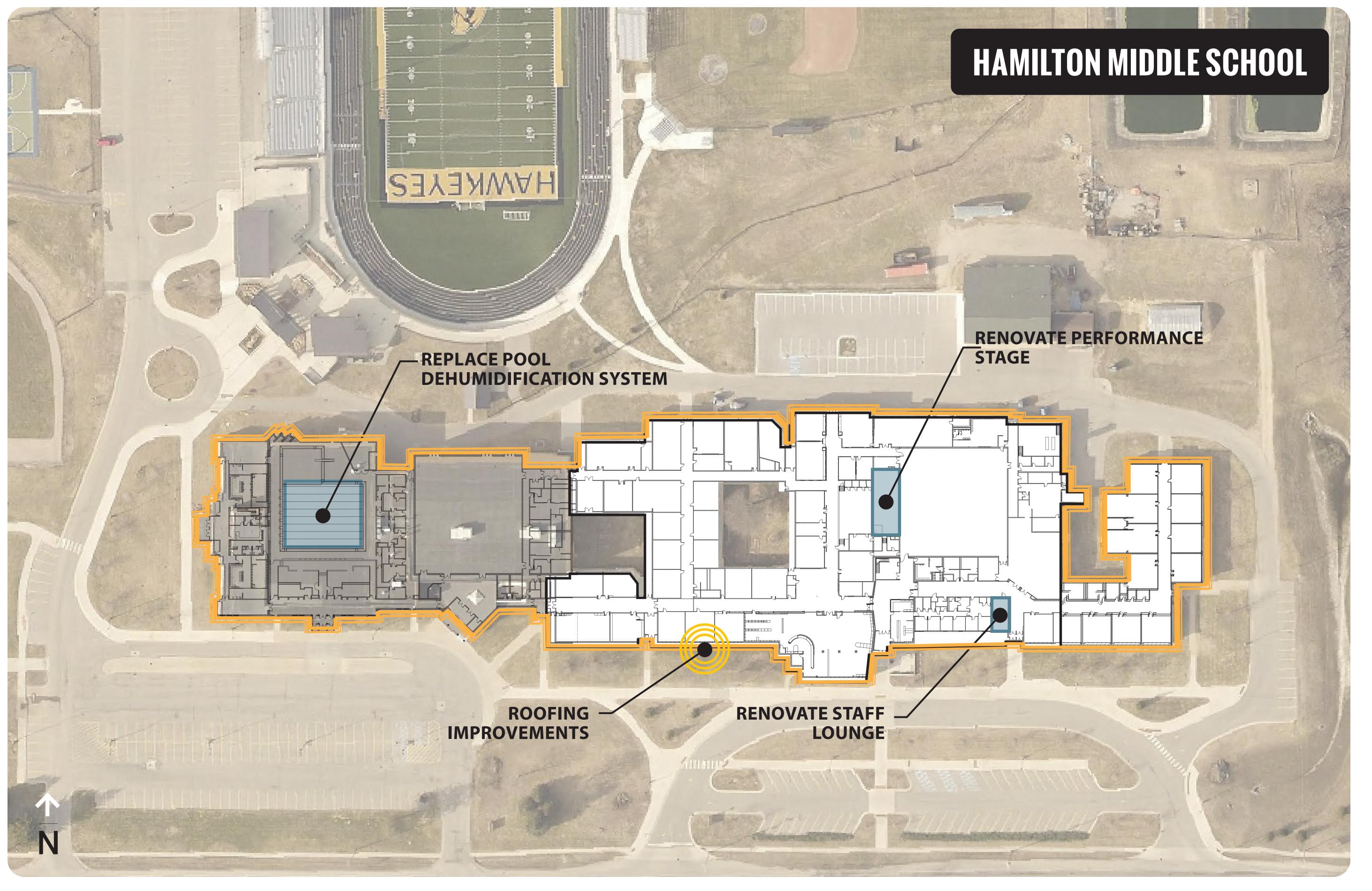
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FACILITY AND SITE INFRASTRUCTURE

