

DeKalb Central Schools - Prioritizing Facility Needs

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Updating and maintaining the buildings and corresponding facilities throughout the DeKalb Central environment is paramount to providing a safe and secure learning environment for all aspects of a student's 21st Century education. The key areas and questions below represent considerations when determining upgrades to buildings and facilities throughout the district.

- **Safety and Security (40%)**
 - Providing a safe and secure environment is the most important aspect of any building or facility located within DeKalb Central Schools.
 - Are we providing a safe and secure environment?
- **Utilization (25%)**
 - The number of students impacted by said upgrades or renovations should be taken into consideration.
 - How many students will be impacted? engaged?
- **Operational & Maintenance Efficiency (10%)**
 - Long term costs are important for a district to consider and need to be part of the decision making and budgeting process.
 - What effect will this work have on our long term operating and maintenance costs?
 - End of Life?
- **Meets the Mission/Promotes the Portrait (15%)**
 - The mission of DeKalb Central Schools is to develop students as critical thinkers, communicators, and collaborators, who can adapt and persevere, with empathy and integrity in an ever changing world.
 - Portrait of a Baron Graduate aspires for each graduate to leave with the following attributes: Adaptability, Collaboration, Communication, Critical Thinking, Empathy, Integrity, and Perseverance
 - Is it what's best for our students and staff? (we believe strongly in providing the staff and students with the right tools to be successful which includes facilities, programming, technology, equipment, opportunities, etc.)
 - What is our return on investment?
 - Does it meet the mission and promote the portrait?
- **(WeAreDeKalb) - Community Pride (10%)**
 - Facilities, in general, indicate the level of pride and importance a community places on all aspects of a student's education. You never get a second chance to make a first impression. Our students should be afforded the best education possible and facilities are an indication of a community's commitment to the future success and growth of the district.
 - Will the improvements demonstrate the district's commitment to the various talents of each and every student?
 - What aspects of a student's education are demonstrated by the recommended improvements?
 - Will the improvements provide and/or maintain, at minimum, an atmosphere to accentuate the best first impression and be attractive to prospective families/students?