



# **Facility Improvement Plan**

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## **Mission of SPCS**

“To ensure that all students acquire college and career readiness skills and behaviors necessary for each student to succeed now and into his/her future.”

## **Facility Improvement Strategic Plan Goal**

By 2022, SPCS will provide the facilities and staffing needed to keep up with growth and be competitive with other metro area schools in academic and extra-curricular programs.

## **Facility Improvement Value Statements**

- 1) New projects for renovation and construction should be of high quality and allow our students to learn and compete at the highest levels.
- 2) The Board of Education and administration will work in a fiscally responsible way to pay for the projects- weighing the costs of funding options versus escalating construction costs.
- 3) Safety factors need to be considered in new projects in regards to student and staff health, threats, nature, and possible injuries.
- 4) Environmental considerations with energy efficiency, waste, and clean air will be taken into account when comparing to costs to construct.

## **Executive summary**

Springfield Platteview Community Schools has grown over 10% in enrollment over the past four years to over 1150 students PK-12. With new developments on the horizon within our district boundaries, we need to prepare for future growth. The district currently has older buildings that need to be renovated and updated for many reasons, including safety and security, deteriorating academic and extra-curricular program space, and an older infrastructure. Due to the lack of funding the last several years because of the Learning Community's common levy and two failed bond elections, the district hasn't been able to improve or maintain facilities on a regular schedule. In some cases, this has not allowed our students to learn and compete in high quality environments. To maintain our standard of excellence, we need to invest in facilities where our students and staff can perform their exemplary work.

With this in mind, the Board of Education and administration has been working with DLR Group on reviewing our conditions and needs at each school and updating our Master Facility Plan. The superintendent and Board President have assembled a committee of parents and members of the community representing each school in the district to assist in reviewing the priorities of the district and identify strategies to meet the strategic plan goal.

### **Improving the Educational Environment and Safety**

Our main priority is to create learning spaces that are functional, safe, healthy, and comfortable for students and staff. Our buildings need to have spaces for special education programs, music, art, academic intervention, early childhood programs, and others depending on the grade level. Many of these programs were not around when our current buildings were constructed. Renovations will allow adequate space for these programs and others that the Board of Education and administration deem integral to achieving our mission as a school district. Renovations will allow us to better monitor and control front entrances and allow each building to have a classroom door that locks in the event of an intruder. We will be able to have classroom walls that allow for a learning environment where there isn't noise coming from the classroom next door to distract students. Each building will have fresh air being circulated throughout the building according to current codes.

### **Investing in Infrastructure**

The infrastructure in our buildings in most cases are original and have been maintained over the years to last this long. It is time for the replacement of these systems in heating and cooling, electrical, telephone, intercom, fire sprinklers, lighting, and parking. Kitchen spaces remain inadequate. Buildings do not meet current codes in many instances. Windows and skylights need to continue to be replaced. Locker room bathrooms and showers at the high school have deteriorated and need renovations. The high school track is over 35 years old and needs to be replaced. At the same time, adding artificial turf allows use consistently throughout the school year during all kinds of weather, which makes it available for more groups to use.

## **Investing in the Future**

Looking to the future, Springfield Platteview Community Schools needs to be a partner with communities and cities in creating a vibrant area where businesses and developers want to put high quality opportunities in place for current residents and our students' future. Low quality schools and outdated facilities do not equate to vibrant opportunities for cities, communities, residents, and our students' future. Great schools and high quality school facilities do lead to higher home values and more desirable places to live and work.

Long term growth projections for the future of our school district are apparent. We will face growth issues in the next decade. Our district needs to be ahead of growth and update current facilities to be competitive with area school districts to be able to retain our own students and respond proactively with added facilities when growth does occur. The district's student achievement scores reflect great things are happening here and now we need facilities that allow that to continue and be even better in the future.

Our challenge is to prepare students for their future success in careers that may not even exist today. We need to teach our kids the skills required in the workplace: creativity, collaboration, communication, technology use, and critical thinking in learning spaces that are flexible and support innovative educational delivery. These ideas can be applied to new construction or to existing spaces differently.

Technology's role in education continues to grow and the need for investment in technology infrastructure that expands our ability to use technology in the classroom and outside the classroom is paramount. Fiber is needed throughout the district to be able to keep up with the current technology of a 1 to 1 school district and our technology needs.

