

“Our two high schools have served the community well for decades, and our responsibility now is to plan carefully for what comes next. The Board of Education is committed to balancing the needs of our students with those of our taxpayers. We believe the Update88 Plan to address high-priority facility improvements, without a net tax rate increase, delivers on that commitment.”

— Donna Craft Cain
President, Board of Education

2026 BOND PROPOSAL



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DISTRICT 88 HIGH SCHOOLS: STRONG FROM THE OUTSIDE, AGING WITHIN.



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ADDISON TRAIL
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DuPage High School District 88
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The Update88 Plan is About Facility Improvements, Without a Net Tax Rate Increase

The potential outcomes of the Update88 Plan include:

Healthier, safer, and more secure schools

Enhanced ADA accessibility

Improved energy efficiency

Extended useful life of existing facilities

Industry-standard Career and Technical Education (CTE) spaces

Better ability to attract and retain instructors

Reduced costly and disruptive emergency repairs

Stronger career pathways for students

Maintained property values

Addressing High-Priority Facility Needs at Both High Schools, Without a Net Tax Rate Increase

District 88 is considering a bond referendum to address critical facility needs at Addison Trail and Willowbrook high schools, without a net tax rate increase. Following are **10 important facts** regarding the district's facility needs and proposed solutions.

- 1 Addison Trail and Willowbrook high schools are both 60 years old or older.
- 2 Many core building systems at both schools have reached or are nearing the end of their useful life.
- 3 The district invests up to \$1.5 million annually in maintenance, but ongoing repairs alone cannot fully address aging systems.
- 4 Safety and security needs include updated secure entry and access controls and expanded emergency notification systems.
- 5 District 88 is also seeking to address Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility needs on both campuses.
- 6 Career and Technical Education (CTE) spaces were designed for a different era and no longer align with current workforce expectations or industry standards.
- 7 Performing arts and athletic spaces require updated lighting and equipment, and outdoor fields and courts show significant wear.
- 8 It has been 19 years since District 88 voters approved a referendum supporting facility improvements at the two high schools.
- 9 As bonds from the district's 2007 referendum are paid off after levy year 2026, District 88 could issue approximately \$118 million in new bonds without a net tax rate increase.
- 10 A final decision on whether to place a bond referendum on the ballot will be made in August 2026, allowing time for additional public input.

“No final decision will be made regarding placing a bond referendum on the ballot this fall until August, providing time for additional public input. These are your high schools, and you have the final word on how we protect and improve them.”

— Dr. Jean Barbanente, Superintendent



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Facility Needs at Addison Trail and Willowbrook

Facility assessments have identified key areas at both high schools where aging systems and outdated spaces no longer align with current standards for safety and learning.

Safety & Security



Several safety and security features at both campuses are dated. Improvements to access control systems, emergency alert capabilities, security film, and clearer internal and external wayfinding would provide a safer, more secure environment for students, staff, and visitors.

Life-Safety



State-mandated life-safety reviews have identified required updates to emergency exits, door hardware, stairway railings, and related components. Many of these elements are aging and no longer meet current standards.

ADA Accessibility



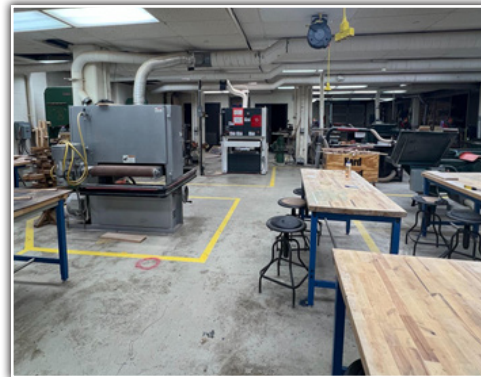
Both campuses have limitations that affect accessibility. The auditoriums, stadiums, and gymnasiums lack ADA-compliant seating, and many restrooms and other interior spaces require updates for full accessibility.

