

School District Data, Facts and Statistics

The following information about the school and its facilities may be of interest as you prepare to take the online survey. Please look through the information regarding projects that have been done, costs for projects, funding options, and needs of the district to provide a quality education for our students.

- The School District's last building bond/referendum was past 18 1/2 years ago, it was for the middle school addition and the auditorium attached to the high school. Those bonds were for 20 years and will be paid off over the next 18 months.

- **Comparison to last referendum attempt.**

The last referendum attempt which failed - January of 2015- was for 25M and included a completely new Elementary and remodeling at the middle school/high school.

Since that time we have held community meetings to discuss that condition of the current facilities and there has been an increased demand for school safety and security. The community has asked for additional hands-on learning opportunities for students in the food service, construction trades and technology areas. The community requested that we look to add a technology and robotics wing to the high school. Our science labs need renovation and we need to address our heating and ventilation systems, HVAC.

- The District has access to funds to repair and replace certain items such as plumbing, heating and ventilation, and roofs for example. These funds are called Long Term Facility Maintenance dollars or LTFM. The District can bond against those funds to do larger projects up front and then pay them off with the LTFM funds over a 15 year period. It is the District's plan to use half of our allotted funds to upgrade our heating ventilation systems including boilers which are in need of replacement. This will be no added cost to the taxpayer and bonds will be for \$2.9M
- In 1988 the last addition to the Elementary was done. It had a bond value of \$1,050,000 and would increase the taxes for a \$60,000 home by \$35. Today to have a bond value of \$26M it would cost the average home (approx. \$200K) an increase of \$296 per year.
- Security and accessibility for students is a great need at the Elementary.
- We are not just building a school, but we are building the futures of all of our children.
- We value open dialogue and working together toward finding solutions to our facility needs.

- Our buildings must have the capacity to allow for change over time in what we teach, how we teach and who are learners.
- Many of the systems in our current facilities are failing and outdated. The newest systems are 19 years old and at this point need to be replaced, not repaired.
- Our last roofing project we did a portion of our roof at the high school/middle school. It was approximately \$280,000 and only replaced about 1/3 of the total roof on the building.
- The School District is collaborating with a solar garden to receive a discount on our electric bills.
- A lack of handicap access needs to be addressed in all of our buildings and many of our athletic facilities.
- Safe/secure entrance systems are needed to be designed and implemented to protect our students and staff.
- Well designed and improved special learning spaces need to be added to our buildings.
- We have a lack of handwashing and personal hygiene areas around restrooms and cafeterias.
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