

# NEWSLETTER

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## PROTECTING WHAT MATTERS MOST

Glenbard District 87's \$183 million referendum on the March 19 ballot will **address critical facility needs in all four Glenbard high schools**. Learn about it at [Glenbard87.org](https://Glenbard87.org)

Proposed investments include approximately:

- \$50 million for Glenbard East
- \$50 million for Glenbard North
- \$30 million for Glenbard South
- \$50 million for Glenbard West
- Funding per school varies based on the age, size and condition of each building.

Look inside this newsletter for proposed site plans for the four high schools.

## ADDRESS REAL NEEDS

1. Our four high schools are **51 to 101 years old**.

2. **Safety & Security**

Upgrades are needed to safety and security systems, particularly at our entrances, to align with today's best practices.

3. **Classroom and Science Lab Improvements**

- Update classroom design with best practices for teaching and learning
- Upgrade out-of-date science labs
- Add windows in windowless classrooms and replace lighting and flooring throughout educational spaces

4. **Building Infrastructure**

Upgrades to roofs, windows, and electrical, mechanical and cooling systems

5. **Relieve Overcrowding**

Upgrade cafeteria/commons areas to **relieve overcrowding and provide flexible learning spaces**.

6. **Access to Student Support Services**

Relocate commons areas to increase **accessibility for key services such as social workers and school counselors**.

## CONTINUE RESPONSIBLE PLANNING

1. The bond proposal **will cost the owner of a \$300,000 home about \$4 per week**. A tax estimate calculator is available at [glenbard87.org/referendum-march-2024](https://glenbard87.org/referendum-march-2024).

2. Glenbard **spends less on facilities and operations, carries less debt and has a lower tax rate** than the majority of districts in the metro area.

3. Building system improvements will be energy efficient, yielding **long-term savings**.

4. Facility improvements now **avoid escalating construction costs** later.

5. The past two years, the **School Board has abated (refunded) \$3.5 million to taxpayers**.

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*The main entrance at our schools is congested during arrival.*



## GLENBARD AT A GLANCE

### Glenbard fast facts:

- Fourth largest high school district in Illinois.
- Glenbard's four high schools are 51 to 101 years old.
- Enrollment: nearly 8,000 students from nine communities.
- Serving families in more than 65,000 households within Glenbard's 45 square miles.
- 1.6 million square feet of educational and community space.