## **Improving Operations**

It is also time to invest in the support facilities that keep the district running. Buses for students across the district are all newer through our partner, Student Transportation of America. District vehicles that are used for transporting special education students, extra-curricular activity teams, and staff need to be replaced. New kitchen appliances and equipment will need to be replaced for food service. Maintenance and storage facilities will need to be added.

## **SPCS Financial Reality**

During the Learning Community's common levy years 2010-2017, the district's revenue was relatively stagnant and programs. The district was unable to fund necessary facility improvements and updates. The dollars will help the district add back staffing and programs that were lost, as well as accommodate growth.

The Board of Education and administration believe we can upgrade current facilities without going to the taxpayers for another bond election and slowly decrease the tax levy over the long term. Future growth factors with residential developments in our district will determine when the district will need to go out for a bond election for new

school buildings. We are fortunate to be able to keep a lower tax rate and complete necessary facility upgrades. We are already the lowest tax levy in the area:

**2017-18 Tax Rates in Area:**

Bennington	\$1.4300
Gretna	\$1.3888
Elkhorn	\$1.3600
Westside	\$1.3352
Papillion	\$1.3058
Ralston	\$1.2600
Omaha	\$1.2574
Millard	\$1.2190
Bellevue	\$1.1408
DC West	\$1.0817
<b>Springfield Platteview</b>	<b>\$1.0497</b>

This is all possible if state legislation and education funding stays in its current form. We will continue to monitor and adjust if current state funding for education happens to change for the worse.

**Future Enrollment**

The district has contracted with the DLR Group, an architectural services firm, to conduct and maintain a growth study for our district. DLR has worked with Gretna and Elkhorn Public Schools on similar growth studies. Growth is very hard to predict because there are many mitigating factors that influence growth. According to the study, the district would increase enrollment at the following rates:

***3 Year Enrollment Projection (2020-21):***

- Springfield Elem.- 342 students (302 capacity)- 107% of capacity
- Westmont Elem.- 307 students (302 capacity) - 101% of capacity
- Junior High School- 192 students (192 capacity) - 100% of capacity
- High School- 412 students (412 capacity) - 100% of capacity

***10 Year Enrollment Projection (2027-28):***

- Elementary Schools- 802 students (604 capacity)- 125% of capacity
- Junior High School- 208 students (192 capacity)- 108% of capacity
- High School- 434 students (412 capacity)- 105% capacity

## **Facility Project List with Estimated Timeline**

### ***Completed in 2016:***

#### *Westmont Elementary Renovation:*

Total price: \$3.9 million

#### *Sewage Lagoon Project at PHS/ PCJH- wastewater treatment area*

Total price: \$235,000

#### *PHS Science labs- 3 classrooms:*

Total price= \$240,000

#### *PHS Main Gym Floor:*

Total price= \$148,000

### ***Completed in 2017:***

#### *Track and Field Renovation at PHS:*

Total price: \$1.75 million

#### *PHS Structural Issues- Cooling Tower, roofs, and joints:*

Total Price= \$560,000

#### *PHS Activity Parking Lot:*

Total Price= \$1.4 million

#### *Westmont Parking Lot and Play Area Replacement:*

Total Price= \$850,000

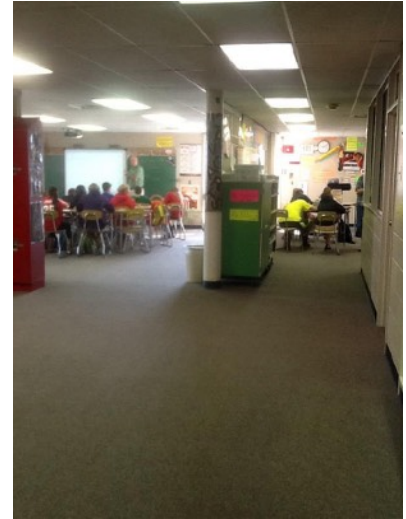
#### *PHS Art Room Renovation:*

Total Price= \$67,000

## ***Projects Slated for 2018:***

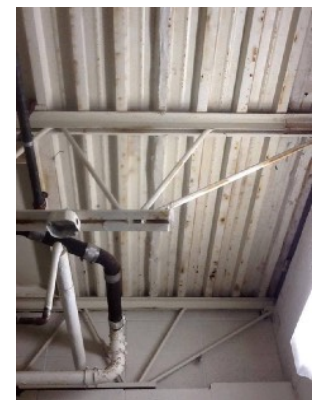
### ***Platteview Central Junior High Renovation:***

