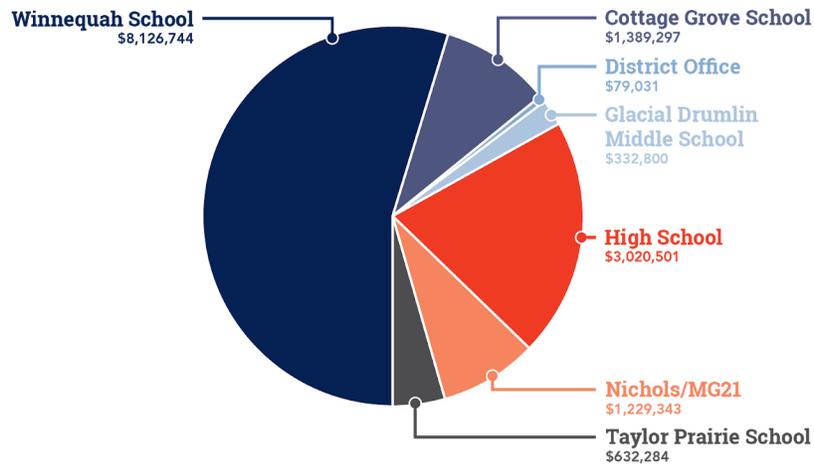




## Capital Maintenance Needs in Monona Grove School District

Just like in our homes, our school buildings' windows, roofs, and HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) units need upkeep and eventual replacement. \$14.8 million of the proposed projects in this referendum are critical maintenance. The District must attend to these needs in order to maximize the lifespan of our existing buildings.



*Proposed capital maintenance spending per building*

Capital maintenance refers to the basic infrastructure improvements required to ensure a school operates safely and efficiently. The District has \$14.8 million in high priority capital maintenance needs. Needs vary by building but include heating and cooling system improvements, plumbing upgrades, electrical system updates, and window replacement. At approximately \$600,000, the District's annual capital maintenance budget is sufficient for ongoing capital maintenance needs but not the backlog of deferred projects.

Replacing the windows at Winnequah School means that teachers and students will no longer need to wear winter coats and hats during reading or math class. Overhauling the HVAC there means finding a long-term solution to the issues that allowed mold to develop in August. Replacing the roof at Cottage Grove School means we will no longer experience rain leaking into the building, which is currently fixed patch-by-patch. Replacing the boilers at Monona Grove High School means being able to efficiently and effectively heat and cool the building. Two of the six boilers there are offline and are no longer repairable due to their age.

We believe our buildings should be conducive to the important work of teaching and learning. If this referendum is approved, the entire backlog of capital maintenance projects will be addressed. In addition, the District has made strides to increase its annual maintenance budget (doubling from \$300,000 to approximately \$600,000 annually), making it far less likely that any future maintenance needs would need to be deferred.