

# Long-Range Planning Information Available



With the close of 2020 comes the culmination of the St. Francis School District's Long-Range Facilities Planning and a movement toward an April 2021 referendum, should the School Board adopt the resolution.

The District has gathered feedback throughout the facility planning process, and together with architect GROTH Design Group and construction partner, CG Schmidt, over 40 options were considered, studied, vetted and ultimately culled based on associated tax-impact and feasibility.

## HISTORY

Beginning in May 2020, Long-Range Facilities Planning began with a District-wide assessment that evaluated the condition of each school. A multitude of needs were identified and categorized to prioritize the following for our students, staff and community:

- Provide necessary funding to maintain quality programs and services
- Improve the safety, security and accessibility
- Ensure educational spaces meet the needs of students today, and tomorrow
- Complete infrastructure and facility maintenance projects that are too large to be funded from our annual operating budget

- Update and expand athletic facilities for school and community

The District heard that residents wanted greater input in the planning process than in the past. "We Listen Before We Plan," was oft repeated as the District hosted multiple community input sessions to share the results of the study and gathered stakeholders' ideas through surveys and polls. This feedback was used to develop the more than 40 potential facility solutions. The School Board reviewed all 40 options, identified two optimal facility solutions and surveyed the community to gauge response.

## TRANSPARENCY

"It's imperative that each citizen has access to information." said Superintendent Mark Elworthy. "We're really promoting the website link where all the information about the process is stored. The needs, history, survey results, district mailings and a frequently updated FAQ section are all found on the site. And, my door is wide open for questions."

The needs include: renovations and additions at the Willow Glen Primary and Deer Creek

Intermediate Campuses; safety, security and accessibility updates, Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) area addition and renovations, and theater upgrades at the High School; district-wide capital maintenance and building improvements; athletic facility upgrades and improvements at the High School, including the addition of restroom facilities; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment.

### For more information

Visit: <https://www.stfrancischools.org/district/facilities-planning.cfm>

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