

QUEEN BEE

SEEING OUR FUTURE CLEARLY

We can improve our schools, protect our progress, increase efficiency, reduce congestion in our community, improve our financial position and reduce the tax burden.

CURRENT STATUS

HIGH QUALITY SCHOOLS

DECLINING ENROLLMENT

CONGESTION DURING
ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

FINANCIAL CHALLENGES

OUR FUTURE

INCREASED QUALITY
OF PROGRAMS

GREATER EFFICIENCY

REDUCED CONGESTION
AT ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

IMPROVED FINANCIAL
POSITION

DECREASED TAX RATE

KEY IMPROVEMENTS

- Convert Glen Hill (K-3) and Americana (4-5) schools into K-4 schools
- Conduct 5th grade at Glenside Middle School, making Glenside a 5-8 school
- Make Pheasant Ridge available for lease to a community partner
- Build multi-purpose additions at Glen Hill, Americana and Glenside
- Add parking circle to reduce traffic congestion and expand parking for visitors and faculty
- Fund all improvements from proceeds of lease of Pheasant Ridge
- Reduce debt-related taxes between \$250,000 & \$1 million annually



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FAST FACTS

High Quality Schools

- Each school rated Commendable by Illinois State Board of Education
- Comprehensive STEM education program K-8
- Significant academic improvement (5th highest growth rate in DuPage in past 3 years)
- Increasing number of graduates take career-ready and college-ready courses at Glenbard North and Glenbard West
- Comprehensive language development programs support 48 languages spoken by our students
- 95% or better high school graduation rate for our graduates at Glenbard North and Glenbard West
- Comprehensive extracurricular activities

Congestion at Arrival and Dismissal

- Our configuration leads to traffic patterns that cause significant congestion on major roads and in school parking lots during arrival and dismissal times.

Declining Enrollment

- Steady decline in enrollment over the last decade
- Demographic analysis confirms the trend won't soon be reversed.
- Each of our schools has available classroom space and a capacity far beyond current enrollment.

Financial Challenges

- Our total tax rate is among the highest of all school districts in DuPage County.
- Occupying 4 schools with our enrollment significantly below our capacity leads to inefficiencies in staffing.
- We anticipate the State of Illinois will increase the cost of supporting pensions and pass that on to local school districts.
- We might lose the ability to increase taxes by the Consumer Price Index and keep up with rate of inflation.
- We have approximately \$16 million in debt and a limited ability to borrow in an emergency.

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