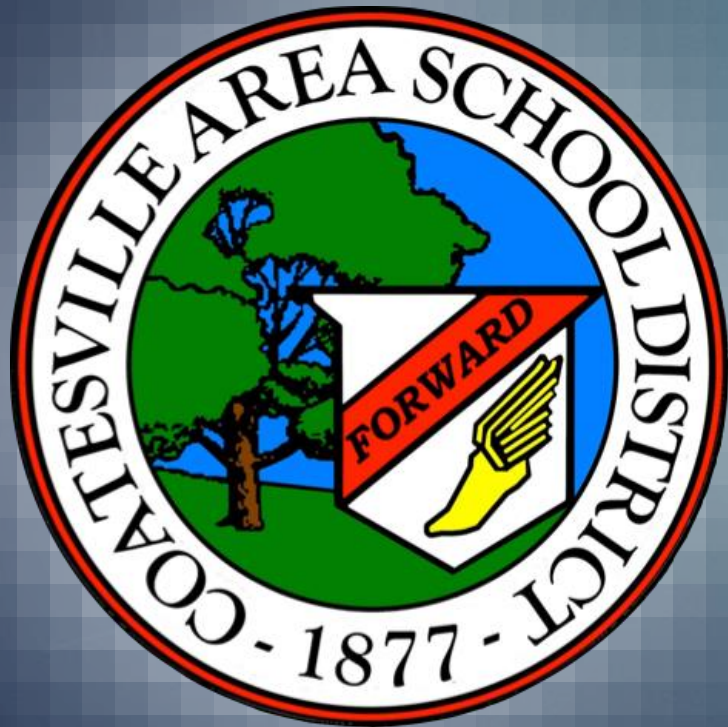


# COATESVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT



## MASTER FACILITIES PLAN COMMUNITY TASK FORCE

Coatesville Area School District  
Operations Committee Update

March 14, 2023

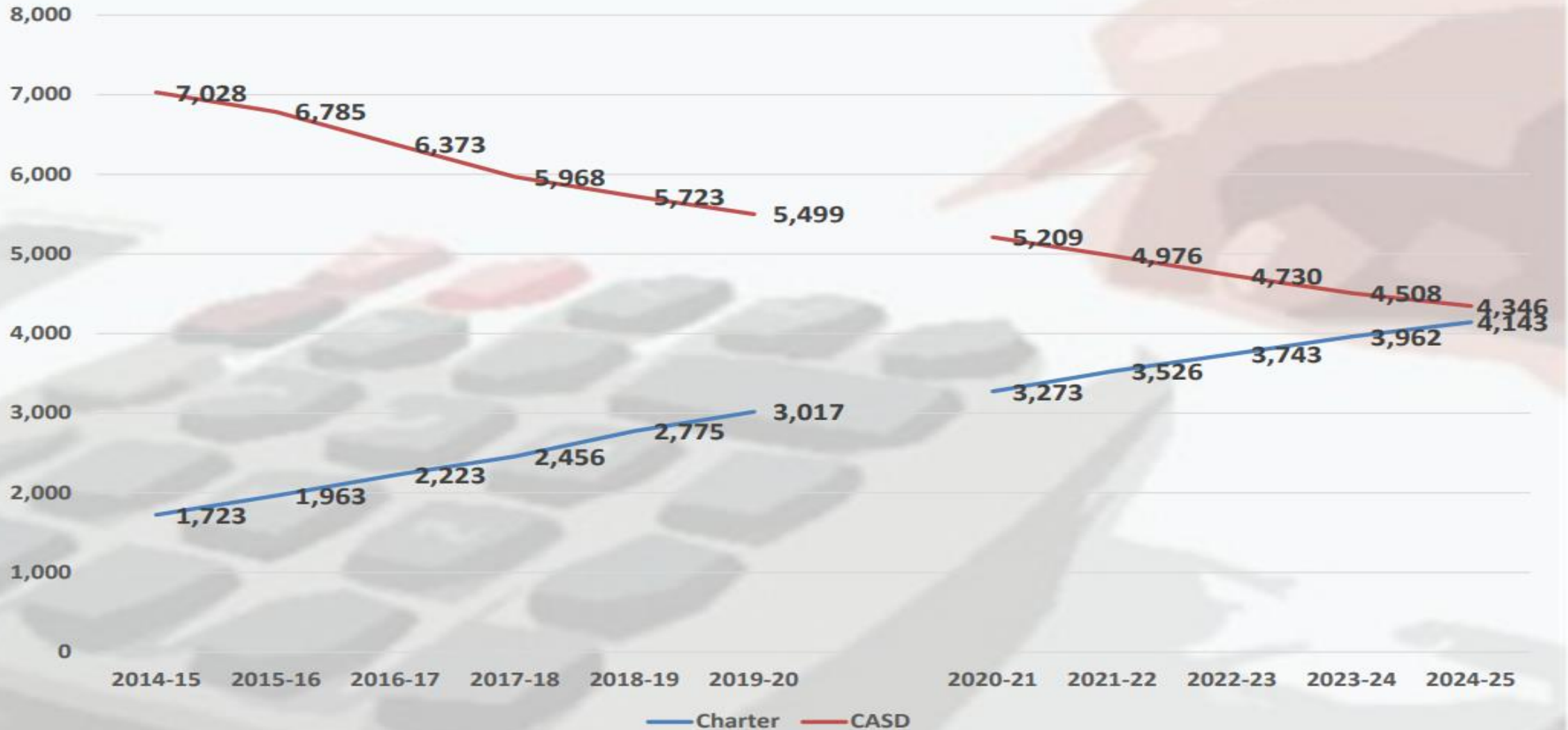


# March 14, 2023 Agenda

- ❖ **Introductions**
- ❖ **Present the Beliefs & Top Priorities of the Task Force**
- ❖ **Review the Facilities Option Selected by the Task Force**
- ❖ **Questions From School Board**

# Projected Charter School Enrollment 2020-2025

CASD vs Charter School Enrollment Trend



# Coatesville is at a Crossroads: Finances

- ▶ We have maximized our financial savings and are no longer functioning in deficit.
- ▶ We are allocating most resources to staffing and classroom supports.
- ▶ We are working proactively to retain our students and bring charter school students back (Since 2020, 450+ students have returned).
- ▶ We continue to join state efforts to lobby for more charter funding reform.



# Construction / Financial Impact

- ▶ **Borrows/Tax burden/Savings –**
  - ▶ **We are continuing to work with RBC Capital Markets to firm up our borrowing options based on what has been presented and what is being presented here tonight. RBC will join us in April to provide additional updates.**
  - ▶ **Closing Caln and East Fallowfield will save the district approximately \$350K annually combined. This does not include any salaries or benefits.**



# Impact of Facilities on Student Performance

- ▶ **Facility conditions**
  - ▶ Indoor air quality, thermal comfort, acoustics, lighting, maintenance
- ▶ **Facility design**
  - ▶ Building size, natural lighting, specialty spaces, common areas, relationship of spaces to each other, aesthetic, environmental quality
- ▶ **Facility utilization**
  - ▶ Functional use capacity, community access and equity throughout the district.

# East Fallowfield Enrollment Efforts

- ▶ **This year alone, we have brought back 10 students from charter schools to East Fallowfield Elementary School.**
- ▶ **We have had an increase in requests for student/family tours for potential enrollment for next year. We have already had a few families go through the registration process for next year.**
- ▶ **We have been providing student shadow days for students that allow them to experience what a day in the life of an East Fallowfield student is like prior to making the commitment to enroll.**



# What will happen if we do nothing?

## **Our financial stability is at stake.**

- While Coatesville is making significant progress in returning students from charter schools, we must invest in our facilities if we are to continue to bring students into our schools.
- Currently, the district sends about 67 million dollars to charter schools each year. More than half of every tax dollar goes to charter schools.
- Research shows that high-quality facilities, particularly at the elementary level, is one of the primary draws for families who are deciding where to educate their children.
- Coatesville is already making significant progress on academics, culture, and safety. We must also focus on our facilities if we are going to remain financially viable and attract students.

