



Fort Wayne Community Schools – An “A” District with Facility Needs

Fort Wayne Community Schools is achieving great academic success, earning “A” or Exemplary status under Indiana’s accountability law this year. To continue offering high quality education in viable facilities, work needs to be done at many of our buildings to replace and improve aging infrastructures. Improvements are badly needed as the majority of our 51 school buildings were built between 1950 and 1976, with 17 buildings constructed just in the 1960s. The average age of our school buildings is 54 years old. Many buildings were put up quickly and cheaply to meet the demands of the Baby Boomer generation.

Facility Projects Focused on Infrastructure and Safety Needs

The 2012 facility project focuses only on the most serious building needs, including:

- Heating and cooling system replacement;
 - Boilers and chillers
 - Unit ventilators, air handling units, rooftop units, circulating pumps and associated piping
 - Temperature control system
 - Ductwork
 - Electrical upgrade
- Window and window system replacement, using energy efficient systems;
- Masonry restoration;
 - Replacing broken bricks
 - Repairing deteriorated masonry joints
- Safety improvements, including bringing buildings up to current code;
 - ADA accessibility and fire safety
- Roof repair and replacement;
- Other basic infrastructure improvements, such as flooring and doors.

Current Funding Inadequate

The FWCS Capital Projects Fund available for repairs and maintenance has declined almost 40 percent over the past five years, from \$20.4 million in 2006 to \$12.3 million in 2011. Next year’s available budget is expected to decline further to \$11.8 million. While FWCS has facility repair and upkeep plans, it is impossible to maintain 51 buildings that are an average of 54 years old with a budget that is so severely reduced.

Tax Impact Low

For the average homeowner in the district (median home market value of \$89,600), the project would cost \$27 a year or \$2.27 per month. For a landlord or business, the median impact would be \$21 a year. Estimates for other home market values:

<u>Tax increase/month</u>	<u>Market Value of Home</u>	<u>Tax increase/month</u>	<u>Market Value of Home</u>
\$1 per month	\$ 55,500	\$5 per month	\$137,500
\$2 per month	\$ 84,800	\$6 per month	\$155,100
\$3 per month	\$102,400	\$7 per month	\$172,700
\$4 per month	\$120,000	\$8 per month	\$190,300

Summary of 36 Buildings in Facility Project

Greater detail may be found at the FWCS Web Site, www.fortwayneschools.org by clicking on the Strong Schools, Strong Community box.

Abbett Elementary	\$1,885,465
Adams Elementary	\$955,226
Automotive Center	\$577,500
Bloomington Elementary	\$ 4,836,337
Brentwood Elementary	\$729,968
Bunche Early Childhood	\$165,000
Croninger Elementary	\$5,717,751
Franke Park Elementary	\$148,500
Haley Elementary	\$6,630,661
Harris Elementary	\$4,984,107
Harrison Hill Elementary	\$9,846,422
Indian Village Elementary	\$467,500
Irwin Elementary	\$4,209,466
Jefferson Middle School	\$7,649,538
Kekionga Middle School	\$299,475
Maplewood Elementary	\$ 962,500
Memorial Park Middle School	\$9,915,187
Miami Middle School	\$520,575

Northcrest Elementary	\$104,500
Northrop High School	\$ 830,775
Northwood Middle School	\$1,648,143
Portage Middle School	\$1,954,354
Scott Elementary	\$1,438,839
Shambaugh Elementary	\$625,261
Shawnee Middle School	\$382,800
Snider High School	\$40,289,381
South Side High School	\$67,650
South Transportation	\$225,225
Study Elementary	\$108,900
Towles Intermediate School	\$3,197,327
Washington Ctr. Elementary	\$165,825
Washington Elementary	\$36,300
Wayne High School	\$88,275
Waynedale Elementary	\$87,450
Weisser Park Elementary	\$7,007,554
Whitney Young	\$586,575
Grand Total	\$119,346,312

Energy Efficiency Gained

In addition to repairing and replacing aged infrastructures, these improvements would improve the buildings' energy efficiency, saving FWCS thousands of dollars per year. When Lakeside Middle School received similar renovations in 2008, the district immediately saw heating costs drop by 30 percent.

Strong Schools = Strong Community

FWCS proudly and enthusiastically opens its doors to *all* students in our community, committed to providing the high quality of curriculum, instruction and support. A strong educational system is the cornerstone of a strong community, and our buildings are taxpayer investments in communities and neighborhoods. FWCS has an obligation to keep these investments in proper repair to maintain taxpayer value and keep up neighborhood property values. While the 2012 facility plans do not address all needed improvements, they will help address the needs of the schools that need it most.

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