



Soup with the Sup: Community Survey

October 24, 2023



Goals of the Engagement Sessions

- Understand the community survey
- Overview of some of the needs of the District
- Overview of financial impact
- Discussion and questions

Timeline of Process

- Beginning February- Teamed with Bray Architects, Market & Johnson, and School Perceptions
- Staff and family surveys
- Multiple community engagement sessions (including tours of facilities)
- Board of Education adapted survey end of September
- Results to Board end of November

Community Survey

- For data and advisory to the Board of Education only
- Confidential
- Ways to take the survey online and paper copy
- Contact 608-366-3400 for additional surveys
- Contact 608-487-4916 for a Spanish version
- Due by November 6
- Planning to share results at 11/27 BOE meeting



Questions on the Survey?

SPARTA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITY NEEDS + CHALLENGES

For a more indepth review of our District's needs, please go to our <u>website</u>.

FACILITY NEEDS / CHALLENGES SPARTA HIGH SCHOOL



Sparta High School Structural Challenges

- The 1962 portion of the high school was built with a precast roof structure above the classroom portions of the building.
- Structural engineers reviewed the conditions of the roof structure in the summer of 2023 and concluded that while there is no eminent danger, replacement is recommended for the roof structure and exterior support walls

Conclusion: With major investment considered for these parts of the high school to upgrade roofing, plumbing, HVAC, and electrical, the district believes it is not best use of taxpayer money to invest in a portion of the building with structural challenges.



Sparta High School Main Office / Secure Entry

- School uses a camera and buzzer system to control access to the building without direct entry into the office (visitors have full access to the building once buzzed in).
- Goal would be to create secure entry check-in like other district buildings (i.e. Herrman & Southside)
- Building lacks a clear entry point with the student parking lot in the back of the building, causing two controlled entry points.





Sparta High School Locker Rooms

- One of the school's locker rooms in the 1962 portion of building is in the lower level and is only accessed by stair and not handicap accessible.
- Locker rooms need full replacement of plumbing, heating/cooling/ventilation, and electrical systems.
- Lockers are in poor condition and need replacement.
- District has water issues in the basement during periods of heavy rain, which requires removal of standing water.



Sparta High School Tech Ed (Shop)

- Welding/metals shop is located in a building separate from the high school, which creates safety concerns with students entering and leaving the building.
- Classrooms/shops were built in 1962 and lack space and equipment to properly train students for jobs and careers in our region.
- Spaces lack visibility and connection to one another and the rest of the school.
- Activities, such as robotics, do not have dedicated space for project work.



Sparta High School Music & Fine Arts (Art, Band & Choir)

- More practice rooms are required, as well as, a larger practice space for ensembles.
- Improved acoustics are needed in classrooms and practice rooms.
- Instrument and uniform storage is limited.
- Current space is in an ideal location to solve many of the auditorium challenges.
- Band & Choir classrooms could be converted to space for auditorium set construction, dressing rooms, and prop storage with direct access to the exterior.





Sparta High School Agriculture Classroom & Greenhouse

- Classroom lacks space for instruction in meat fabrication and veterinary sciences, skills that are in demand in our region.
- Facilities are needed for live animal instruction.
- The greenhouse does not have space for "Farm to School" and hydroponics programs.
- Storage space is limited in classroom and greenhouse.





Sparta High School Kitchen / Serving / Cafeteria

- Existing kitchen and prep areas are too small, which limits menu offerings and staff prep space.
- Storage space is limited; freezer/cooler was added outside of the building.
- Equipment is outdated and inefficient.
- The flow of the serving area is inefficient.

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 Update to kitchen/serving areas would require expansion into cafeteria space and reduce seating capacity.



Sparta High School Weight Room & Fitness

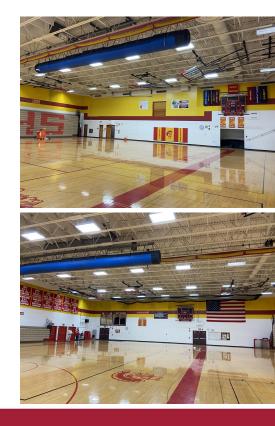
- Existing weight room and fitness are in separate spaces creating supervision challenges.
- Existing spaces are too small based on usage/participation.
- Existing weight room does not have air conditioning.
- Spaces were not designed for current use:

- Weight room has expanded into a previous locker room space
- Fitness uses a classroom space