Platteview Central renovation is the district's number one priority for facility improvements. The only reason this project isn't slated to be done in 2017 is the district and architects need time to work on the design of the building and time to get appropriate bidding for the project. Platteview Central was also built with few permanent walls and doors. Its infrastructure needs an overhaul with new electrical, mechanical, heating and cooling, lighting, and telephone and intercom systems. The building will be redesigned for necessary classroom and academic program space. All windows and the skylight will be replaced.  
Total Estimated Price= \$5.8 million



### ***PHS/PCJH Physical Education Locker Room Renovation:***

The locker rooms serve HS and JH students for physical education and some of our athletics. They are deteriorating and in need of renovations. The district will work with teachers, coaches, and administration to ensure the locker rooms are redesigned with functionality, supervision, and privacy issues associated with locker room use in mind.  
Total Estimated Price= \$1.8 million



### ***District-wide Fiber and Phone System Installation:***

Our district is one of a handful statewide that do not have fiber lines for the internet and phone systems. Fiber will fix the issues associated with phone lines and internet connectivity. Each school will have fiber installed in the summer of 2018.  
Total Estimated Price= \$220,000

### ***Springfield Elementary Updating:***

Asbestos removal and carpeting throughout the building. New ceiling tiles.  
Total Price: \$125,000

Surveillance Systems upgrade at each school:

New digital camera systems will be installed at each school in the district.  
Total Price: \$54,000

**Projects Slated for 2019:**

PHS/ PC Front Parking Lot Replacement

The current parking lot at Platteview High School and Platteview Central Junior High is in need of replacement. The parking lot will be redesigned for better traffic flow and will be designated for visitor and staff parking during the school day.  
Total Estimated Price= \$1.25 million

***Future Projects- Timeline To Be Determined (Four years or more out):***

New Springfield Elementary Building:

A new Springfield Elementary will be built for 3 classrooms at each grade level to handle the future growth expected from new developments. The nearly 10 acre site has already been purchased by the district at the new Springfield Pines development located at the northwest of the corner of 132nd and Main St. in Springfield. Our site is directly across from St. Joseph's church on Main Street. Because of expected growth in Springfield, we will start to build a new elementary school in the next 4-6 years more than likely, depending on the rate of home sales in the new development. In terms of educational functionality and efficiency, it makes more sense to build new rather than add on to the current outdated Springfield Elementary, which was built in the 1960's. The Board of Education is considering making the old elementary school into district, and possibly city, offices in the long term. Also, we would try and make it functional as a community center and park area for various community needs.  
Total Estimated Price= \$20 million

Westmont Additions:

Westmont is also scheduled to see incremental growth over the long term. New classroom additions, gym addition, and repurposed space will be required to make Westmont equitable and ready for future growth.  
Total Estimated Price= \$3 million

**Routine Maintenance:**

The district always plans for routine maintenance each summer on existing facilities. This includes carpet replacement, painting, asphalt/ concrete repairs, landscaping, preventative maintenance on infrastructure, technology upgrades, interior repairs, roof repairs/replacement, and any other issues that may be happening at our campuses.



## **Public Input**

The Board of Education believes in allowing the community a chance for input on the Master Facility Plan. This was done in earnest when the district went through the first Master Facility Plan development process six years ago. Many community input nights were scheduled, building tours were scheduled, and ultimately a Master Facility Plan was developed.

Board meetings occur two times a month with facility planning or more specific projects as agenda items in several meetings over the last five years. The district will continue to discuss facility planning in future meetings and, as always, the public is welcome to attend these meetings. The district will continue to communicate through our website and reach out to the Papillion Times regarding facility planning initiatives.

Board of Education meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 7 PM at 14801 S. 108th St., Springfield, NE 68046 at the central office building north of the high school. Please check the district calendar at [www.springfieldplatteview.org](http://www.springfieldplatteview.org) to confirm meeting times and dates as they are occasionally subject to change.