



**Referendum 2017:  
Programs & Facilities our  
Students Deserve**

**MOUNTAIN LAKES SCHOOL DISTRICT**

# Mountain Lakes School District Referendum 2017

Taking us from “We do more with less”

To “Our students deserve more”

# Why does our district need a referendum?

- ◆ **Aging Facilities**: In several areas, our facilities are inadequate and in need of significant repairs.
- ◆ **Makeshift Classrooms**: Many of our programs take place in spaces not intended for instruction.
- ◆ **Program Limitations**: Students' curricular options at the high school are limited due to lack of instructional space and we have not removed any of the temporary classroom units that were put in place during the 2003 Referendum because they are still heavily utilized.
- ◆ **Protecting our Students & Faculty**: A substantial investment in school security improvements is needed in all of our schools.

# Princeton Public Schools

**Referendum Amount: \$10,800,000**

**Year: 2012**

## **Key Aspects of Project**

- Educational Improvements / Upgrades
  - New media center/library for middle school
  - Lockers
  - Team room
  - Band room seating
  - Auditorium Upgrades: sound system, lighting, AC, seating, projection installation
  - Technology Upgrades: network & infrastructure
- Energy Efficiency
  - Securing key elements of building envelopes such as roofs, windows & doors
  - Sensory Lighting

# Princeton Public Schools

## Key Aspects of Project

### – Safety & Security

- Track
- Turf
- Bleacher Replacement
- Practice Field Refurbishment
- ADA Ramp
- Rubber Base Playground
- Emergency Generator
- Security Equipment

### – Stewardship of Assets

- Doors: interior & stairwell
- Waterproof Gym Wall
- Gym Floor Replacement
- Cabinets in Classrooms
- Baseball Field Drainage
- Paving

# Millburn Public Schools

**Proposed Referendum Amount: \$23,698,300**

**Year: 2016**

## **Key Aspects of Potential Project**

- Innovative/Makerspaces in High School, Middle & Elementary School
- Acquisition of a school for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy
- Health & Safety Projects
  - Fire & Burglar Alarm Upgrades
  - Bathroom Project
  - District Wide Communication System
  - Roof Repairs
  - Chairlift
  - Boiler
  - AC window units in Elementary School

# Ramapo Indian Hills



# Why focus on the arts?

- ◆ **High School Auditorium:** Poor acoustics, tile floor stage, no stage craft space, seats are in disrepair and accordion doors no longer operate. Space does not meet current fire code regulations?
- ◆ **Record Student Enrollment:** Over 250 or 34% of our high school students, 230 Briarcliff students or 73% and 145 Wildwood 4-5 graders or 68% are involved in vocal and instrumental band.
- ◆ **Performance Spaces:** We do not have enough spaces for all of our students groups to rehearse and perform.

***“If art is to nourish the roots of our culture, society must set the artist free to follow his vision wherever it takes him.”***

John F. Kennedy





# Summit High School





# A \$3million health & wellness center?

- ◆ **Locker Rooms:** The Briarcliff Locker Room which serves middle school physical education classes and high school teams is substandard and unsafe. **This space can be repurposed for instructional space**
- ◆ **Gymnasium Space:** During the winter months we do not have enough gym space to support our wrestling and basketball programs.
- ◆ **Community Meeting Space:** Borough Hall does not have adequate meeting space for community organizations.
- ◆ **Snack Shack and Bathroom Facilities:** The current shack does not have adequate food preparation facilities and the bathrooms need updating.



