

It's the old problem of 'pay me now, or pay me later'...

Two old elementary schools in La Crosse may need expensive repairs, or they could be replaced with a new building through a 16-million dollar referendum this fall. Joe Ledvina is in charge of buildings and grounds for the school district. Today, he showed reporters around the two schools...for example, pointing out the original boiler at Franklin that was installed almost 60 years ago. Ledvina says the Franklin basement also has cracks in the ceiling, and a wall that's bending inward. Roosevelt School dates back to the 1920's, but it would be preserved if the bond issue passes. The referendum would add 100 dollars a year in taxes for the owners of a 400-thousand dollar house.