

Jamestown Public Schools Facility Needs Update

Our facilities have served us well over the years, yet times have changed significantly since our last major improvement - the “new” High School is now almost 15 years old. We need to prepare our students for jobs that don’t even exist yet as the world and our employers and colleges require many more skills beyond the “3 R’s”. Many systems in our buildings are nearing the end of their life, and we need to consider our best options for repair or replacement. Enrollment is steady, and we believe the future of our community is bright.

It is with this in mind that over the past year, we have been gathering additional information:

- March 2016: Retained independent consultants to review the expected life of our facilities, and recommend a 10-year capital maintenance plan.
- May 2016: Gathered perspectives from staff through an electronic survey related to current instructional needs and the ability of our facilities to meet those needs.
- July 2016: The School Board received a summary of our 10-year Capital Maintenance Needs, which revealed that we have many systems nearing the end of their useful life, and repair/replacement costs exceed our current level of funding.
- December 2016: Launched a Citizen’s Facilities Steering Committee including school board members, the school leadership team, staff representatives, community leaders and our consultants DLR Group, PFM Financial Advisors, and Consolidated Construction Company.
- Dec-January 2017: Provided school tours at Lincoln / Transition House, Gussner, Roosevelt, Louis L’Amour, the High School, Jamestown North, James Valley Career and Tech Center, the Middle School, and Washington.
- January 2017: Received preliminary updated enrollment projections from RSP & Associates, indicating continued growth in enrollment. Scheduled RSP to present their detailed findings at our School Board meeting on March 20, 2017.
- March 2017: Will hold a facilities needs discussion with staff, including a review of the survey taken last May.

Going forward, we will be hosting community listening forums and focus groups to discuss our public school system, your vision for our future, what our students need to succeed in the 21st Century, and how facilities play a role in this evolution.

Please join us! You are encouraged to attend the Citizen’s Steering Committee meetings, participate in the focus groups, or simply contact us at your convenience. Please look for regular updates on our progress in the Jamestown Sun, JPS website, Jamestown App, school newsletters, and on social media.

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

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