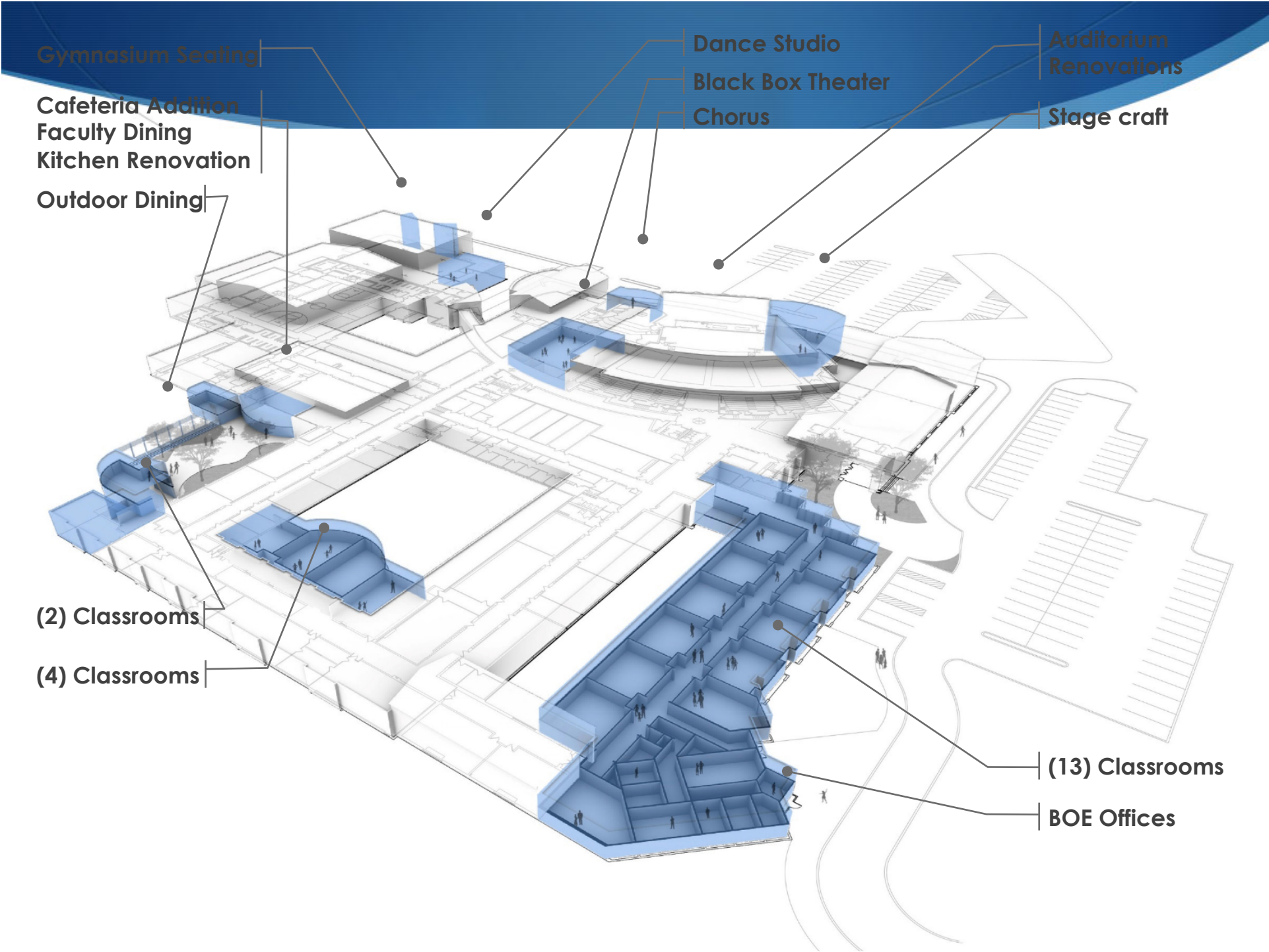
# Didn't we just renovate the schools?

