

1. Improve Safety and Learning Environments

Our current building no longer meets today's safety, fire, and accessibility standards:

- **Fire Code:** Open-concept floor plan with no exit corridors, no fire sprinklers, and exit travel distances exceeding safety standards.
- **Security Issues:** Administration is located away from main entry, too many access points, and students travel outside between buildings.
- **Disruption to Learning:** Students and staff must travel through other classrooms and between buildings throughout the day, interrupting instruction and creating supervision challenges.
- **ADA Accessibility:** Restrooms, ramps, signage, and clear floor space do not meet current code; limited storm shelter capacity.

A new elementary school would address these issues with secure entrances, integrated tornado shelter space, accessible facilities for all, and consistent indoor air quality – all while minimizing disruptive transitions during the school day.

2. Provide Adequate Space for Students and Staff

The current facilities are overcrowded and fragmented:

- Modular buildings from 1984 have outlived their lifespan.
- Lack of classrooms, storage, and flexible spaces for specialists and interventionists.
- Limited space for large group activities such as assemblies and inside recess.
- Restricted preschool and childcare options, causing families to look outside the district.

A new elementary school would provide appropriate classrooms, dedicated support spaces, and expanded preschool/childcare capacity to better serve families.

3. Bring Our School Community Together

Currently, our school functions across three separate buildings, which disrupts learning and collaboration:

- Students travel between buildings multiple times a day.
- Staff collaboration, curriculum work, and resource sharing are limited.
- Disconnected buildings make it harder to maintain a unified school culture and consistent supervision.

A new elementary school would unify our students and staff under one roof, reduce transitions, and create flexible, technology-rich spaces designed for 21st-century learning, collaboration, and long-term sustainability.