- Roofing improvements
- Selective LED lighting replacements as needed

LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

- Addition of flexible space for large group instruction, testing, band, athletics and more
- Renovate Media Center
- Purchase furniture and equipment as needed
- Purchase educational technology as needed

HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING OVERVIEW

- Grades 9-12
- Opened in 2001

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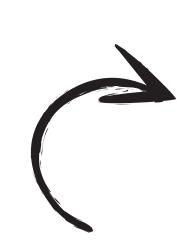
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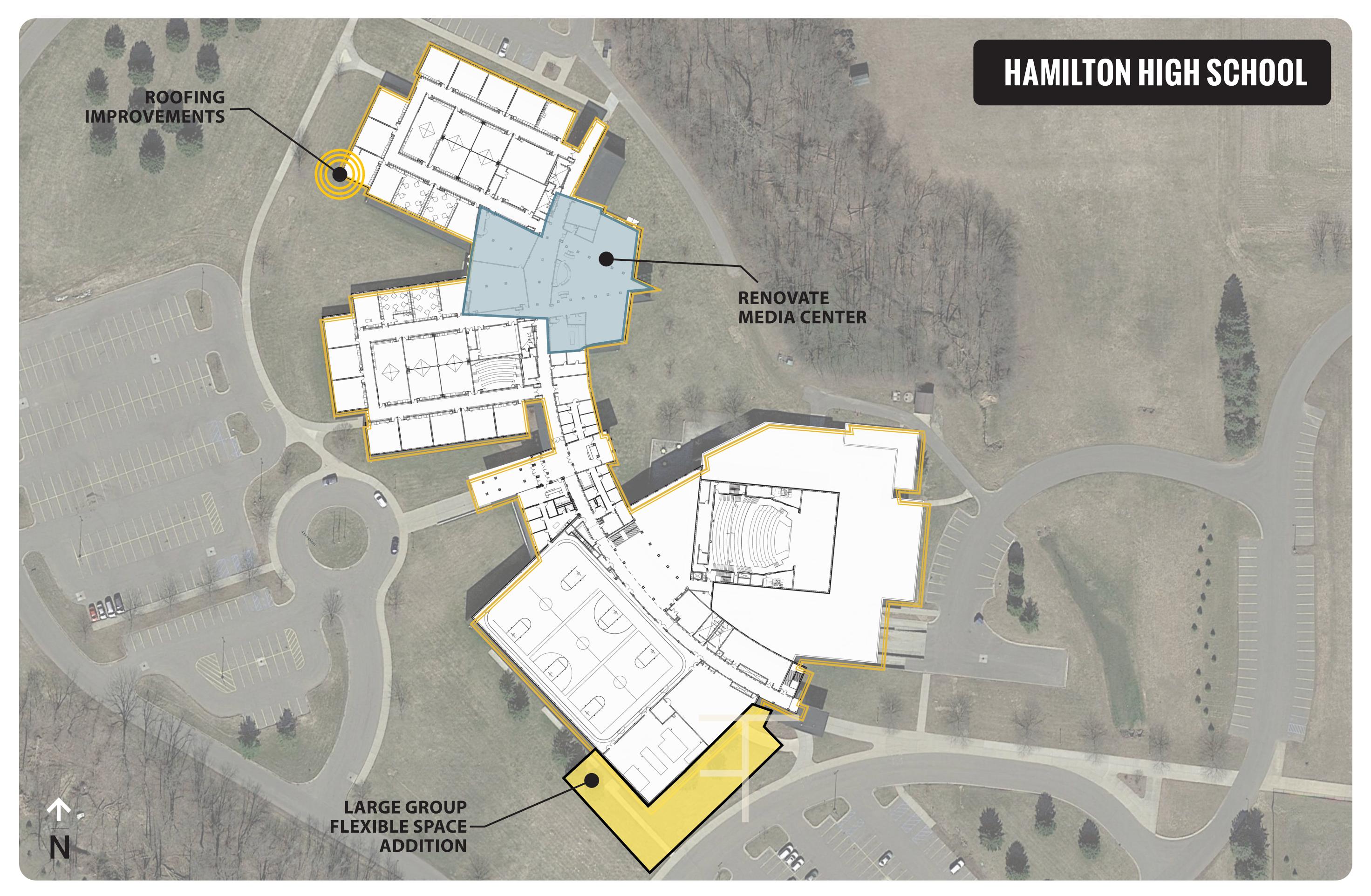
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FEEDBACK AND PLANNING