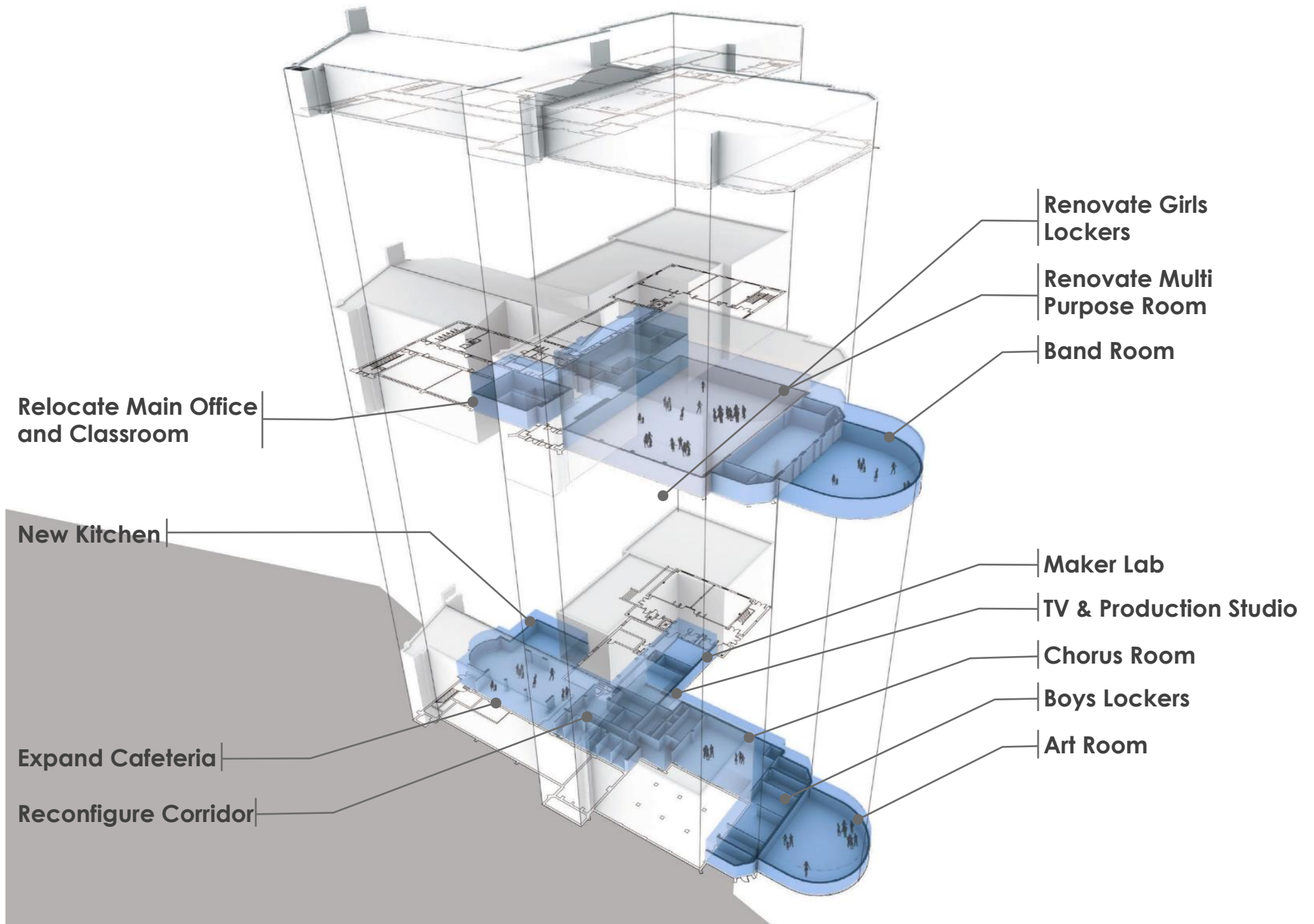
- ◆ **2003**: MLHS Referendum Total \$15,620,000. (\$10,920,000. Borough Funded \$4,700,000. State Funded) Included Media Center, Auxiliary Gym, Band Room, Main Office, Additional Classrooms. No Auditorium or Kitchen renovations were included. \$20,215,335 in current dollars
- ◆ **1998**: District Referendum Total \$7,500,000. Expansion of Wildwood and Briarcliff School and Renovation of High School Science Labs \$10,956,993 in current dollars
- ◆ **1987**: District Referendum Total \$3,400,000. Extensive roofing, lighting, bathroom renovations, heating, ventilation and ADA compliance work \$7,127,190 in current dollars

