Theron Schutte, 641-754-1000 ext. 7259 tschutte@marshalltown.k12.ia.us



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 13, 2024

## Miller Middle School Tours Available Weekly Through Election Day

MARSHALLTOWN, IA — Residents of the Marshalltown Community School District are invited to tour B.R. Miller Middle School ahead of the bond referendum vote, which will take place Tuesday, November 5.

Dave Glenn and Kristyn Kell, co-principals at Miller Middle School, will be available to guide visitors and answer questions each Wednesday from September 18 through election day. Tours will begin promptly at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. and visitors must first check in at the middle school office. A photo ID must be presented if attending a 10 a.m. tour while classes are in session.

"We encourage all of our residents to take advantage of these opportunities to see the challenges our students and staff face every day at Miller Middle School," said Superintendent Dr. Theron Schutte. "The tours will also offer a chance to ask questions and learn more about the bond referendum in November."

Miller Middle School will turn 100 years old next year, and Marshalltown CSD is pursuing a bold plan to gut, renovate, and expand the historic school. This would allow it to serve future generations of students.

The district's proposal includes the construction of a new education wing, commons area, kitchen, and entrance. Upgrades would be made to the school's mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems. Classrooms and other spaces would be expanded and modernized to meet today's teaching and technology standards.

Additionally, the district would upgrade the school's audio and visual systems, remodel the auditorium and gymnasium, and renovate Franklin Field.

Marshalltown CSD will need voters to approve a \$57 million bond referendum on November 5 to finance the project. The district also expects to spend a portion of future one-cent sales tax revenue it receives from the state through the Secure an Advanced Vision for Education (<u>SAVE</u>) fund.

The tax impact of an approved bond referendum would be an estimated \$1.28 per \$1,000 of taxable property value. For a home with an assessed value of \$200,000, this would amount to approximately \$112.43 per year.

More information about the facility needs and the plan to reimagine Miller Middle School is available at <u>www.marshalltowncsdfuture.com</u>.