

Highest Priority Improvements

District Wide	
Category	Description
Increase maintenance funding and staff	Task force members recommend strongly that the school district significantly increase funding and staff for ongoing maintenance in addition to these specific building improvements. Maintenance must be proactive and planned.

Both Schools	
Category	Description
Replace modular classrooms with permanent classrooms **	These are not functional as educational spaces. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommend replacing the educational space at both schools.
Improve overall security **	Modern security needs are not being met. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secure all doors (exterior door badge readers, classroom doors). Additional cameras. Add a recognizable front entrance that provides secure access at HS. Add secure entry vestibule at MLS.
Hazardous materials abatement as needed	Nothing is dangerous today. We will address any materials that become hazardous as a result of the renovation work.
Plumbing **	Plumbing has problems in both schools. Some students refuse to use restrooms. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Address plumbing deficiencies and increase capacity of student bathrooms. Accessible restrooms.
Building Envelope **	Currently, buildings leak water, mud, air, insects, and animals. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make building envelope improvements (roof, walls, windows, doors). Will increase energy efficiency.
Provide functional heating and cooling in classrooms and gym **	Poor air quality; poor temperature control; wastes energy; contributes to a challenging learning environment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide AC in the HS gym/multi-purpose room.
Cafeteria and serving line **	The cafeterias and serving lines are insufficient for the number of students. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the capacity in the cafeterias and serving lines. Improve the acoustics in the cafeteria at the HS.
Kitchen **	The kitchens have old equipment with spotty performance. There is some, but limited, capacity to prepare fresh food. Serving capacity is inadequate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renovate the kitchen and upgrade the kitchen equipment to offer improved dining options.
Provide sufficient, reliable electric power **	The electric power is insufficient for today's use and is unreliable. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrade the electrical system. Add alarms and emergency lighting.
Technology	The technology is insufficient for today's use and is unreliable. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide functional, reliable, relevant technology (infrastructure/systems technology and classroom technology)

** Principals Hatert and Housh identified this as a priority.

Medium and Low Priority Items

Middle School and High School	
Accessibility	Some parts of the building are not fully accessible, and the district needs to be able to accommodate mobility-impaired students.
Site Drainage	We need to address all drainage problems around the school.
Drives, Parking, Walks and Access	The drop off needs to be redesigned to have safe walking, bicycling, and driving access to the front of the school.
Building Interior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace doors, frames, and hardware to be ADA compliant. • Replace non-code-compliant handrails/guardrails. • Provide fire-rated closure around stair towers. • Enclose open treads at stairways. • Renovate the locker rooms.
Severe weather shelter	The basement is insufficient for the number of students, faculty, and staff. However faculty know where to take students in the building for safe shelter. Note that current rules require that any new severe weather shelter must withstand 250 mph winds.
Other non-functional classrooms	There are some classrooms that are not well designed for the intended purpose (performance space, chemistry lab, computer lab, gym). All classrooms should be functional.
Furnishings	Although teachers and students are willing to make do with what we have, the furnishings hinder our ability to use modern technology and teach 21 st -century skills.
Music room	The music room, in particular, is not functional and not accessible. Could replace with a building appropriate for the music students.
Confidential office space	Principal Hatert had identified the need for confidential office space for specialists such as the school psychologist. Principal Hatert identified this as a priority
Energy efficient lighting	Not using most energy-efficient alternatives
Site Safety and Security	Replace steel handrail at basement stairs and repair or replace fence at stadium
Fire Protection	Do not have a sprinkler system, which is important, but not essential right now because of the low risk of a building fire with any injuries.

Mills Lawn School	
Accessibility	Some parts of the building are not fully accessible, and the district needs to be able to accommodate mobility-impaired students.
Site drainage	We need to address all drainage problems around the school.
Drives and Parking	Insufficient space for student drop-off and insufficient space for parking.
Building Interior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace doors, frames, and hardware in 1952 and 1957 parts of building due to age, condition, and non-compliance with ADA guidelines. • Replace non-code-compliant handrails/guardrails.
Severe weather shelter	Faculty know where to take students in the building for safe shelter. Note that current rules require that any new severe weather shelter must withstand 250 mph winds.
Additional classroom space	Lack of individualized teaching space – want to be able to move the students out of the hallways. Principal Housh identified this as a priority
Furnishings	Although teachers and students are willing to make do with what we have, the furnishings hinder our ability to use modern technology and teach 21 st -century skills.
Playgrounds	Students want improvements in the playgrounds.
Energy-efficient lighting	Not using most energy-efficient alternatives.
Site Safety and Security	Replace exterior metal handrails and concrete stairs.
Fire Protection	Do not have a sprinkler system, which is important, but not essential right now because of the low risk of a building fire with any injuries.