



Frequently Asked Questions

A New, Safe Elementary School

- **Why rebuild instead of remodel?**
 - We looked at the numbers and needs of both options. It is more cost effective to build new, with new building systems that meet the clean energy requirements and modern safety needs.
 - Remodeling would be disruptive, require costly portables, and fail to address the safety challenges of the current location or add space for preschool.
 - The new elementary school would include preschool with the space to accommodate more students and will help with the transition to kindergarten.
 - Remodeling old buildings can be unpredictable and difficult to control costs.
- **Where would a new elementary school go?**
 - The plan is to build on the same property as the district office and community gym. This site is level and is shovel-ready with electrical and water hookups.
 - Survey feedback indicated parents appreciate a location that is close to emergency services, like the district office site.
- **What might happen to the MOE site?**
 - The district will explore options for the future of the MOE building that could generate revenue. No decisions have been made but options might include leasing the existing space or selling the property.
 - The Board of Directors is committed to gathering community feedback and reviewing market forces and would do so closer to 2028 if we vacate the building. They feel making a definite decision 3 years out would not be responsible.

CMS/CHS Improved Trade Shops and Accessible Fitness Center

- We are prioritizing the most immediate needs to keep the project list reduced while maximizing community benefit.
- The weight room is used every period of the day and by the community youth wrestling program, but not accessible to all students and staff, with only stairs to access.
- Wrestling practice has to take place in the school Commons and weight room to accommodate all the students. We do not have a practice area comparable to our competitor schools.
- **Why remodel the shops?**
 - Career and Technical Education programs are a major part of preparing students to be career-ready. The current shop is too small, lacks proper ventilation and the equipment is antiquated.
 - Updates to the shops would give students access to space and equipment that meets industry standards.

Mountain Goat Community Fields

- It is the only district-owned property where a full size, all-weather track will fit.
- We currently cannot host home MS or HS meets.
- Our soccer players have no permanent restrooms and have to change in a storage shed.

School Funding

- **Didn't we just vote on a measure?**
 - We are thankful for voter approval of our 2024 levy renewals. Levies provide annual funding for programs, operations, and smaller projects and are on a four-year cycle. Bonds can only be used on capital/construction projects and provide the district with a larger investment to do major projects. The district last passed a bond in 2008 to update the community gym.
- **How is the district planning to fund the projects beyond a bond?**
 - The district is looking into grants and other revenue sources to reduce costs. MOE is eligible for \$4M supplemental funding if a bond passes.
 - We currently have \$13.2 million in grant applications pending to take care of a variety of needs at CMS/CHS.
- **Why does the district need a bond?**
 - School construction and repairs are not funded by the state. There is some supplemental funding available, but only if voters approve a bond.
- **Why a bond and not a capital levy?**
 - A bond provides the district with a larger investment upfront to make major updates while locking in current interest rates and keeping the tax rate low. Using levy funding would subject the projects to annual cost escalation - costing more in the long run.