



Illini West HSD #307

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When Illini West HSD #307 first came into existence, the Board of Education made an ongoing commitment to provide the students of Illini West with their own campus.

Since that time the Board has made progress and is ready to ask the voters of the District to vote on the referendum question to issue bonds in the amount of \$9,000,000 to fund the local money needed to build a new high school facility.

The total cost of the project is approximately \$27,000,000.



Referendum Facts

Currently the State of Illinois will pay approximately 68% of a new high school when the Capital Development Funds become available to Illini West High School District #307. Once the referendum is passed, the District has 5 years to issue bonds.

The District would NOT issue bonds for the building until the State's portion became available. At the end of the five years if the State is not able to commit its portion, the referendum would lapse with no bonds being sold.

Consequently, taxes would not increase until the bonds are actually sold... in perhaps two or three years!

Referendum Facts, continued

The Need for a Building

- **Illini West does not own a building.** The District currently leases the building from Carthage Elementary School District, and the elementary district can request IW to vacate the building at any time, with no options. Illini West has no athletic facilities of its own as well.
 - Illini West currently leases 6 temporary buildings or 12 classrooms at a cost of \$132,000 per year. To date IW has spent approximately \$660,000 in lease payments on the 6 temporary buildings.
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The Need for a Building, continued

- The temporary buildings were used when first leased. They will need to be replaced in approximately 5 years at an annual cost of approximately \$150,000 per year. (If the District goes with new temporary buildings, the cost will be greater.)
 - Because of the use of temporary buildings, students must go outside to travel between the main building and the temporary classrooms in all weather conditions. Canopies covering walkways to the portable units could be installed but at an additional cost to Illini West .
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The Need for a Building

- Classrooms were built around specifications of the 1950s and are not well suited for today's classrooms and technology – the size of the classrooms and available electricity become an issue.
 - If Illini West is to remain at its current location, the **building will need major renovations and additions**, and Illini West does not own the building. The District would be remodeling and renovating Carthage Elementary District's building.
 - The current building has asbestos throughout, and to remove the asbestos to remodel will be very expensive.
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The Need for a Building, continued

- The cafeteria will only seat 59 students at a time, and Illini West has an enrollment of 400. In addition to inadequate space, Illini West does not have a food/cafeteria program of its own.
 - The building has only one gym; double practices make students arrive home late.
 - Illini West HSD #307 leases office space for the district office from Carl Sandburg College.
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The Need for a Building, continued

- The current boiler is the original and needs to be replaced. Inconsistent heating is the norm with some rooms hot and others cold; in addition, it has experienced breakdowns resulting in no heat for long periods of time.
 - No bus garage limits Illini West's ability to service its own fleet of buses.
 - Illini West leases office space for the district office from Carl Sandburg College.
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Funding a New Facility

Step 1 - Pass a referendum allowing the District to sell bonds to fund a new facility.

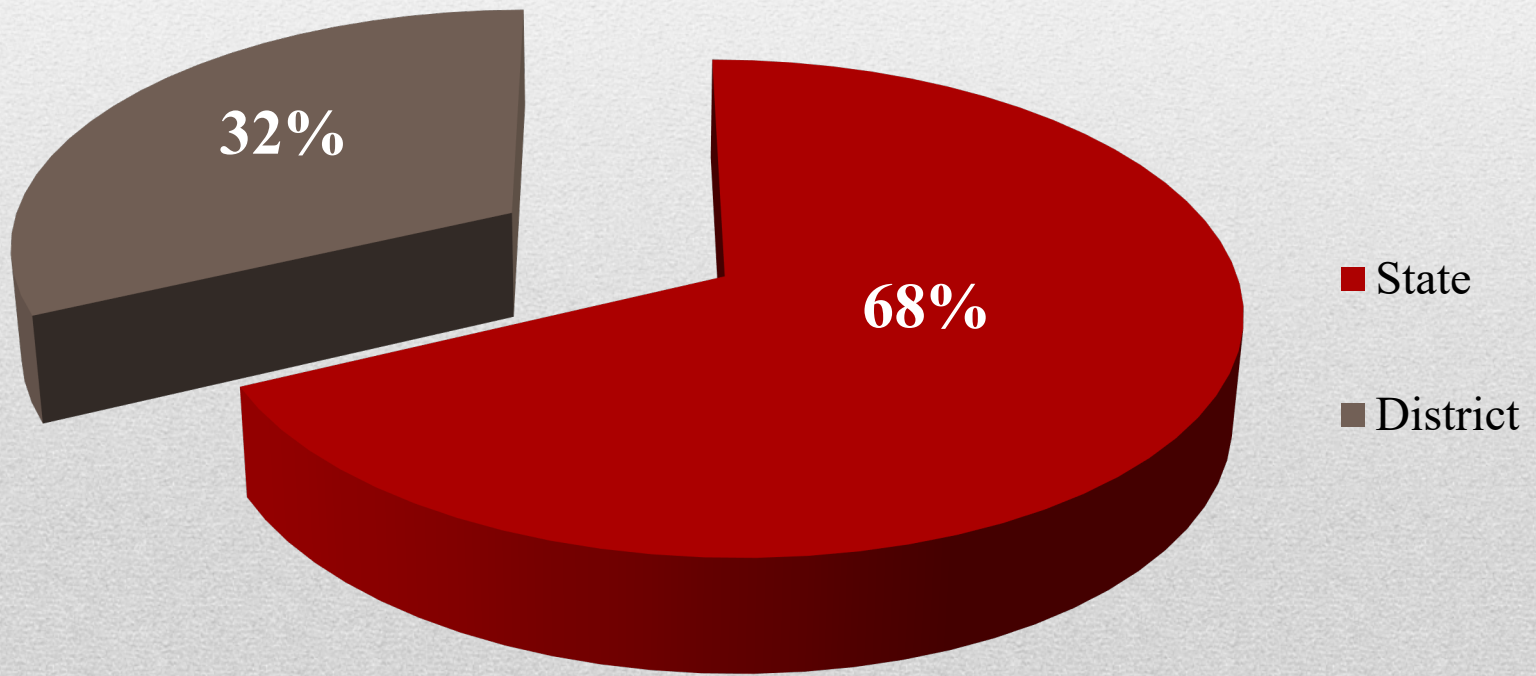
Step 2 - Wait for State funding to be obligated to Illini West.

