



# Whitefish Bay

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**Facilities Advisory Committee**

**Middle and High School Learning Environments:  
Current State and Future Priorities**

January 30, 2025

High School Room 104

[Agenda](#)



# Facilities Long-Range Planning: Current State and Future Priorities

**Purpose:** We will share our current state and future priorities to best meet the educational needs of students and staff for our middle and high school levels.

- Mr. Mike O'Connor, Director of Teaching and Learning
- Ms. Amy Levek, High School Principal
- Mr. Geoff Pontus, Middle School Principal
- Mr. Tim Lemke, Director of Pupil Services and Special Education



# Our Agenda

- Introductions
- Middle School
  - a. Strengths
  - b. Challenges
  - c. Needs
- High School
  - a. Strengths
  - b. Challenges
  - c. Needs
- Q&A



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# Purpose of this Presentation

We're here to help you with your charge:

- “Review school district and community current and future needs...”
- “Review current uses of school district facilities and consider trends and forces that may change the way facilities are used in the future.”
- “Review the impact of technology on the future of educational facilities.”
- “Consider educational, athletic, and recreational spaces that currently are and are not addressed...”



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# Current State: Middle School

- **Strengths:**

- Flexible spaces (Common Areas, Library Renovation)
- Designated spaces for all staff
- Grade levels separated by floor

- **Challenges:**

- Ability to utilize flexible spaces
- Accessibility (SPED Program, non-gendered restrooms, etc.)
- Welcoming and Age-Appropriate

- **Future Needs**

- Flexibility - seating and storage
- Access for marginalized populations
- Matching Space to Age





# Middle School Strength: Flexible Spaces

MS/HS Learning Environments





# Middle School Strength: Designated Spaces for Staff

MS/HS Learning Environments







# Middle School Strength: Grade Levels Separated by Floor



- 6th Grade Upper Floor
- 7th Grade Middle Floor
- 8th Grade “Garden Level”



# Middle School Challenge: Ability to Utilize Flexible Spaces

MS/HS Learning Environments





# Middle School Challenge: Accessibility



Only room that meets neediest special education learners needs is on the third floor



One gender-neutral restroom accessible to all learners.



# Middle School Challenge: Welcoming and Age-Appropriate Community

MS/HS Learning Environments





# Middle School Challenge: Welcoming and Age-Appropriate Community

MS/HS Learning Environments





# Middle School Needs: Flexible & Collaborative Seating/Furniture/Storage

MS/HS Learning Environments





# Middle School Needs: Access for Marginalized Populations





# Middle School Needs: Matching Space to Age







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# Current State: High School

- **Strengths:**

- Recent renovations - music, science, LMC, business, fitness center
- Square footage is available if reconfigured and/ or updated
- Community Connections (Fitness Center, pool, etc.)

- **Challenges:**

- Degrading aesthetics/Mismatch form and function
- Lack of flexible spaces for both academics and extracurriculars
- Degrading functionality - auditorium, athletic facilities

- **Future Needs**

- Flexibility - space, furniture and storage
- Provide a collegiate experience
- Program enhancement - transition, alternative education, theater, athletics, restrooms, etc.



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# High School Strength: Recent Renovations



