

Chardon Local Schools School Facilities Update

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Strategic Vision Statement

Chardon Local Schools
will provide learning environments
appropriate for all students
to grow academically and socially

Implementation Strategies

- Develop a School Facilities Committee with staff and community representation to evaluate and advise on existing building needs
- Evaluate the cost of renovation vs. new construction and determine the community's interest in facilities renovation vs. new construction
- Develop a facilities master plan and present to the Board of Education and community using Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) resources
- Collaborate with the City of Chardon, townships (and other potential partners) to evaluate opportunities for community-based buildings for performing arts and athletics

Where are We Now?

In August 2016 the Ohio Schools Facilities Commission (OSFC) completed a facilities assessment over three days looking at each of our school facilities. We also completed a ten-year enrollment projection for the district through FutureThink.

- Major structural, mechanical, ventilation, and safety elements evaluated in each school
- State applies a $\frac{2}{3}$ rule when they evaluate facilities. If renovation of a school to meet OSDM standards is $\frac{2}{3}$ (or more) of the cost to replace, then the recommendation is to replace the school

OSFC Facilities Assessment Findings

- Munson, Hambden, Maple and CHS were all found to be in need of replacement
- Park ES was very marginal and could easily fall into the category of recommended for replacement with some additional in-depth assessment
- CMS was also marginal and could possibly fall into recommended for replacement with some additional in-depth assessment.

Enrollment Projection Findings

FutureThink is forecasting a decline of approximately 300 students over the next ten years

- This is a 10% enrollment decline
- We have seen this trend taking shape with kindergarten enrollment dropping over the last few years
- This trend is not specific to Chardon. Many school districts in Ohio and nationally are seeing a modest decline in enrollment

In Short...

We will be planning facilities for a somewhat smaller overall student enrollment.

We are proceeding on a recommendation to:

- Consider replacement of the elementary schools
- Consider replacement of high school
- Consider *possible* renovation of the middle school.

OFCC - What you need to know...

We are participating in the Expedited Local Partnership Program at this time

- Allowed us to get our assessment and enrollment projection completed at no charge
- Allows us to develop cost models for various master plan configurations at no cost
- Any new construction we do while in ELPP will be credited towards our local share when we become eligible for the Classroom Facilities Assistance Program (CFAP) and state funds
- Given that we are only eligible for a 9% state share, we have NOT yet made a decision to participate in the state programs

Master Planning

We have asked the OFCC to develop a few master plans at this time

- Any new master plan will NOT have 4 elementary schools as the OFCC will not construct a school for less than 350 students. School construction standards also indicate that schools smaller than 350 contribute to increased operational cost
- The district's Facilities Advisory Committee will be critical in developing a master plan that meets the needs of the district and community. This will be done over the next several months
- No decision has been made regarding any [master plan](#)

Consulting Architect

Board has authorized that we explore an architect to assist with pre-bond issue planning and design services

- Interviews were conducted this week and we are finalizing an agreement with one firm at this time
- The selected firm will facilitate the work of our Facilities Advisory Committee and use input from staff, and community to aid in developing a workable master plan for the district
- Firm will also further validate the assessment work done by the OFCC.

2017 Timeline

January - May

Facilities Advisory Committee will work on master planning concepts, gathering feedback from the staff and community, and achieving consensus on a recommendation

May - June

Presentation to Board regarding recommendations for master plan and possible bond issue

August

District may move forward with bond issue campaign.

Keys to Success

Inform

Inquire

Involve

Inspire