End-of-Life Infrastructure



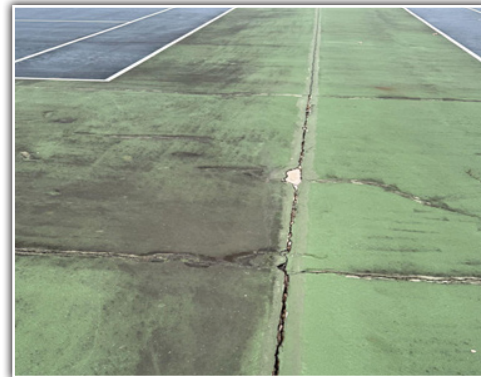
A significant number of core building systems, including electrical, plumbing, HVAC, and roofing, have reached or are nearing the end of their useful life. Parking lots and other site elements also show substantial wear. These conditions contribute to reduced efficiency, higher maintenance costs, and an increased risk of system failures.

Outdated CTE Spaces



Career and Technical Education (CTE) areas, including automotive technology and construction trades, rely on aging equipment and classroom layouts that no longer reflect current industry standards. The condition and design of these spaces limit opportunities for hands-on learning and make it more difficult for students to gain real-world, career-aligned skills.

Other Aging Assets



Performing arts and athletic spaces across both campuses have older equipment, outdated lighting, and worn finishes. Outdoor fields and courts also show significant wear. These assets support the academic, extracurricular, and athletic programs offered to students. They are also highly used and accessed by community organizations.

UPDATE 88 Proposed Improvements at Each High School


	Addison Trail Built in 1966	Willowbrook Built in 1959
SAFETY & SECURITY		
Secure Entry/Access Control Updates	●	●
Secure Entry Film Upgrades	●	●
Expanded Emergency Notification Systems	●	●
Emergency Signage Improvements	●	●
LIFE-SAFETY		
Emergency Exit Improvement	●	●
Door Security Upgrades	●	●
Stairwell Guardrails/Handrails Updates	●	●
ADA ACCESSIBILITY		
ADA-Required Updates	●	●
ADA-Compliant Seating (Auditoriums, Grandstands, and Gymnasiums)	●	●
Restroom Improvements	●	●
INFRASTRUCTURE		
Mechanical Equipment Maintenance or Replacement	●	●
Roofing Maintenance, Refurbishment, or Replacement	●	●
Exterior Envelope Masonry Tuckpointing and Sealant Replacement	●	●
Exterior Concrete Replacement or Repairs	●	●
Exterior Window and Door Replacement	●	●
Exterior Light Fixture Replacement	●	●
Interior Light Fixture and Lighting Control Replacement	●	●
Carpet Flooring Replacement	●	●
Motorized Athletic Equipment Replacement (Gyms and Fieldhouses)	●	●
Parking Lot Repairs or Replacement	●	●
EDUCATIONAL SPACES		
Career and Technical Education (CTE) Classroom Updates	●	●
PERFORMING ARTS		
Audio/Visual Equipment/Amplification System Updates	●	●
Seating Updates	●	●
Stage and Other Lighting Upgrades or Replacement	●	●
ATHLETICS		
Scoreboard Replacement	●	●
Varsity Baseball Field Improvements	●	●
Varsity Softball Field Improvements	●	●
Underclass Baseball and Softball Fields Improvements	●	●
Tennis Court Resurfacing	●	●
Fitness Center Corridor Flooring Improvements	●	●


Proposed Improvements at Both Campuses


Addison Trail and Willowbrook high schools share similar challenges related to aging facilities. The Update88 Plan would address those needs with the following high-priority improvements:

- ✓ Safety and security enhancements
- ✓ Code-required life-safety updates
- ✓ ADA accessibility improvements
- ✓ End-of-life infrastructure replacements
- ✓ Updated Career and Technical Education spaces
- ✓ Performing arts and athletics space updates

Learn More & Provide Feedback

 District 88 is hosting community information meetings. Upcoming meeting dates and online registration are available at DuPage88.net/PublicInfoMeetings

 Participate in a public opinion survey that will be mailed to you later this spring.

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