



AVON GROVE SCHOOL BOARD: BUILD NEW HIGH SCHOOL, CREATE NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL FROM CURRENT AGHS, RECONFIGURE GRADES

The Avon Grove School District Board of Directors has chosen the pathway the District will follow to create a flexible, 21st century learning environment for all students. The Board voted on April 26 to:

- Build a new Avon Grove High School on the Sunnyside Road site.
- Renovate and convert the current high school building into a middle school serving grades 6, 7 and 8.
- Realign the remaining grades so Avon Grove Intermediate School serves grades 2-5 and Penn London Elementary School serves kindergarten and grade 1.

The decision follows nearly two years of research by the Facilities Input Group – an advisory committee of stakeholders – the Administration, District consultants and Board Members. Read more about that process at www.avongrove.org/facilities.

DOING NOTHING WAS NOT AN OPTION

OVERCROWDED
Schools are operating at 141% functional capacity and offer 31% less square feet per student than regional counterparts

RESTRICTIVE
Extracurricular and athletic space is limited and the schools can only meet 36% of the current STEM demand

OUTDATED
In addition to mechanical deficiencies, the schools are not in line with the currently recommended grade configurations

KEY BENEFITS OF THE SELECTED FACILITIES PLAN A 21st Century Learning Environment

A 21st century learning environment centers on flexible learning spaces that utilize technology to empower teachers to meet the needs of each learner and foster student communication and collaboration across disciplines and grades.

No More Modular Classrooms

The chosen facilities proposal eliminates modular classrooms from the District.

More Room for Sports, the Arts and Other Co-curriculars

More athletic fields, performing arts spaces and specialized areas that support a variety of student organizations and clubs.

WHAT WILL IT COST?

The Board authorized a \$127 million budget to enact the plan. The cost would be less if PlanCon reimbursement is approved. Go to www.avongrove.org/facilities to use an interactive, customizable tax calculator.

WHAT'S NEXT?

The Administration will develop requests for proposal, then select firms to provide:

- Project management services
- Civil engineering services
- Architectural services, including conceptual drawings and proposals for the new high school and renovation of the existing high school building.

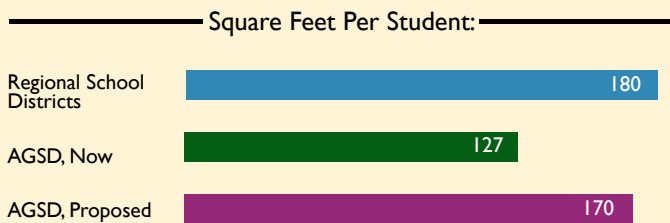
Administrators will discuss and prepare a financing plan with the District's financial advisors.

SPOTLIGHT ON SCHOOLS:

Avon Grove High School is the District's most crowded building. The new school will...

...have enough modern classrooms and technology to meet student demand for STEM classes.

...greatly improve the square feet per student ratio, so that all spaces, including hallways and the cafeteria, will no longer be crowded.



Fred S. Engle Middle School does not have the space for all the grade levels that research shows are best served in the middle school environment. It is also the District's oldest building. The redesigned middle school will...

...serve grades 6 through 8, providing the exploration and support students of this age need. See page 6 of the fall facilities newsletter, available at www.avongrove.org/facilities.

...repurpose the existing high school building and campus to create a renovated middle school.

Avon Grove Intermediate School is the District's most modern school. Under the chosen facilities pathway, it will...

...serve grades 2 to 5.

Penn London Elementary School has a growing enrollment, due in large part to the addition of full-day kindergarten in 2017. The new facilities pathway would reduce the grades served to kindergarten and grade one, creating...

...more space for growing enrollment.

...a true primary school model, allowing educators to focus on the needs of our youngest students.