Step 3 - Once State funding is secure, the District would then sell bonds for the project.

If Illini West has not passed a referendum to fund the project and the State money becomes available, Illini West will NOT receive the money and will be moved to the next year on the Capital Development list of projects to be funded.

**Funding a New Facility,
continued**

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Grant Eligible

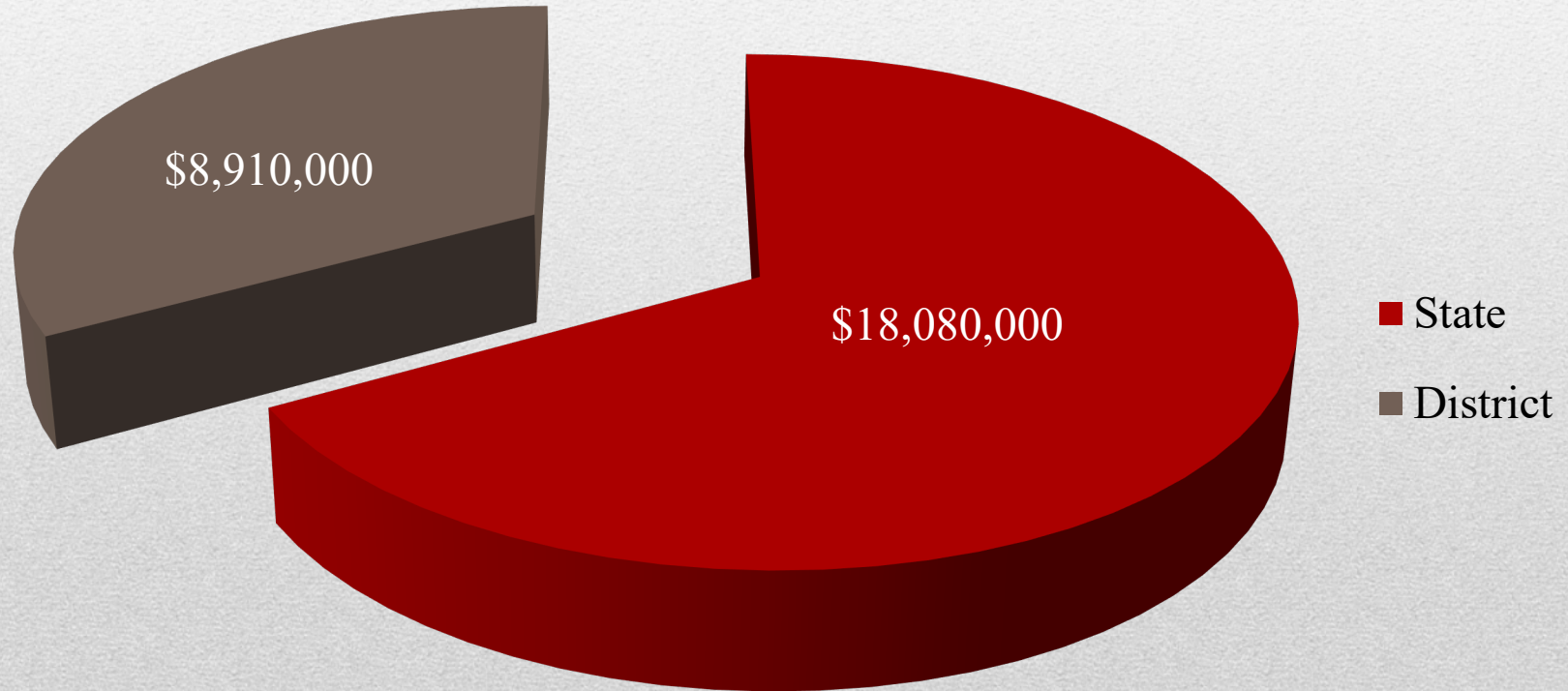
- The State of Illinois will pay for approximately 68% of the Grant Eligible portion of the project.
 - Site preparation
 - Building
 - Classrooms
 - Cafeteria
 - Library
 - Gym
 - Computer labs
 - High school office space
 - Parking lot
 - Site lighting
 - Baseball, softball, and football fields
 - Track
 - Moveable equipment \$7,500 per classroom
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- Baseball, softball, and football field **lighting**
- **Rubberized** surfacing for track
- Grandstand
- District office space

