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History/Background

In 2018 the citizens of Transylvania County approved a \$68M ballot referendum to fund facilities improvements at three public schools. The Covid lockdowns (2020-2022) and cost increases due to supply chain impacts made delivering the original plan impossible. In early 2023 the County Commissioners and newly elected School Board formed a joint Education Capital Workgroup, utilizing independent outside experts, to prepare a detailed plan to address all school facility needs in a fiscally responsible way. In March 2024 both the County Commissioners and School Board unanimously approved the recommendations of the Workgroup.

The Plan

The approved plan envisions a three-step implementation:

Step 1 “Investment” – Address critical, high priority and deferred maintenance at all sites and pursue bond sales of \$62M to finance it.

The first tranche of bond sales is planned for November 2024.

Step 2 “Refresh” – Identify interior and potential new building needs of all the Transylvania public schools and develop a funding plan.

Step 3 “Ongoing Collaboration” – Conduct joint facility assessments every 5-7 years and maintain a long-range joint capital plan moving forward.

Other Important Facts

- \$24.8M of tax revenue has been collected in support of the 2018 ballot referendum and transferred to the Education Capital Account to help pay the debt service when the bonds are sold.
- The County Commissioners have approved over \$18M for school capital spending to meet maintenance needs for the period FY20-FY24.
- In FY23 Transylvania County ranked 5th in public school operating expenditures per pupil out of all 100 North Carolina counties.
- Our Republican candidates for County Commissioner and School Board, on a combined basis, have resided in Transylvania County for 324 years and have demonstrated through service and in their private lives a commitment to our public schools.

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