



EXPLORING THE FUTURE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

Valley City Public Schools

Valley City Public Schools is seeking your engagement for an in-depth exploration on the future of our school facilities. On Friday, September 24th, the school board will be announcing dates and times for several public meetings in the month of October. These meetings will invite community members to receive important information about our school facilities and engage with each other in valuable discussion, provide an opportunity to ask questions and give feedback about the possible renovation and/or new school construction projects in our school district.

WHY NOW?

There are several reasons why the Valley City Public School Board believes now is the time to be EXPLORING THE FUTURE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES in our school district. The reasons stated below will provide the outline for the presentations and discussions at the public meetings.

STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING

Due to COVID-19, our school district has received more than \$3 million dollars in state and federal funds. Additionally, the State of North Dakota has made a competitive grant available for school districts and career technology centers to apply for up to \$10 million dollars in matching funds.

CAPITAL MAINTENANCE NEEDS

Our 10-year capital maintenance plan has detailed more than \$15 million dollars in much needed updates and renovations across the school district. A few of these facility needs include; roofing, heating/cooling/ventilation systems, safety/security, ADA compliance, and other more general building repairs.

STUDENT ACADEMIC NEEDS

Our students' academic and educational needs look very different in 2021 than what they did when our schools were originally built in 1919, 1955, 1956, 1960, and 1964. Technology, learning spaces, sciences, arts, and special services are a few of the academic needs that have changed in our learning environments.

POTENTIAL FUTURE COST-SAVINGS

With new school construction and the consolidation of several schools and offices, the school district has the potential to exceed more than \$1,000,000 each year in savings on maintenance, staffing, and energy.

FUTURE COSTS

The cost of renovating and/or building a new school will never be cheaper than what it is today. With the age of our school facilities, eventually Valley City Public Schools will need to substantially update the school facilities in our community.

At these public meetings, community members can expect to receive information about renovation and/or a new school construction projects. Community members can also expect to receive detailed information about our capital maintenance plan and opportunities to provide your valuable input and feedback about the future of our school facilities. Please stay tuned for these meeting dates and know that Valley City Public Schools looks forward to seeing you in October for an important discussion about the future of our school facilities.