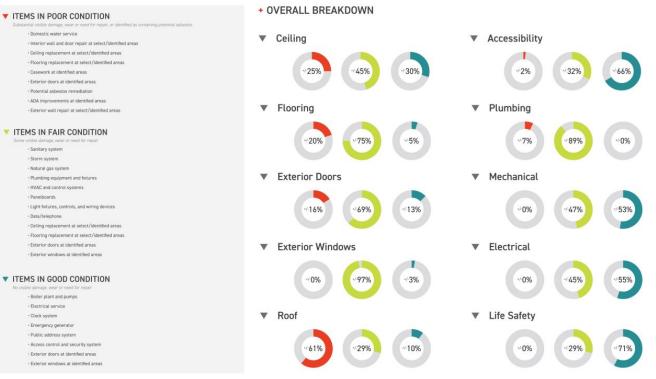


Sparta High School Gymnasium

- SHS teams and community groups start practices and activities early in the morning and last until as late as 10:00 PM.
- Gymnastics are held off-site in a city-owned space that doesn't allow for competitions, nor provide adequate practice space for all events
- The old gymnasium does not have air conditioning.
- Wrestling practices are held in an upper-level space, which can only be accessed by stair and not handicap accessible.
- AA Gym floor and bleachers are near end of life; the floor can no longer be sanded and the original set of bleachers are not ADA-friendly.



Sparta High School Facility Study Summary





Full report is available on the district website

FACILITY NEEDS / CHALLENGES MEADOWVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL



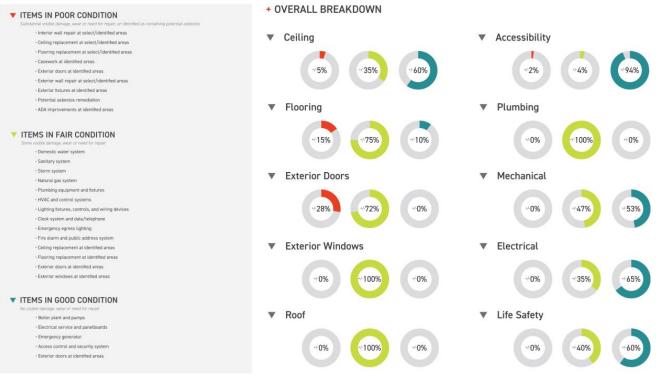
Meadowview Middle School Main Office / Secure Entry

- Building originally had separate offices and entrances for the elementary and middle school sides of the building. Now, as only a middle school, the current configuration doesn't function efficiently.
- School uses a camera and buzzer system to control access to the building without direct entry into the office (visitors have full access to the building once buzzed in).
- Goal would be to create secure entry check-in like other district buildings (i.e. Herrman & Southside).
- Improvements/signage are needed on the exterior to indicate which doors are the main entry.





Meadowview Middle School Facility Study Summary

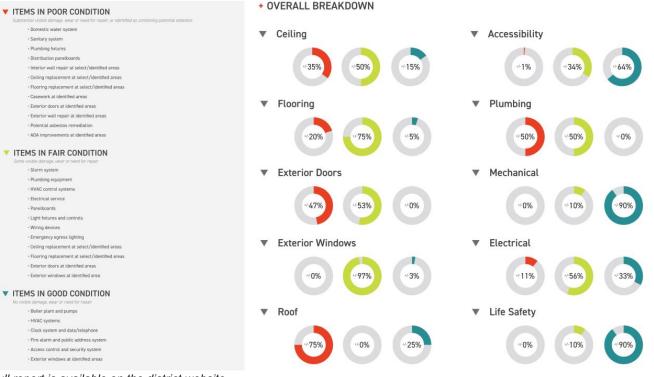


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FACILITY NEEDS / CHALLENGES Sparta Montessori



Sparta Montessori Facility Study Summary



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FACILITY NEEDS / CHALLENGES Southside Early Learning



Southside Early Learning Site Improvements

- During daily drop-off and pick-up times, the traffic conditions around the school site are challenging.
- The current configuration doesn't allow for buses and cars to be separated from each other.
- Site reconfiguration could be considered to create a separate parking location for buses while allowing space for cars to drop-off and pick-up, minimizing congestion on nearby streets.