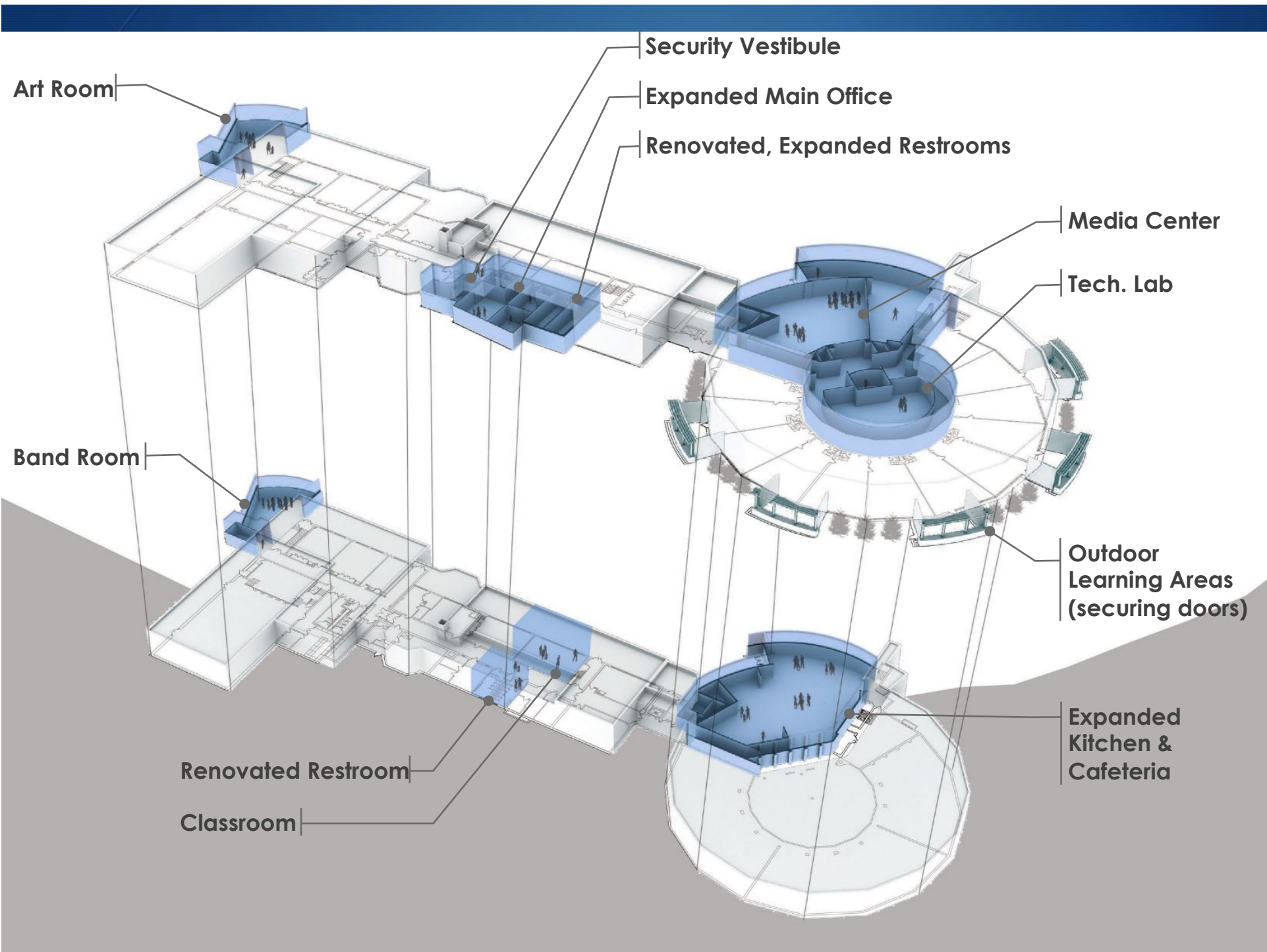












Art Room

Security Vestibule

Expanded Main Office

Renovated, Expanded Restrooms

Media Center

Tech. Lab

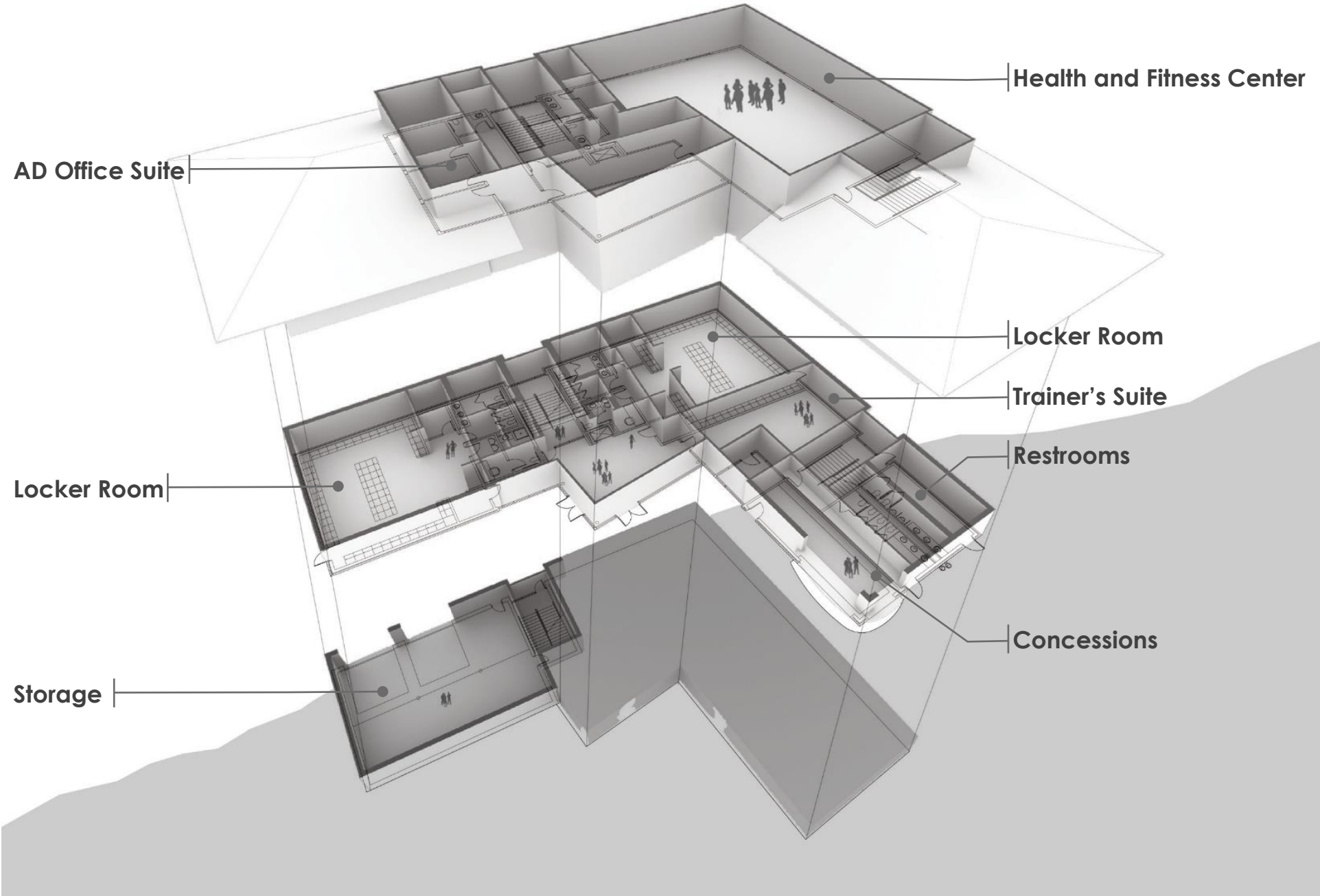
Band Room

Outdoor Learning Areas (securing doors)

Renovated Restroom

Expanded Kitchen & Cafeteria

Classroom



Health and Fitness Center

AD Office Suite

Locker Room

Trainer's Suite

Restrooms

Locker Room

Concessions

Storage

# What happens with these plans?

- ◆ Steering Committee will guide the process
- ◆ Community Survey & Public Meetings will determine most viable proposal to present to the public for a vote in April 2017
- ◆ Certain referendum projects will be presented for private, grant and corporate funding
- ◆ Prior to the vote in April 2017, the Board will determine exactly how much state funding will be available for this project

# Balancing the 2% Cap & Rising Costs: Revenue Generating Programs

- ◆ Currently the district accepts tuition students from:
  - ◆ Districts around the state who send their Deaf & Hard of Hearing students to Lake Drive
  - ◆ Boonton Township with whom we have a send/receive agreement
  - ◆ Tuition students from area towns who apply privately
  