Ineligible items

Total Cost of project

\$27,000,000



- The State of Illinois will pay approximately 68% of the project.
- Bonds will **NOT** be sold until the State is able to commit funds for the project.
- The Projected Tax Impact is \$0.52 per \$100 of Assessed Evaluation.

Special Points of Interest

Home Tax Implications

Estimated Tax Impact of a \$0.52 increase per \$100 EAV:

Home Value	Assessed Value	Annual Increase	Monthly Increase	Daily Increase
\$100,000	\$33,333.33	\$173	\$14.42	\$0.47
\$75,000	\$25,000.00	\$130	\$10.83	\$0.36
\$50,000	\$16,666.67	\$87	\$7.25	\$0.24

To determine your increase, look at the assessed value of your home on your tax bill and multiply by \$0.0052. Make sure that you use the assessed value and not the home/market value. The assessed value is 1/3 of the home value.

Farm Tax Implications

To determine your estimated tax impact on your farm land and farm buildings, look at your property tax bill and find the Net Taxable Value (Farm Land and Farm Buildings) and multiply by \$0.0052.

Example:

The Net Taxable Value	\$40,219
Estimated Tax Rate Increase	<u>\$0.0052</u>
Estimated Tax Increase per year	\$209.14

Site

(Estimated Additional Cost provided by Klingner and Associates, P.C.)

Site Selected	Site without Infrastructure	Additional Cost to the District
City water available	Off-site water extensions	\$160,000
Sanitary treatment facility available	Sanitary treatment facility on-site	\$ 80,000
Electricity is available	Off-site electric transmission extension	\$350,000
Natural gas available	Off-site natural gas extension	\$200,000
Water pressure and fire hydrants available	Pressure pump for fire protection	\$ 60,000
	Total Additional Cost	\$850,000

Additionally, if the District needed an on-site sanitary treatment facility, the **ANNUAL COST** would be approximately **\$30,000**.

Lease Payments

Illini West has made several lease agreements with different entities to house students and staff. Currently, the lease agreements are between IW and Carl Sandburg College, Carthage Elementary District, and Jim's Mobile Offices.

Carl Sandburg College \$21,600

Lease agreement for the CSC Commons Building provides Illini West with computer lab, one classroom, board room, and central office space.

Utilities are included.

Carthage Elementary District \$111,883

Lease agreement for current high school building includes classrooms, athletic fields, cafeteria, etc.

Lease payment includes utilities, equipment replacement fee, shared maintenance equipment, phone system, maintenance, mower repairs, snow removal, parking lot improvements, building repairs, boiler repairs, etc.

Jim's Mobile Offices \$132,318

6 temporary buildings (12 classrooms)

Total lease payments for the 2011-2012 school year \$265,801

Athletic Fields

- The current plan is to have new football, baseball, softball fields and a new track on-site.
 - When the actual bids come in and IF they are over the cost estimate, then the District would decide what should be cut from the project.
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Why not buy the current facility?

- The Illini West Board of Education has asked Carthage Elementary School District if they would be willing to sell the building, parking lot, and the football field.
 - At this time Carthage Elementary School District is not willing to sell the property.
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- Building Tours are scheduled for:
 - October 9
 - October 18
 - October 25
 - Or call 357-2136 to schedule an appointment
- Each tour will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the high school office.

Building Tours

Tuesday, November 6, 2012

VOTE



**If you have questions, please
call or email:**

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