Southside Early Learning Facility Study Summary

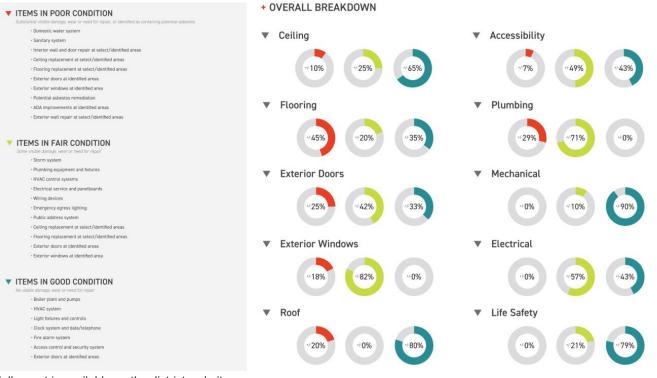


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FACILITY NEEDS / CHALLENGES **MAPLEWOOD / SAILS CHARTER SCHOOL**



Maplewood / SAILS Facility Study Summary





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Questions on Facilities



Financial Information



SPARTA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT SUMMARY OF HYPOTHETICAL REFERENDUM SCENARIOS

REFERENDUM AMOUNT	\$87,000,000	\$97,000,000	\$107,000,000	\$125,000,000	\$140,000,000
MAX MILL RATE IMPACT* (over projected 2023-24) (Per \$1,000 valuation)	\$0.12	\$0.37	\$0.64	\$1.10	\$1.45
ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT ON PROPERTY (WITH FAIR MARKET VALUE OF)					
\$100,000 Home Maximum Annual Impact Monthly Impact	\$12.00 \$1.00	\$37.00 \$3.08	\$64.00 \$5.33	\$110.00 \$9.17	\$145.00 \$12.08
\$200,000 Home Maximum Annual Impact Monthly Impact	\$24.00 \$2.00	\$74.00 \$6.17	\$128.00 \$10.67	\$220.00 \$18.33	\$290.00 \$24.17
\$300,000 Home Maximum Annual Impact Monthly Impact	\$36.00 \$3.00	\$111.00 \$9.25	\$192.00 \$16.00	\$330.00 \$27.50	\$435.00 \$36.25

Assumptions:

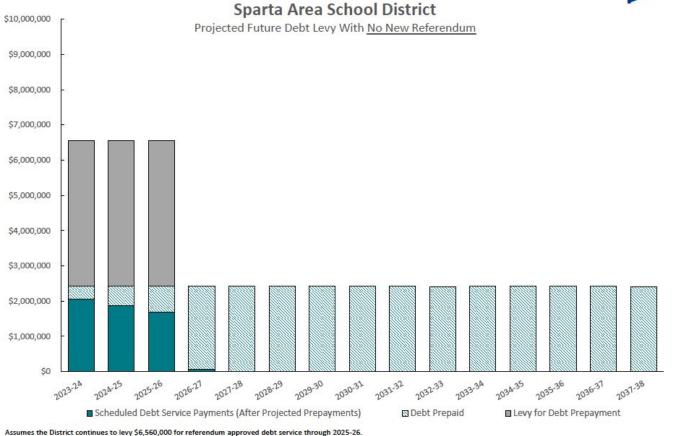
Three 20-year borrowings amortized using planning interest rates ranging from 5.25%-5.50%. Mill rate based on the 2022 and 2023 Equalized Valuations (TID-OUT) of \$1,637,502,110 and \$1,791,085,754, respectively, with annual growth of 1.00% thereafter.

Tertiary Aid Impact (2023-24 July 1 Estimate): 40.84%.

* Impact represents the estimated change in mill rate for referendum approved debt service over the projected 2023-24 base rate for referendum approved debt service of \$3.66.

Note: Planning estimates only. Significant changes in market conditions will require adjustments to current financing plan.







\$6.00 \$5.50 \$5.00 \$4.50 \$4.00 \$3.66 \$3.50 \$3.00 \$2.50 \$2.00 \$1.50 \$1.00 \$0.50 \$0.00 2024-25 2025-26 2023-24

Sparta Area School District Projected Referendum Approved Debt Service Mill Rate - After Future Facilities Referendum

= Existing Fund 39 Mill Rate (After Hypothetical Defeasance) = Levy for Defeasance of Existing Debt = Hypothetical Future Facilities Referendum

Assumptions

Hypothetical Facilities Referendum debt is amortized with three 20-year borrowings using planning interest rates ranging from 5.25%-5.50%. Mill rate based on the 2023 Equalized Valuation (TID-OUT) of \$1,791,085,754 with annual growth of 1.00% thereafter. Tertiary Aid Impact (2023-24 July 1 Estimate): 40.84%.

