



"We heard your voice on school facilities in our last ThoughtExchange, and it continues to inform our priorities. Thank you to all who participated!

In this report, you will find Top Thoughts from the last Thoughtexchange and some of the District's work in those areas since that time. As good stewards of public resources, the Board and administration take this responsibility seriously. Thank you for engaging, and thank you for checking out this information!

Tony Mann, Superintendent



Q: What are your thoughts or questions about the future of our facilities?

Construction updates to our schools are needed to ensure a safe physical space

3.8 ★

22 👤

for the students in our district. Facility updates are also needed for safety concerns.

District sought and secured \$25,000 in grant funds to conduct a seismic assessment of aging facilities. District used assessment report to seek state grant for seismic upgrades. Notice of potential grant award expected in summer 2019. If the District's application is approved, seismic upgrade construction could begin as early as summer 2021.

At Rural Dell Elementary School, the district replaced outdated plumbing and fixtures school-wide.

Growth in our town is imminent; we need to figure out how to accomodate the boom in our school population that is coming. We need to find a way to still

4.1 ★

37 

provide a good education in an ever-growing student population. That includes space and teacher-student ratio.

We recognize our community continues to grow. Our elementary schools are at capacity. We continue to be creative, offering instructional programs like music in non-traditional classrooms like school stages and cafeterias as necessary.

Security at all schools is a must. In the changing dynamics of our society, it is important that we are able to keep students safe while they are at school.

4.0 ★

18 

Security barrier fencing installed around Mulino ES south campus exterior walkway.

Integrated emergency communication system purchased and installed, assuring radio communications across the entire district in the event that such emergency communication systems are required.

New School Resource Officer employed in agreement between District and the City of Molalla to co-fund the full-time position.

Pedestrian safety improvements at Mulino ES.

New facilities and maintaining facilities are both necessary. Molalla has grown in population and all the school facilities are in poor shape. Especially the middle school and elementary schools.

4.0 ★

39 

Planned maintenance and facility improvements at all schools as part of the District's Master Facility Plan. Among the projects completed since 2017 are the following:

- Significant roof maintenance completed at district schools (Rural Dell ES, Mulino ES, MHS)
- HVAC maintenance and upgrades at all schools
- Collaborated with Molalla Aquatic District, transferring full responsibility for the pool facility from the school district to the aquatic district
- Siding replacement and exterior improvements at MHS
- Updates and upgrades to MHS Softball facilities
- Significant upgrades and/or replacement of all refrigeration and freezer equipment (Mulino ES, Molalla ES, MRMS, MHS)
- MHS Mascot-related equipment and material 100% updated
- All carpet replaced at Molalla ES. Other schools with carpeting upgrades in specific areas of need.

Molalla River Middle School needs to be replaced with a modern facility that our students deserve. It is not cost-effective to keep repairing an aging building, and our students deserve an updated learning environment.

4.1 ★

20 

The Board recognizes that replacing the middle school facility is a standing community priority. Long-range planning continues to prioritize replacement of the current middle school.

If a new middle school was constructed near the high school it would allow for easier transportation for community members/use of shared facilities. This

4.0 ★ 39 

would allow for more opportunities for collaboration, and sharing of staff and facilities for enrichment/after-school programs.

Locating a new middle school near the current high school would allow for certain efficiencies in transportation and staffing costs. It would also provide potential access to equipment and programs not otherwise available to our middle-school students.

I like the positive direction that the Board is heading and the new ways of getting info out to the public. Great job!

3.6 ★ 39 

We are proud that effective communication with all stakeholders is a core value in the District. We continue to look for ways to connect and communicate in meaningful ways with parents and the larger community.

