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Q&A:

Bakersfield City School District Facilities Needs Assessment Process

What is this project all about?

As part of our commitment to ongoing facilities master planning, Bakersfield City School District has conducted a full assessment of neighborhood school facility needs, including K-8 classrooms, facilities, and educational technology at every site. This initiative is part of a larger process to ensure quality schools for the community we serve, giving BCSD elementary and middle school students an extra edge as they learn, grow and thrive while attending our K-8 schools.

Why now?

We appreciate the long history of community support for Bakersfield City elementary and middle schools, including our last school bond ten years ago that made possible significant school facility improvements. However, more work remains. BCSD schools are in constant use and need continual upgrades. Our responsibility to the community is to maintain quality school facilities. Good schools protect property values.

How will this effort improve instruction?

We strive for teaching and learning excellence in every educational setting. Our goal is to provide all students with access to the education and technologies they will need to be successful in high school, college, and

good-paying jobs of the future. Safe, modern school facilities and technology are essential to student achievement.

What about funding?

Our school district makes every effort to use resources wisely. But with limited help from the State, the burden is growing to adequately repair and upgrade aging school facilities and classroom technology. We are exploring all options—including State matching funds. We are also considering asking our community to support a local school bond to continue the progress and fund next set of essential school upgrades. All funds raised by such a measure would stay local to improve Bakersfield City school facilities. None of it could be taken away by the State or used for other purposes.

I do not have children attending BCSD schools. How does this process impact me?

Good schools are the foundation of all healthy, thriving communities. Quality schools with safe modern facilities protect local property values.

Where can I go for more information?

For more information call us at: **(661) 631-4600**
or visit: www.bcsd.com/schoolfacilities



Bakersfield City School District

To Maintain the Quality of Education in Your Neighborhood Schools

SURVEY INSIDE

**Your opinion
matters.**



School Facilities Update

PARENTS & PROPERTY OWNERS! PLEASE READ: *Your opinion is important to us!*



Bakersfield City School District

Where the Child Comes First.

June 10, 2016

Dear Parents and Community Members:

As we complete our school year, I want to thank you for your ongoing support and report that it has been a productive year for Bakersfield City (BCSD) schools. Our students are working hard to prepare for success in high school, college, careers and life.

Our community has made many school upgrades possible in the past, yet **our schools continue to age and need attention.** Some are now more than 75 years old; others are overcrowded; and all need continual upgrades to keep pace with 21st century instruction.

Accordingly, school facility planning continues to be a top priority for our district. We know that today's students need an education with a strong foundation in math, science and technology to be successful in future careers. Our Facility Master Plan calls for expanding and upgrading classrooms, science labs and computer labs to ensure Bakersfield City students are prepared for success in high school, college and careers.

I want to hear from you as we continue the next phase of our planning process.

Please complete and return the attached response card or visit our website to express for your views (www.bcsd.com/schoolfacilities). **Please respond by June 30th.** Our School Board has scheduled important discussions this summer and possible decisions on July 26th.

Thank you for your participation. Your opinions are important to us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Harry Ervin', is written over a light blue background.

Harry "Doc" Ervin, Superintendent

Para recibir esta información en español, llame a: (661) 631-4600



Our Goals:

To maintain the quality of education in Bakersfield City schools and ensure that all students have access to safe, modern school facilities.

1

IMPROVE school safety and security at neighborhood K-8 schools.

2

REPAIR classrooms and school facilities to keep them well maintained.

3

UPGRADE aging schools to keep pace with 21st century technology and instruction.

4

CONSTRUCT new K-8 classrooms and school facilities to relieve overcrowding.

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SURVEY

Your opinion matters!

Please rank these school facilities priorities in order of their importance to you (1 = most important; 6 = least important).

- ▶ **REPAIR OR REPLACE** deteriorated roofs, plumbing, lighting and electrical systems.
- ▶ **CONSTRUCT** new classrooms and school facilities to relieve overcrowding.
- ▶ **UPGRADE** classrooms, labs and school facilities to keep pace with advancing technology.
- ▶ **IMPROVE** energy efficiency and reinvest the savings into instruction.
- ▶ **REPLACE** aging portables with permanent modular classrooms.
- ▶ **IMPROVE** school safety, including security lighting, fire safety/emergency systems, and pick-up and drop-off zones.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

NAME

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SCHOOLS MY CHILDREN ATTEND/ATTENDED

SCHOOL FACILITIES I USE THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC
