

Jamestown Public Schools Facility Conditions Update

As you may have read, in July of 2016 the Jamestown School board received a report from Mr. Tom Beck, a former school facilities director, regarding condition and expected useful life of our facilities. This report included recommendations from the engineering assessments done by DLR Group in 2014 as well as an independent review by Consolidated Construction. The goal of this study was to determine which repairs and maintenance are needed in the next 10 years.

In summary, the report confirmed that our facilities have been well maintained. The District has been able to fund maintenance at the recommended \$0.80 – 0.90 per square foot annually, but many systems are nearing end of life or need updating to current standards. Critical items from the report included the condition of the roofs, windows, the lack of handicap accessibility to ADA Standards (American with Disabilities Act), heating and ventilation systems, electrical and lighting systems, safety and security improvements.

There is a capital maintenance “bubble” in the next 3 – 5 years that will require additional funding. On average, our capital maintenance needs \$2.1 million annually for the next 10 years in excess of the current annual funding of about \$600,000.

We were also presented this week with future enrollment projections from Mr. Robert Schwarz of RSP, confirming that our enrollment should hold steady in the next five years (2% projected increase). This is valuable as we work to confirm we are on target in our discussions about our District facility needs.

This data has been provided to the Citizen’s Steering Committee, and they are currently considering best options to address our maintenance and educational needs. JPS invites the local community to join the discussion. All are welcome to attend the Citizen’s Steering Committee meetings, participate in the focus groups, or simply contact JPS at your convenience. Updates on progress will be provided regularly to local media, posted on the JPS website, provided through the Jamestown School District app, school newsletters, and on social media.

For more information, visit www.jamestown.k12.nd.us/.

Thank you for your time and involvement in everything we do at Jamestown Public Schools!

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Superintendent