

Our district has been through a lot since the fire in June 2023, but we are moving forward stronger than ever! As the new year begins, we will have our 7-12 grade students in portable classrooms, and we begin the next steps in the process to rebuild. Over the next few weeks, we will provide information regarding the options we have for our school district facilities. **Check the district website for regular updates.** We intend to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars and we will develop plans that will provide great opportunities for our students and our community. We value your input, and we need to understand what you will support as we move forward. ***We cannot do this without you!***

Mark your calendar for these important dates happening over next few weeks:

- ★ **Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 6:30 PM**
Community meeting at the Elementary School gym to review options for a 7-12 grade building or a K-12 grade building.
- ★ **Wednesday, January 10, 2024**
A survey will be sent to gather your thoughts on which option you believe is best for our community.
- ★ **Wednesday, January 17, 2024**
Surveys are due back to the school district.
- ★ **Wednesday, January 24, 2024**
Special Board of Education meeting to review survey results and develop a plan to move forward toward a bond issue election.

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★ TWO OPTIONS FOR OUR DISTRICT TO CONSIDER ★

We are currently evaluating two options. These options include what to do at the Elementary School, the Industrial Arts building, the District Office, and the track. Before the fire, we were evaluating the improvements that will be needed for all of our district facilities. Our concern is that if we do not address the needs of these other areas now, we will need another bond issue ten years from now to address these issues. We know that would not be a popular decision, and it will cost more in the future as well.

Questions to consider:

Do you support a larger bond project now to prevent having to do another bond in the future?

Would you prefer to keep this bond lower with the understanding that another bond may be required in the future?

In the near future, we will provide the costs of each option for comparison.

Option 1 includes rebuilding the 7-12 grade Jr/Sr High School building, renovating some areas of the K-6 grade Elementary School building, and making improvements to the Industrial Arts building, and District Office.

Option 2 includes rebuilding the Jr/Sr High School into a K-12 building. This option greatly improves efficiencies and creates a lot of savings for the long-term, but comes with a higher price tag now.

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