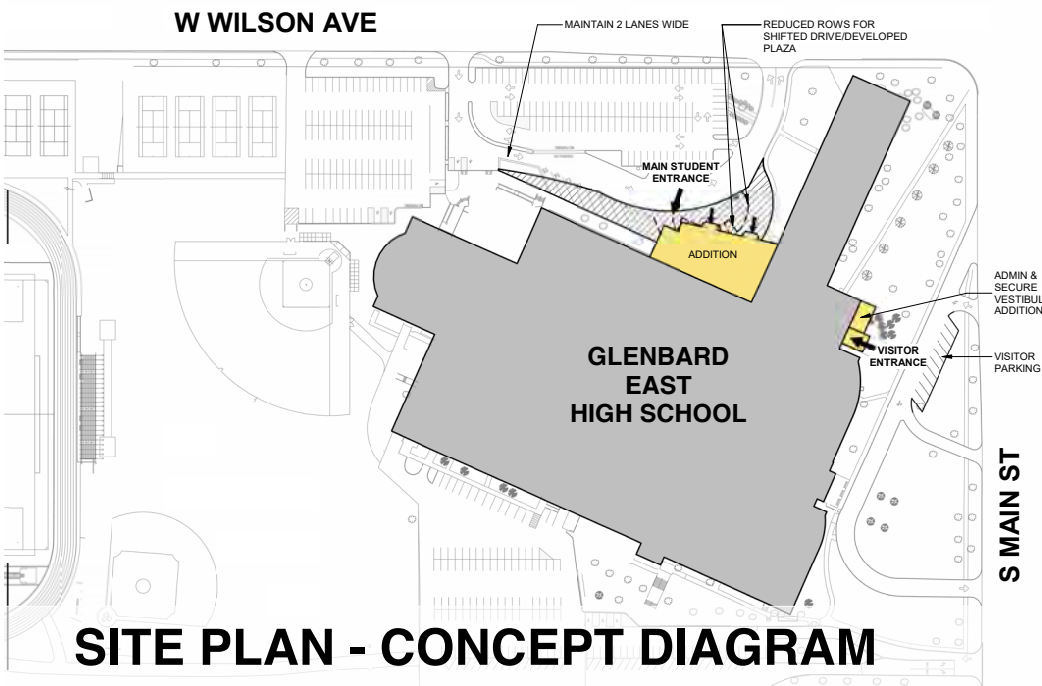
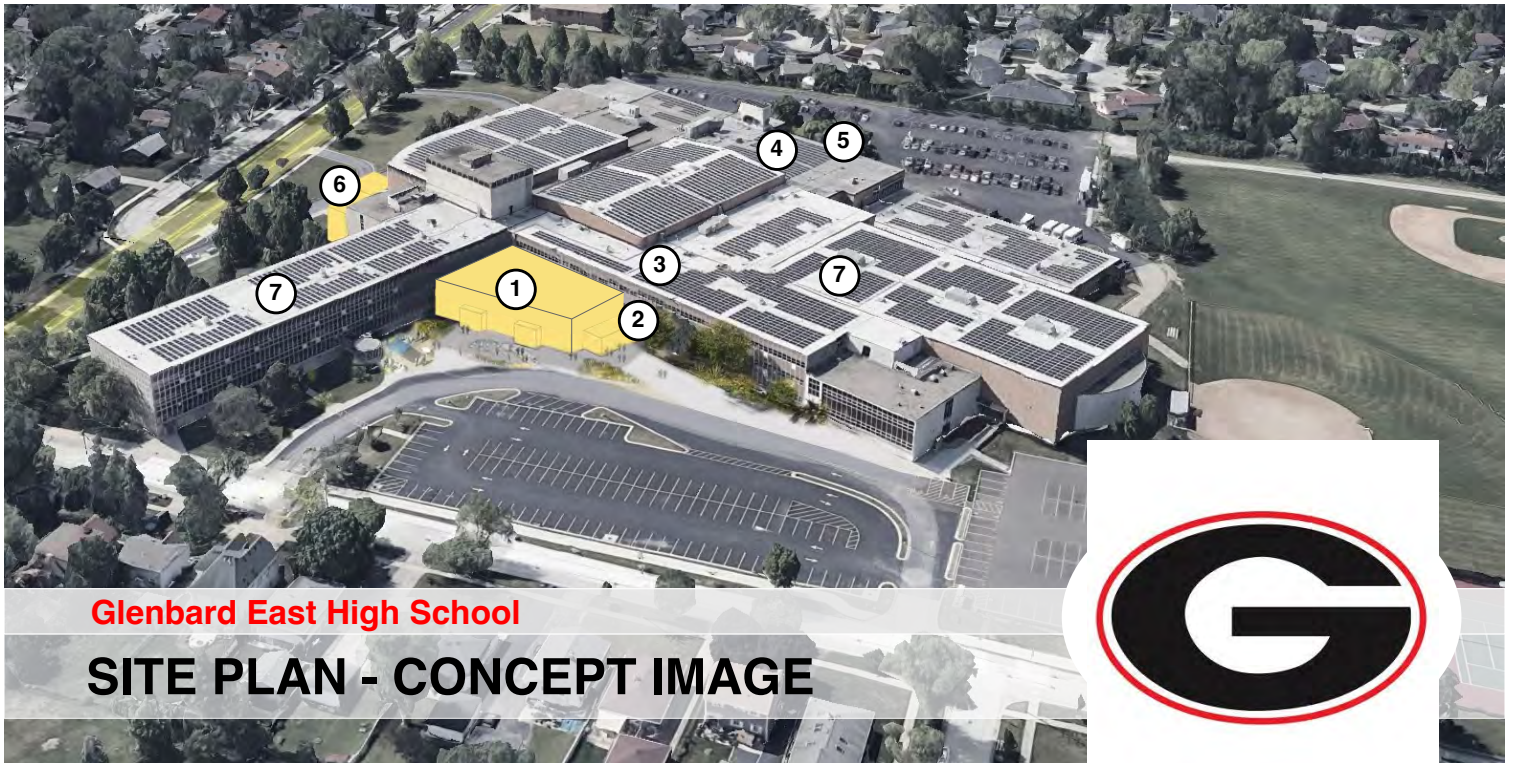
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# FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS REFERENDUM

