

Francis Howell
School District



FACILITIES AND FUTURE BOND ISSUE UPDATE



COMPREHENSIVE FACILITIES MASTER PLAN

FHSD has worked proactively to develop a Comprehensive Facilities Master Plan (CFMP). The plan includes improvements and safety updates at all FHSD schools. This plan identifies both the current state of the District's facilities, as well as its future needs.

The plan calls for major updates at the older schools in the District, including Henderson, Fairmount, Becky-David, Hollenbeck, and Barnwell, as well as construction of a new Francis Howell North High School. Many systems, like HVAC, plumbing, and electrical, are reaching the end of their useful life. Enrollment changes will also mean that schools like Independence and John Weldon elementary schools will need classroom additions at some point in the future.

POTENTIAL BOND ISSUE

The FHSD Board of Education is considering placing a NO tax rate increase bond issue on a future ballot to pay for the construction, repair, and renovation costs outlined in the CFMP. The funds from a bond issue would be used on projects that would protect the substantial investment that our community has already made in the District.

The District is at a critical juncture in terms of facilities. Older buildings require significant repair and maintenance. The funds from bond sales approved by our voters would allow the District to do the work necessary to adequately meet the learning needs of our students today and in the future.

COMMUNITY INPUT

The community can provide input on the plan and the potential bond issue at informational meetings, online as part of the District Thoughtexchange, or during any Board of Education meeting.



FHSD has 29 separate facilities

- 3 early childhood centers
- 10 elementary schools
- 5 middle schools
- 3 high schools
- 8 other sites



There is over 2.7 million square feet of building space under roof, with miles of plumbing and wiring and hundreds of mechanical systems.



The average building in the District is 30 years old, and the oldest building is now more than 50 years old.



A bond issue is different than a tax levy. A tax levy increases your real estate and personal property taxes. A bond issue gives the District permission to sell bonds and borrow money for very specific purposes.



Facilities/Bond Issue Meeting
Nov. 20, 2019, 7:00 PM
FHSD Admin Building, Board Room

Thoughtexchange

<https://tinyurl.com/FHSDThoughtexchange>