

Facilities Update: January 2018

The Eldon School District is always evaluating our facility needs. We have looked at our budget and believe the plan below lays out the best path for our district moving forward.

The most pressing need that we have is replacing the Middle School Roof. The approximate cost is \$440,000. We also want to look at improving the insulation in that building while we are making these improvements. We will have an opportunity for people to offer an alternate of adding insulation for an approximate cost of \$90,000. The plan is to pay for these upgrades out of Fund 4 (Capital Project Fund)

The next biggest issue would be to build/renovate the baseball/softball fields. The district is still considering building at Mustang Memorial Park or renovating McMillen Field. The benefits of building at Mustang Memorial Park is, it's been our vision since 2012, plenty of parking, use existing concession stand and restrooms, on central location for sporting events. The negatives would be, the busyness when we have softball, football (high school and middle school), cross country, and middle school volleyball all going on at the same time. It will also be costlier to build.

The benefit for building at McMillen field is that it has the history of being Eldon's baseball field for years, it has the potential to have a bigger impact on the community of Eldon. When we host tournaments people will walk downtown to local businesses to eat. The renovation will improve the core of Eldon.

The negatives are that we will have to renovate restrooms and add a concession stand, the parking is not ideal, and not a lot of extra room.

The district will be evaluating these options over the next few months before making a decision. We will then do a lease purchase for the new construction starting the fall of 2019.

Another facility need is a Multipurpose Facility at the Elementary Campus. The gyms at South School are too small for the school population to have an assembly. The gyms are also used as cafeterias during meal times. The multipurpose facility could also be the headquarters for the after school program. The facility could allow for one central location for **early** morning drop offs. (Before regular drop offs) The multipurpose facility could also provide additional space for wellness activities after school. We could run a bond issue in April 2020 for the multipurpose facility at the elementary campus.

Long term we are watching the HVAC system at Upper Elementary. The current HVAC system is 20 years old and is running fine but we know the life expectancy of those unit are around 20-25 years.