## IMPROVEMENTS & PRIORITIES

Infrastructure  
Safety and Security  
Classroom & Science Lab Improvements  
Overcrowding  
Flexible Learning Spaces

## Learning Commons Example



## GLENBARD EAST HS LEGEND

- ① Learning Commons Addition
- ② Secure Student Entry Addition
- ③ Reconfigure Support Spaces
- ④ Cafeteria Improvements
- ⑤ Cafeteria Expansion
- ⑥ New Secure Visitors Entrance
- ⑦ Improved Classroom Environments

New Addition

Final design TBD based on District and community stakeholder input

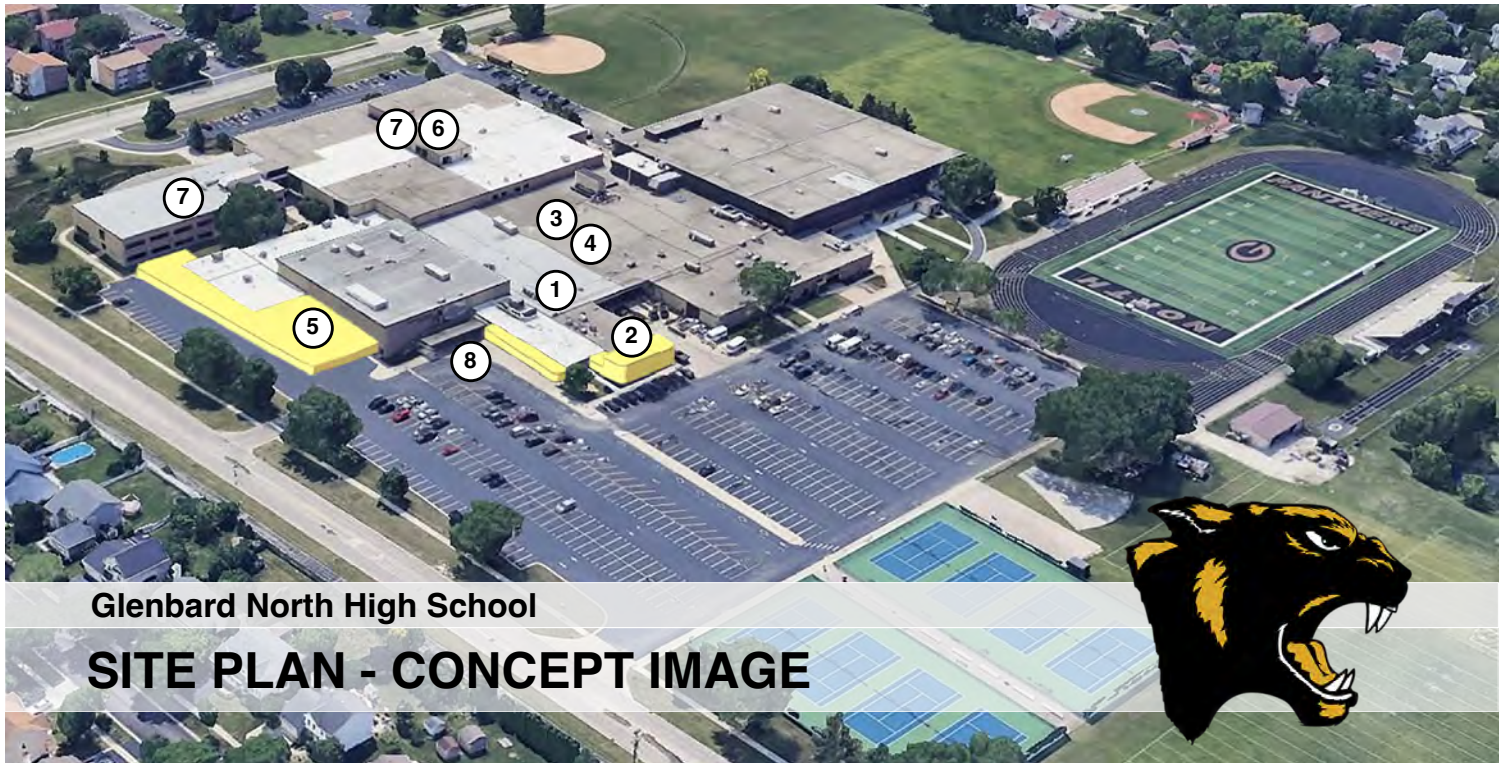
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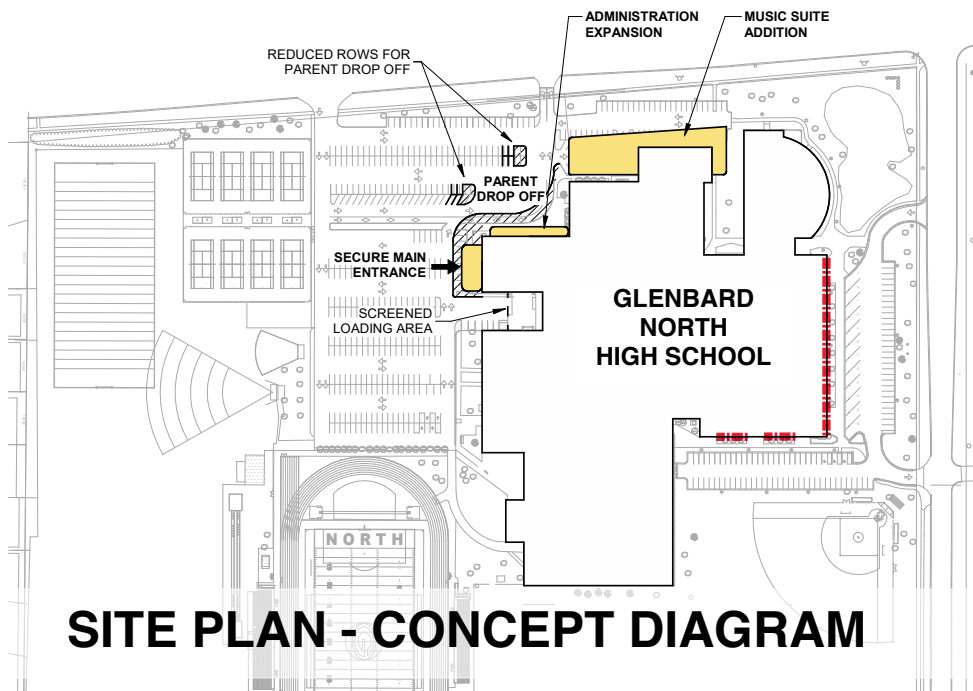
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**Classroom & Science Lab Improvements**  
**Increased windows / Natural light**  
**Flexible Learning Spaces**

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**Glenbard North High School**

**SITE PLAN - CONCEPT IMAGE**



**GLENBARD NORTH HS LEGEND**

- ① Learning Commons Renovation
- ② Secure Student Entry Addition
- ③ Reconfigure Support Spaces
- ④ Cafeteria Improvements
- ⑤ Flexible Lab / Music Addition
- ⑥ Introduce windows at Exterior Classrooms
- ⑦ Improved Classroom Environments
- ⑧ Improved Parent Drop Off Area