Hamilton Community Schools values community feedback as we look to provide the best opportunities for our students.

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As we plan for the future, the district is continually evaluating district-wide facility infrastructure, enrollment numbers, expenses, and existing debt pay off. A lot has changed since Spring 2020 and this November 2, 2021 school bond proposal was developed based on those changes and community feedback.

In early 2020 the Board of Education considered putting a \$65,625,000 school bond proposal on the May 2020 election ballot. That proposal was postponed by the Board until August 2020 due to the uncertainties of COVID-19 and its impact on our schools and community.

The August 2020 bond was not approved by voters. Based on community feedback, and out of financial responsibility to district taxpayers, the Board of Education is asking the community to consider a smaller proposal that focuses on immediate facility needs on November 2, 2021.

WHAT HAS CHANGED SINCE THE 2020 SCHOOL BOND PROPOSAL?

WHAT CHANGED:

- Removed new 7/8 building
- Removed new Community Center
- Bond proposal amount reduced from \$65,625,000 to \$21,675,000
- No projected tax rate increase over 2021 debt tax levy

WHAT STAYED THE SAME:

- District wide replacements where needed for roofing, electrical systems, lighting, plumbing, classroom casework, and finishes
- Deconstruct 1950's wing at Hamilton Elementary. Construct 8-classroom addition including Special Education and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math).
- Replace dehumidification system at community pool
- Replace aging school buses
- Purchase educational technology as needed

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE BOND PROPOSAL?

NO TAX RATE INCREASE OVER THE 2021 LEVY

If approved by voters, this bond proposal would generate \$21,675,000 while keeping the debt millage rate the same, with no projected increase in the debt levy paid by property owners as compared to the 2021 levy.

IF APPROVED, THE BOND PROPOSAL WOULD UPDATE DISTRICT INFRASTRUCTURE

- District wide replacements where needed for roofing, electrical systems, lighting, flooring, plumbing, boilers, doors, and lockers
- Deconstruct 1950's classroom wing at Hamilton Elementary
- Replace aging school buses

IF APPROVED, THE BOND PROPOSAL WOULD IMPROVE STUDENT LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

- 8-classroom addition at Hamilton Elementary, including Special Education and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)
- Flexible space addition at Hamilton High School for group learning, band, and athletics
- Update classroom casework and finishes as needed throughout the district
- Purchase educational technology as needed throughout the district

For building specific information, please visit hamiltonschools.us







HOW WOULD THE BOND PROPOSAL IMPACT MY HOMEOWNER PROPERTY TAXES?

If approved by voters, the millage rate is projected to remain the same as the 2021 levy with no tax rate increase to property owners.

WHAT IS A BOND PROPOSAL AND HOW CAN FUNDS FROM A BOND BE SPENT?

- A bond proposal is how a community authorizes a school district to borrow money for capital expenditures
- Voter-approved bond funds can be spent on new construction, additions, remodeling, site improvements, athletic facilities, playgrounds, buses, furnishings, equipment and technology.
- Funds raised through the sale of bonds cannot be used on operational expenses such as employee salaries and benefits, school supplies or textbooks
- Bond funds must be kept separate from operating funds and must be audited by an independent auditing firm

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