

## WHAT IS THE NEED FOR COLLABORATIVE FLEXIBLE LEARNING SPACE?



- Today's students are active learners that requires instruction to be provided in a variety of ways; having 21<sup>st</sup> century, flexible, adjustable space is required to meet the personalized needs of students.
- Grounded in our mission, the School District of River Falls is focused on ensuring every student's unique potential through the lens of personalized learning. We enhance the learning process by framing learning opportunities that are meaningful, engaging, relevant, rigorous, and are aligned to character education. The facility needs associated with accomplishing this mission have changed and we are now at a turning point in a decision to re-invest in our schools.
- We appreciate and respect our shared community vision for academic excellence and creating flexible and dynamic learning environments for all learners from early childhood through adults. When we invest in our schools, we invest in the future of education in meaningful ways.
- Next century learning does not displace the traditional, core learning of reading, writing, and arithmetic, but rather, engages learners in an environment, with relevant tools, technologies, and methodologies to meet the needs of college and career readiness. Providing the right kind of learning spaces is critically important to this process.
- With new learning spaces, class sizes and class structures can be more flexible and determined by the learning outcome rather than the physical space limitations. Students will have access to new learning resources and flexible spaces that provide engaging and challenging experiences. In addition, our community will have better access to district facilities and resources for lifelong learning and recreation.

## HOW THIS REFERENDUM INCREASES FLEXIBLE / COLLABORATIVE LEARNING SPACE:

High School – Vocational Technology space will be accelerated into closer alignment with today's tech-advancements.

Middle School – Library Media Center will be updated to include more collaboration space in a technology rich environment.

Elementary Schools – Collaboration space will be added for large/small group activities; robotics; Lego League; maker-space; discovery learning programs; community education opportunities; senior citizen gathering space; and Kids' Club. While this space will also serve 2-hours per day for cafeteria space, the greatest advantages will be found as new collaboration space. Significantly, by moving Kids' Club into this new space, we will provide greater community access to gymnasium space after school hours.