**New Addition**

**Add Windows**

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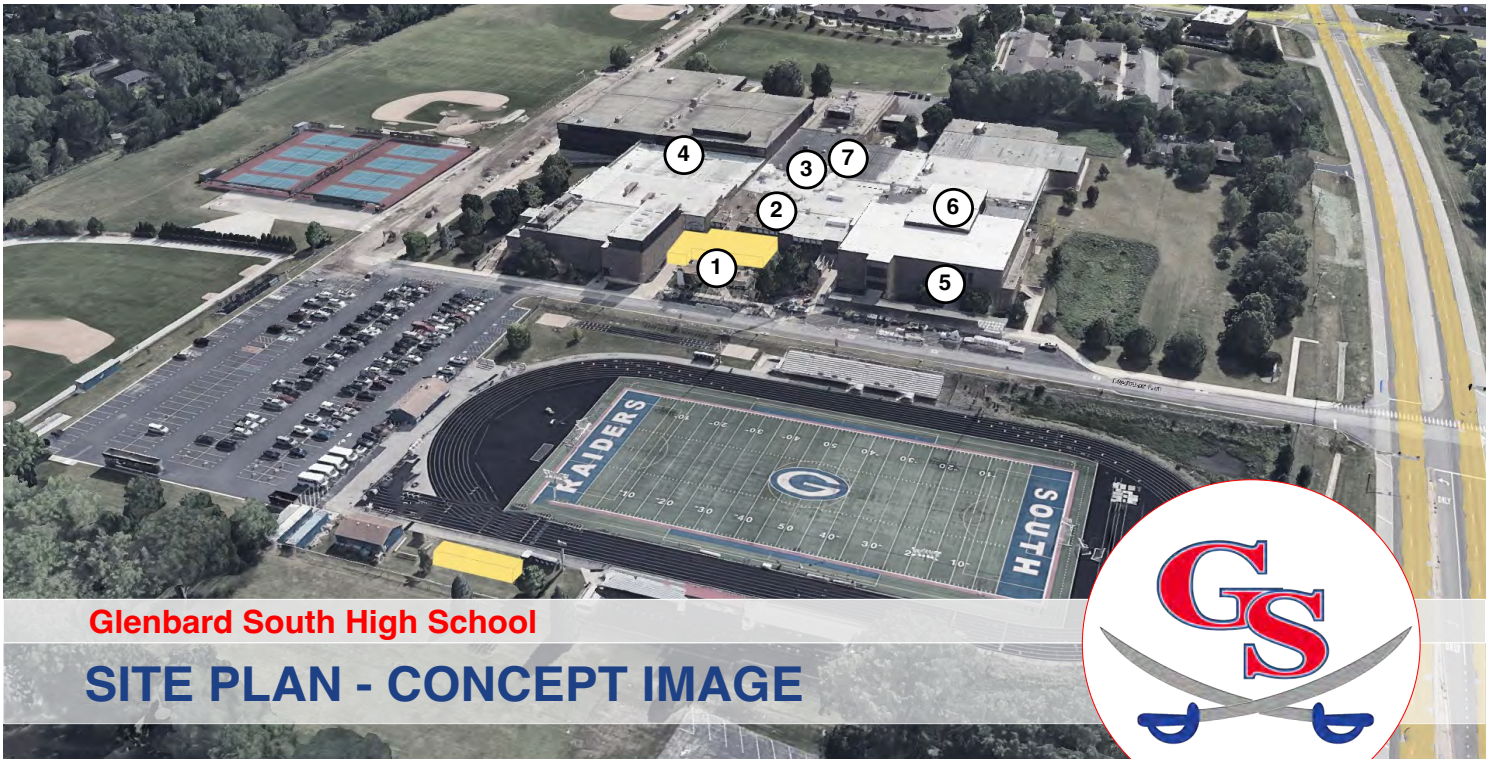
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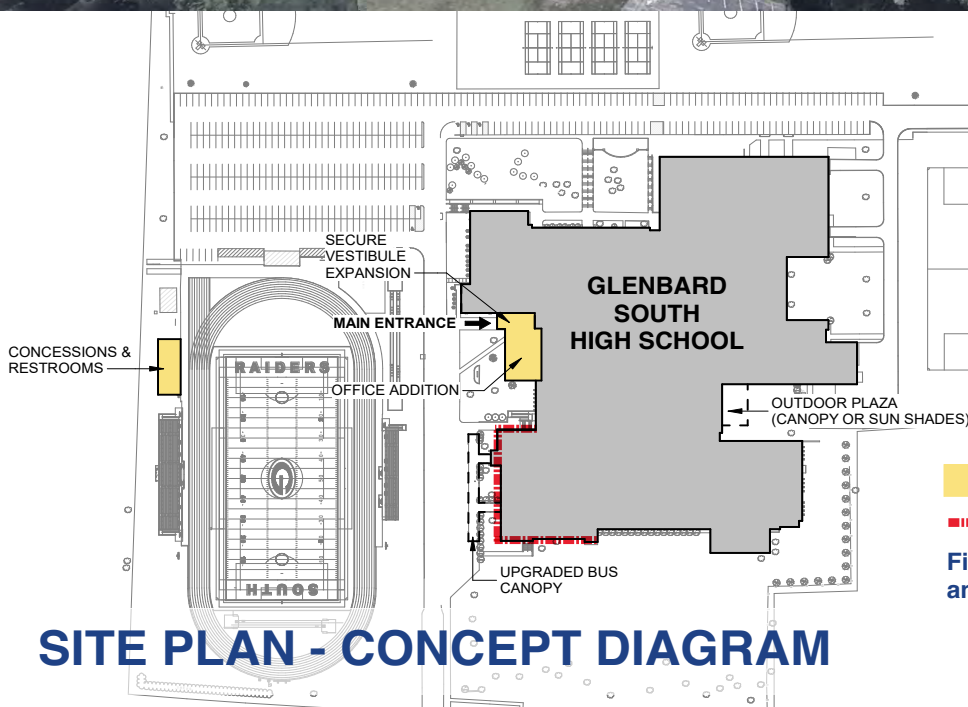