- ◆ Referendum 2017 offers the premier programming Mountain Lakes students deserve and provides opportunities for controlled revenue generation:
  - ◆ Partnership for a Biotechnology Program
  - ◆ Arts School to Watch
  - ◆ Robotics, STEM and Maker spaces

# Introduction of the Subcommittee Chairs

◆ Mountain Lakes High School

***Mr. Jeremy Davies***, Principal

***Mr. Joseph Cataliotti***, Board of Education, Facilities Chair

◆ Briarcliff Middle School

***Dr. Fran Schlenoff***, Principal

***Mrs. Elena Goldthwaite***, Board of Education President, Program Chair

◆ Wildwood Elementary School

***Mrs. Beth Azar***, Principal

***Mr. Koy***, Board of Education, Extra Curricular Chair

# Introduction of the Subcommittee Chairs

- ◆ Alumni Giving & Corporate Sponsorship

*Mr. Frank Sanchez*, Director of Curriculum

*Mr. Jack Gentul*, Board of Education, Special Services Chair

- ◆ Community Impact

*Mr. Dan Borgo*, Business Administrator

*Mr. John Kaplan*, Board of Education, Finance Chair



# Initial Meeting of Subcommittees

- ◆ MLHS Subcommittee~ Computer Lab
- ◆ Briarcliff Subcommittee~ Computer Lab
- ◆ Wildwood Subcommittee~ Online Academy Office
- ◆ Alumni Giving & Corporate Sponsorship~ Gallery
- ◆ Community Impact~ Front Left of Media Center