

At the Cornell School Board meeting on (M) March 24th, the board reviewed a facility audit of the MS/HS showing a cost of at least \$15.5M to remodel the current facility. It was stated “at least” as there is no way of knowing how much asbestos, lead and other issues may be encountered as the work occurs. This should make the facility useful for another 25 years, although there will still be a lot of space being heated and maintained that is not used.

After hearing this, the board decided to move forward with developing a plan for a potential new portion of the facility and the cost associated with it. The initial thoughts are proposing a facility about half of the current size which will be way more efficient for the district. While there is a lot of work to do before more accurate numbers can be presented, I’m guessing this new plan may be in the \$20M range.

As more information is produced, it will be added to the “Referendum Information” button on the district web page. Currently the facility audit is available as well as the start of a proposed plan that is being reviewed to obtain a building/demolition budget within the next few months. As always, if you have any questions or comments, or would like to take a tour of the current building, please feel free to email Mr. Braaten or me at cbraaten@cornell.k12.wi.us or pmschley@cornell.k12.wi.us or call us at 715-861-6947.