

# LONG-TERM FACILITIES PLANNING COMMUNICATION

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Long-range facilities planning continues at Arrowhead Union High School. On Wednesday, December 13, the School Board received a summary presentation of the recently completed facilities assessment, a comprehensive review of our school's facilities and site.

Key highlights from the report include the following:

Building Conditions - The assessment concluded that our buildings are well maintained but suffer from numerous age-related deficiencies. For example, several plumbing, electrical and mechanical components are at or past their useful life. Our maintenance building suffers from structural concerns and our buildings have several Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) deficiencies.

Educational Adequacy - Well-designed learning environments support good instructional practices and facilitate student learning. In many respects, our buildings do not meet best practice in learning design. The assessment points out that our facilities have limited daylight, lack well-designed small group collaboration space, have limited flexible furniture, and could benefit from larger common areas (e.g., gyms, pool, auditorium, cafeteria). The assessment also notes the campus could benefit from enhanced safety and security measures, including secure entries and improved traffic flow.

Capacity and Utilization - The study found that North and South Campus have sufficient core classroom space. However, many common areas (e.g., gyms, pool, auditorium and cafeteria) are undersized and heavily utilized. On the other hand, specialty learning

areas such as art, music and career & technical education (CTE) are duplicated between North and South Campus and are therefore underutilized.

We invite you to learn more about our facilities by reviewing the facilities assessment presentation delivered to the School Board on December 13, 2023. In the coming weeks, we will launch and share a facilities page on our AHS website that will house this report and all information surrounding our long range facilities planning. We also invite you to join us on January 29th for a co-sponsored public information event presented by the Arrowhead High School and the Arrowhead High School PTO regarding the District Facilities Study conducted by Eppstein Uhen Architects and VJS Construction.

In the months to come, the facilities assessment will be thoroughly examined so long-range options can be considered. We look forward to engaging staff, parents and the community-at-large as the facilities planning process evolves.

Please join us for this important public information event:

Arrowhead High School District Facilities Study

Co-sponsored by the  
Arrowhead Union High School District  
and the Arrowhead High School PTO

This is an opportunity to learn and provide input on the potential options for the future of AHS facilities!

Who: All community members (7 feeder PTOs special invitation)

What: Review possible facility options for the future of AHS

When: Monday, January 29th from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Where: South Campus Library

Why: Help provide input for the AHS Board of Education's consideration of a path forward

## Future Dates

Mark your calendars for the detailed presentations of possible facilities options: Feb. 20th & Feb. 29th.

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November 22, 2023

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## Arrowhead Union High School District Parents

Long-term facilities planning has begun at Arrowhead Union High School District, a process that will help guide future decision-making about our facilities. The inception of long-range planning reflects Arrowhead's commitment to supporting students and staff by improving its physical infrastructure and enhancing learning environments.

At the direction of our School Board, we've begun a detailed, intentional and data-driven assessment of our buildings and sites. The long-range facilities planning process begins with a detailed review of Arrowhead's buildings and grounds/infrastructure. The analysis will be finalized in December, 2023 and will consist of three components:

- **Building Conditions Evaluation:** This is a detailed examination of Arrowhead's capital maintenance needs. This assessment will help us determine if electrical, plumbing, mechanical, or other building systems and sites are in need of repair or replacement.
- **Educational Adequacy Assessment:** An analysis of how well Arrowhead's facilities support teaching and learning objectives.
- **Capacity and Utilization Review:** An examination of how efficiently our school buildings are being used.

Once we have gathered and reviewed facilities planning data, we will ask parents, staff and community stakeholders to help guide our next steps. Stakeholder input is critical

to developing a long-range facilities plan that our community can support. Additional opportunities for community input will be integrated throughout the process.

To this end, we will host two community conversations in late February 2024. Feel free to attend either or both sessions:

- Session 1 - Tuesday, February 20th
- Session 2 - Thursday, February 29th

The time and location of these community sessions will be shared out in future communications.

Thank you for your time. We look forward to sharing more about this exciting work in the near future.

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