Music Wing

Fitness Center

LMC



Business

Science Labs



# High School Strength: Square Footage Available

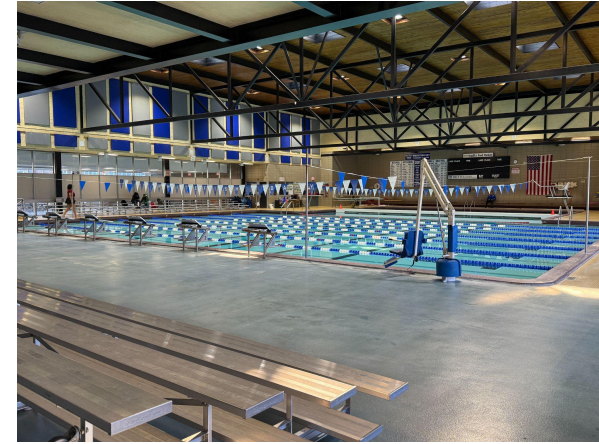


# High School Strength: **Community Connections**

**Fitness Center**



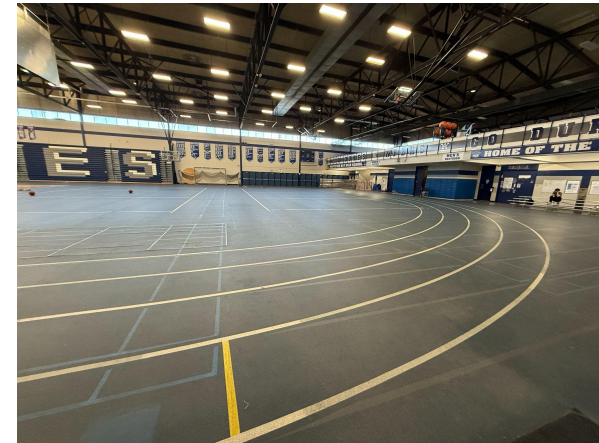
**Pool**



**Memorial Gym**



**Fieldhouse**



**Garden**





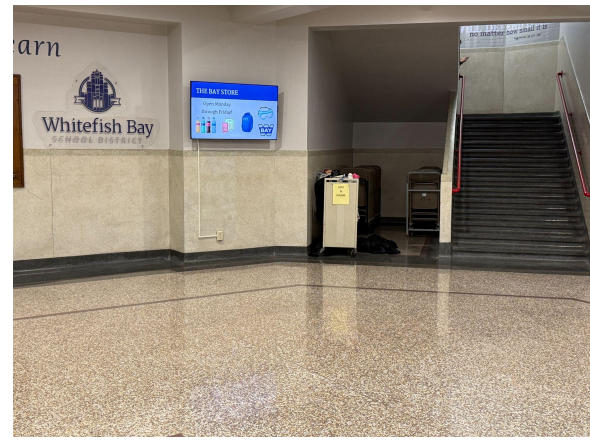
# High School Challenge: Under-utilized (or inaccessible) space



# High School Challenge: Mismatch Form & Function



MS/HS Learning Environments





# High School Challenge: Degrading Functionality



Fieldhouse Floor



Auditorium



Big kids, small rooms



Lack of storage





# High School Need: Flexibility in space and furniture



We need more collaborative spaces like the Link!

Academics and Extracurriculars will benefit!



# High School Need: Provide a pre-collegiate culture



Where would you rather learn?  
Which space supports collective efficacy in learning?





# High School Need: **Program Enhancements**

Transition (18-21 programming)

Alternative Education for increasingly complex student needs

Growing extracurricular and community programming that builds  
belonging - needs space!

Facilities for all students (restrooms,  
etc)





# Questions?





<b>Scheduled FAC Meeting Dates</b> 6:00-8:00 pm unless indicated otherwise	
Thursday, January 16, 2025	Thursday, May 8, 2025
Thursday, January 30, 2025	Thursday, May 22, 2025
Thursday, February 6, 2025	Tuesday, June 10, 2025
Thursday, February 20, 2025 (Field Trips)	Thursday, June 26, 2025
Thursday, March 6, 2025	Thursday, July 17, 2025
Thursday, March 13, 2025 *Possible FAC Co-Chairs only	Thursday, July 31, 2025
Thursday, April 3, 2025 (Field Trips)	Thursday, August 14, 2025
Tuesday, April 15, 2025	Thursday, August 28, 2025



Feb 6 is the Field Trip and  
Feb. 20 is the FAC Meeting



# Welcoming Inclusion Activity

## Slide 1: Introduction

- Title: "Facilities Long-Range Planning: Current State & Next Steps"
- Subtitle: "Presented by [Director's Name], Director of Teaching and Learning"
- Overview: Brief statement of purpose - aligning facilities with educational needs for elementary, middle, and high school levels.

## Slide 2: Agenda

- Introduction and Context
- Current State Analysis (Elementary, Middle, High)
- Future Needs and Priorities
- Key Considerations for Facilities Charter
- Next Steps and Action Plan
- Q&A

## Slide 3: Context and Purpose

- Reiterate the Facilities Charter's mission and its alignment with educational goals.
- Importance of adaptable, safe, and resourceful facilities to support teaching and learning.

## Slide 4: Current State: Elementary Schools