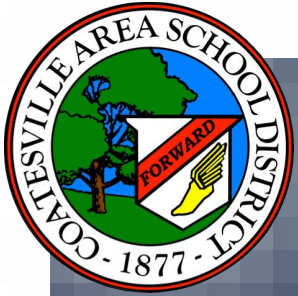




# Community Task Force: Beliefs

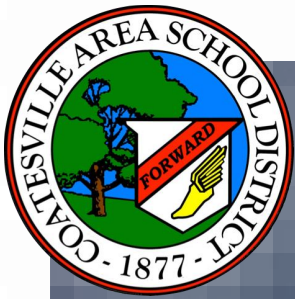
## The Facilities Plan must:

- ▶ not be deferred.
- ▶ address the critical infrastructure systems within the buildings (warm, safe, dry).
- ▶ address the curb appeal and aesthetics of the buildings in order to compete with charter schools.
- ▶ geographically defend against charter school's locations.
- ▶ not reduce investment in the other 3 pillars of district strategy (Achievement, Finance, Climate).
- ▶ reconfigure the grade structure to better meet educational needs.
- ▶ fit the School Board's ability to fund the plan within its current Act 1 taxing authority (not a referendum).
- ▶ be focused on helping the district save money on operating costs.



# Community Task Force: Priorities

- ▶ **Caln and East Fallowfield are beyond repair.**
- ▶ **King's Highway and Reeceville need renovations.**
- ▶ **Scott cannot function as an elementary school.**
- ▶ **A school should be located south of 30.**
- ▶ **Classroom trailers should be removed/replaced with a permanent solution.**
- ▶ **Campus should return to 9-10 and 11-12 setting.**
- ▶ **6-7-8 should return to a traditional middle school setting.**
- ▶ **Scott and North require renovations for 6-7-8 capacity.**
- ▶ **The facilities solutions must contain two separate middle schools.**
- ▶ **The facilities plan should be tilted towards new construction versus renovation/addition.**



# Community Task Force: Final Facilities Option

## (4) K-5 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

- ▶ Kings Highway ES      Full renovations (warm/safe/dry); remove modulars
- ▶ Reeceville ES      Add 8 classrooms
- ▶ Rainbow ES      No work proposed
- ▶ East Fallowfield ES      New construction on South Brandywine Site
- ▶ Caln & East Fallowfield ES      Closed

## (2) 6-8 MIDDLE SCHOOLS

- ▶ Scott MS      Renovations (warm/safe/dry)
- ▶ N. Brandywine MS      New construction

**CAMPUS returns to 9-10 [CAISH] & 11-12 [CASH]**



# Community Task Force: Final Facilities Option

## PHASE 1

- ▶ Split **6-7/6-8** population to Scott & NBMS
- ▶ King's Highway ES renovations
- ▶ Reeceville Elementary School additions
- ▶ New NBMS classroom wing
- ▶ Scott renovation
- ▶ New Elementary School
- ▶ Close Caln and East Fallowfield ES

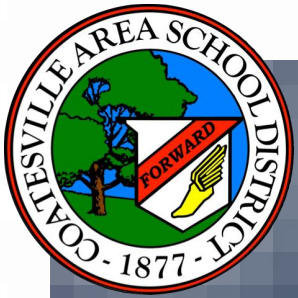
## Completed

- Fall 2024
- Fall 2025
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- Fall 2026
- Dec 2026
- Dec 2026