### GLENBARD SOUTH HS LEGEND

- ① Main Office Relocation/Expansion & Secure Entrance
- ② Guidance Offices Relocation
- ③ Learning Commons Improvements
- ④ Music Area Improvements
- ⑤ Introduce windows at Exterior Classrooms
- ⑥ Improve Classroom Environments
- ⑦ Cafeteria Improvements

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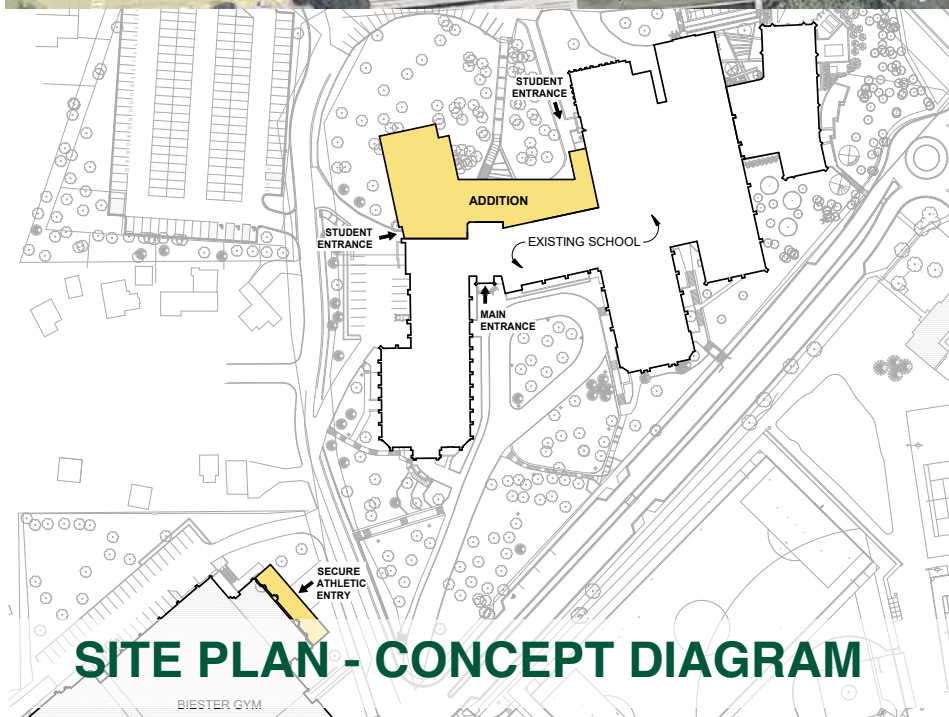
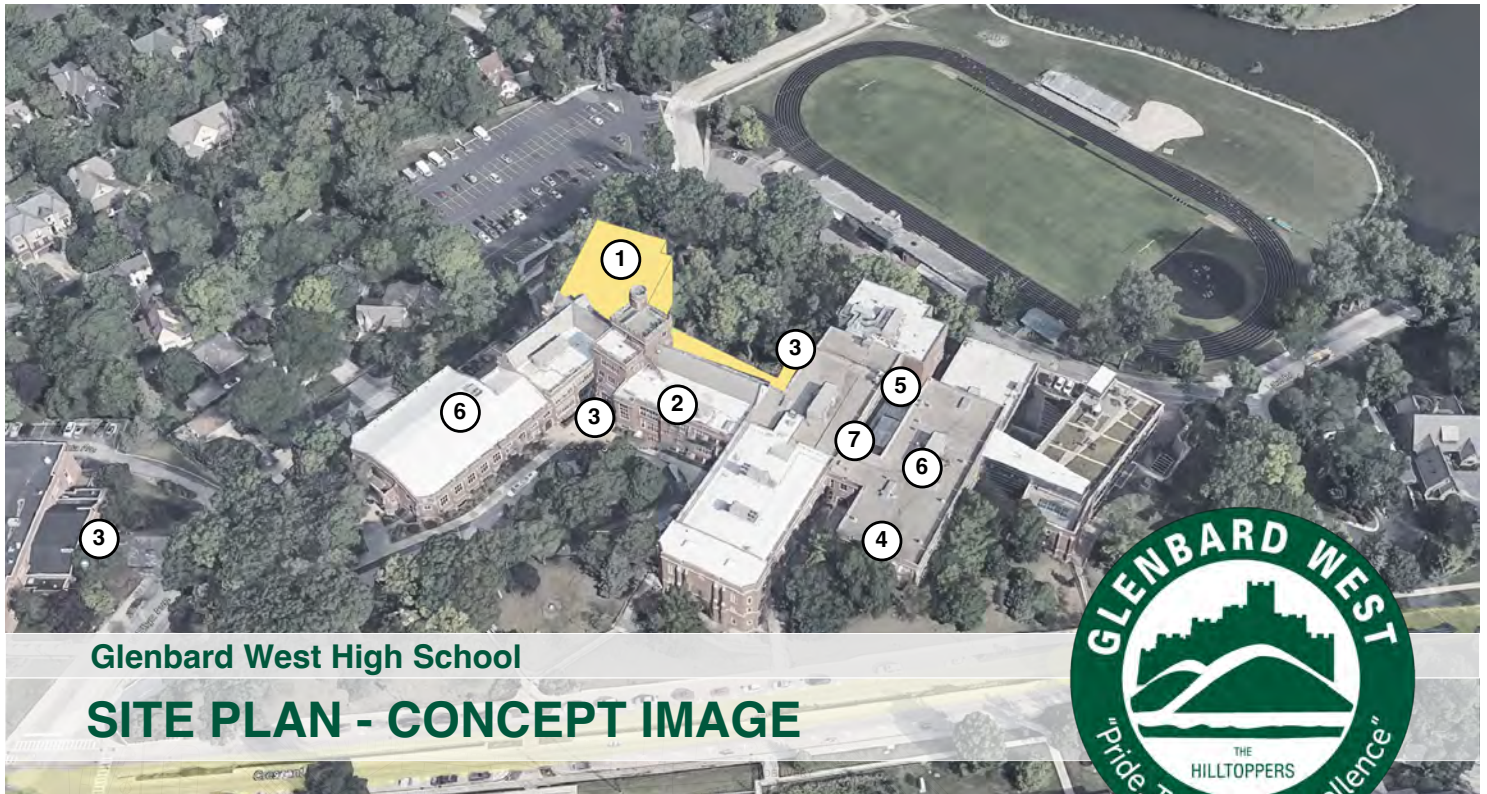
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## **GLENBARD WEST HS LEGEND**

