

Stewardship of Our School Buildings

As a school superintendent, I work closely with our School Board to ensure our district serves students well today and into the future. One of our core responsibilities is stewardship of our school buildings. These facilities support learning, safety, and community pride. We must care for them with purpose and foresight.

School buildings age. Systems wear out. Educational needs alter as circumstances change. At a minimum, our buildings must be adequate to meet the needs of students and staff. Adequate means safe, functional, and supportive of learning. At our best, our facilities also reflect the values of our community and the importance we place on public education.

Good stewardship requires action. It means routine maintenance. It also means addressing larger needs when they arise. Delaying decisions often increases costs and limits options. Responsible planning helps us manage resources wisely and avoid greater challenges later.

For these reasons, the School Board and administration are discussing facility needs and potential improvements. These discussions include long-term planning and possible next steps. One option under consideration is asking voters to weigh in on future projects. No final decisions have been made. However, we believe it is important to begin the conversation early and openly.

Community input matters. Our schools belong to the community. Decisions about buildings and investments should reflect public priorities and values. To help guide this work, the district will conduct a community survey in the near future. The survey will gauge community awareness, perceptions, and levels of support for possible projects.

We strongly encourage community members to participate. A strong response helps us understand where there is alignment and where there are concerns. It also helps the School Board make informed decisions based on broad input rather than limited voices.

Participation does not signal approval or opposition. It signals engagement. Honest feedback strengthens the process and improves outcomes. Whether you have children in school, are a graduate, or new to the community, your perspective as a taxpayer matters.

Public schools are a shared investment. They prepare students for the future and serve as community hubs. Stewardship of our buildings reflects our commitment to that mission. With thoughtful planning and meaningful input, we can make decisions that serve students, respect taxpayers, and reflect community priorities.

We look forward to continued dialogue and appreciate your engagement as we plan for the future of our schools.

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