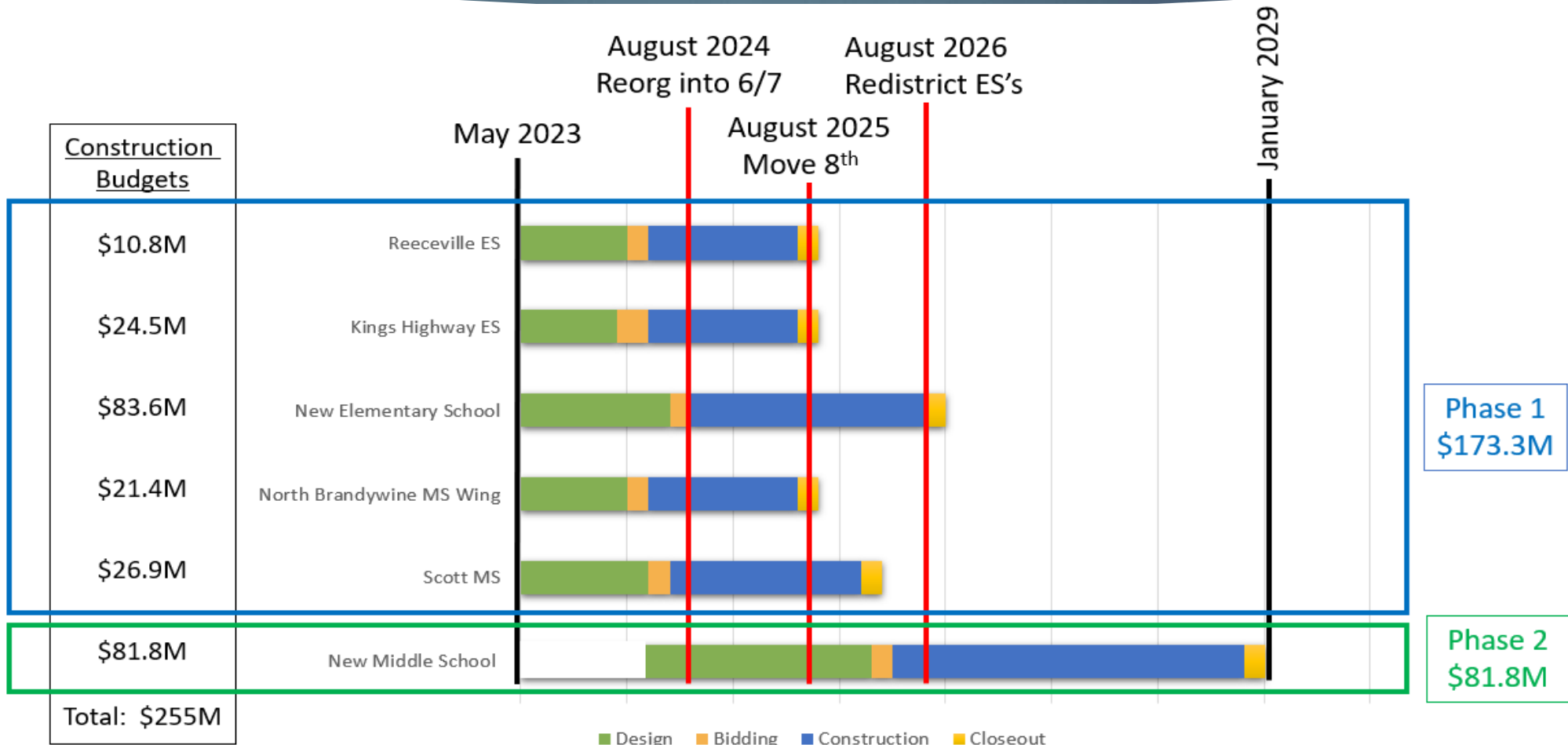
## PHASE 2

- ▶ Remaining NBMS new construction

Jan 2029



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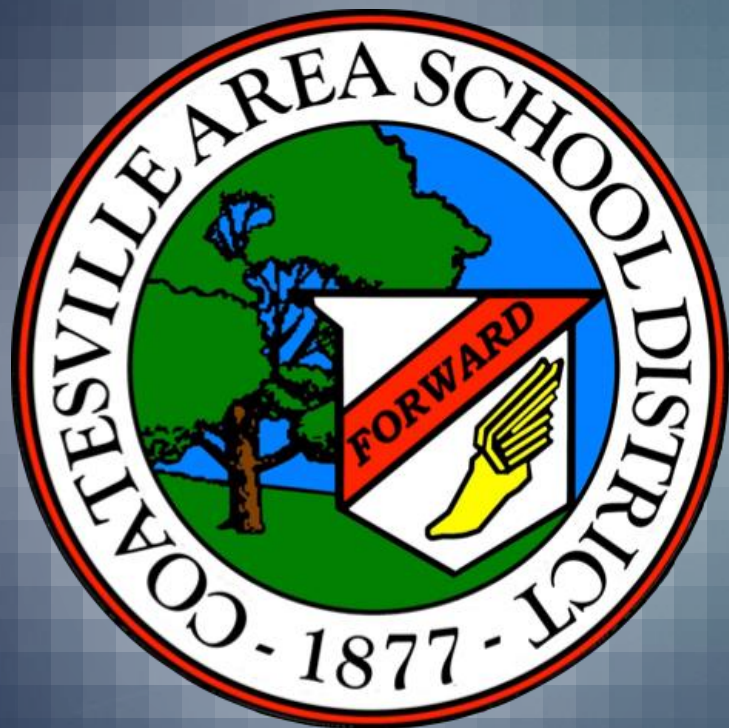




# Community Feedback: Survey

A survey will be sent to the community  
on **March 17, 2023** and remain  
open for feedback through **April 4, 2023**.

Q & A



THANK YOU!