- ① Learning Commons & Classroom Addition
- ② Guidance Offices Relocation
- ③ Secure Entrance
- ④ Lab Improvements
- ⑤ Improve Accessibility
- ⑥ Improve Classroom Environments
- ⑦ Cafeteria Improvements

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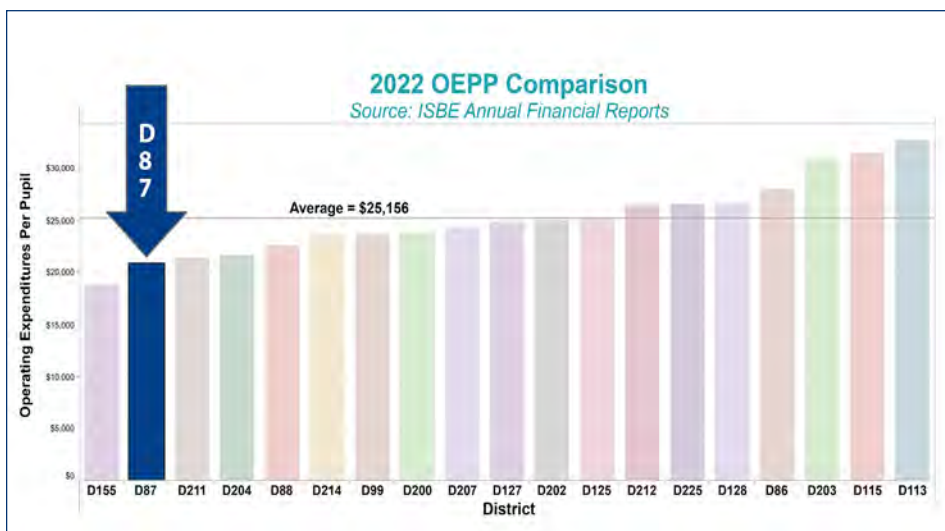
You can keep up with Glenbard information throughout the year. Visit **glenbard87.org** and enter your email address in the "Click here to sign up for Glenbard 87 news" in the blue bar near the bottom of the page. You will receive news about students' achievements, upcoming events, Board of Education discussions and actions and more.

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**GLENBARD PROVIDES EXCEPTIONAL VALUE TO THE COMMUNITY THROUGH EFFICIENT SPENDING.**

- Operating funds provide resources to support high achievement despite maintaining one of the lowest Operating Expense per Pupil (OEPP) among peer school districts.
  - Nearly \$5,000 less per pupil compared to peer districts

Our high school district spends less per pupil, on instruction and buildings, than most other area high school districts yet our students perform at a very high level. We spend less and get more in return.

**WHEN COMPARED TO PEER DISTRICTS, GLENBARD HAS UNIQUELY LOW LONG-TERM DEBT.**

- Since 1971, Glenbard has maintained minimal referendum debt.
  - \$90.9 million total or \$1.75 million per year average
- Debt Service Fund: We have the **lowest** debt tax rates among all DuPage high school districts.

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THE REFERENDUM AT**  
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