



High School Facility Update



High School Building Project
2010

What are we considering?

- During the last 12 months the administration and board have worked with the OSFC on the best possible funding of a HS project
- The Board has focused on two options
 - Renovating the present high school
 - Building on to the new PK-8 building
- A third option could be a project outside of working with the OSFC

The funding from the State of Ohio comes with some conditions and requirements:

- The funding is offered in the context of a “Master Plan”.
- The “Master Plan” is based on a 79% state and 21% local split of the approved plan, not on the real cost.
- The dollar amount offered, or the “state share cap”, is calculated based on student enrollment per square foot of the K-12 scenario.

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- Because we first built the PK-8 as a separate building it will take additional sq. ft. to accommodate the high school.
- We can also choose to add additional space or options paid for by the district called LFI, locally funded initiatives.
- If we do not meet the OSFC requirements we will not qualify for their part of the funding.

Why is the board addressing this issue now?

- The availability of future funding is not as certain as it once was. The OSFC has helped most of the neediest schools and spent much of the 4.1 billion “Tobacco Money” set aside for school construction.
- We have better (more accurate & favorable) enrollment projection numbers now than in any of the past five years.
- The funding for a HS project will not likely get better.
- The need for high school repairs is becoming more immediate, not deciding how to proceed may soon be costly to the district.

Key Elements

This group is being asked to provide input for the board to decide which plan to put on the ballot, and then the voters will make the actual decision.

Any of the solutions could be made to work- the real question is, given the **initial cost**, the **ongoing cost**, and the **educational needs** which one will provide the best solution for the future.