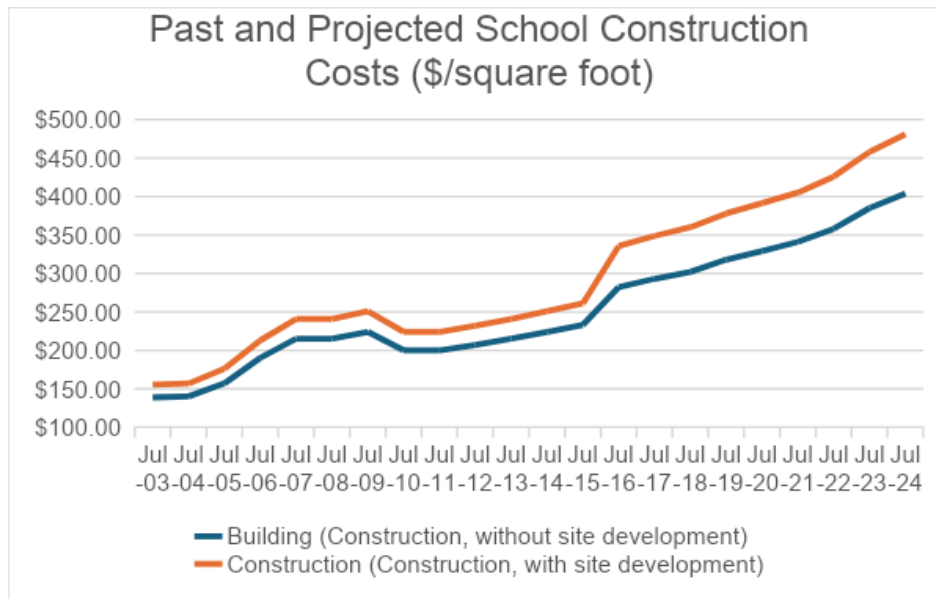


## Rising School Construction Costs

Voters of the Cadott Community have a big decision to make on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The upcoming referendum will impact our students for many years to come. The junior/senior high school was built in 1962 and has served us well for the past 60 years. However, it's time to plan for future growth.

Many residents have asked why we are pursuing this venture now. Not only will it allow for more academic, athletic, and extracurricular opportunities for current and future students, but waiting to build will result in a larger tax burden for the community.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the school construction cost index has increased by 26% over the past decade. The chart below from the Maryland Interagency Commission on School Construction illustrates this trend, which is expected to continue for the foreseeable future.



Every great community is built around a successful school. The upcoming referendum will allow our District to grow. It is designed to increase revenue through open enrollment, facility rentals, and daycare opportunities. It will expand course offerings, promote teacher retention, and benefit the District and community for many generations.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, and make sure to vote on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Your voice will determine our future. For additional information on the upcoming referendum, visit [www.cadott.k12.wi.us/referendum/](http://www.cadott.k12.wi.us/referendum/).