



Facility Visioning

**Presented to the School Board on March 20,
2017 by Nancy Allen-Mastro, Superintendent**

Visioning Meetings, Input

- Series of input meetings/surveys – February - March 2017
 - All staff survey
 - Parent survey
 - School tours
 - Digital learning coaches and Vanguard teachers
 - Meeting with cities of West St. Paul and Mendota Heights (ongoing)
 - Middle/high school co-curricular activities coaches, advisors, parents, and students
 - Early learning teachers and parent advisory committee
 - Parent Ambassador Network
 - Districtwide Community Strategy Meeting
 - Innovative Design Workshop (March 22)

Recurring Themes

Parents/Community Priorities (survey, meetings, focus groups)

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- 21st Century learning spaces and flexible furniture
- Competitive, upgraded sports and fine arts facilities
- Utilize middle and high school pod spaces for learning
- Improve aesthetic quality and visual appeal of buildings
- Use facility improvements to define and project our brand
- Make our facilities more welcoming
- Importance of natural light
- Parking-parent pick up/drop off flow

Staff Priorities (via survey)

- More outlets for the added technology
- 21st Century learning spaces and flexible furniture
- Meeting spaces
- Ability to darken rooms with shades/blinds
- General improvements (paint, carpeting, shelving, etc.)
- Competitive, upgraded sports and fine arts facilities
- Designated room and space for intervention and support services

Early Learning Priorities

- School-based preschool programs
- More comparable programs between Pilot Knob and the Early Learning and Family Resource Center
- More green space at the Early Learning and Family Resource Center
- More access to shared spaces (gym, etc.) at Pilot Knob
- Drop off and pick up challenges at both sites
- Long-term space commitment at Pilot Knob
- Always have a North and a South site

Digital Learning Coaches / Vanguard Teachers

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- Consistent and reliable WiFi access
- 21st Century learning spaces and flexible furniture
- Collaborative work spaces for students, but also quiet work space for individuals and small groups
- Charging stations for student devices and more electrical outlets
- More Apple TV mounts in classrooms and shares spaces
- Green screen and video recording areas
- Utilization of middle and high school pod spaces for learning

Digital Learning Coaches / Vanguard Teachers *continued*

- Ability to darken rooms with shades/blinds
- Presentation spaces
- Promethean and interactive whiteboards are no longer relevant or useful
- Flexible teacher desks
- Classrooms as warm, inviting spaces that are also energizing
- Spaces designed and suitable for what is being taught (e.g., science)
- Storage spaces - for teachers and student belongings

Co-Curricular Activities

- Competitive, upgraded sports and fine arts facilities
- State of the art stadium on Henry Sibley campus that hosts football, soccer and track
- Use facility improvements to define and project our brand
- Fully fund equipment and uniforms
- More gym space, including dividers that enable multiple users at one time
- Year round spaces that can be used by the E-12 program and by the community
- Storage space
- Dugouts/turf on the baseball/softball fields

Co-Curricular Activities *continued*

- Improved locker room spaces, including at the local ice arena for hockey
- Improved concession stands/spaces
- Sound systems for the gyms and fields
- Practice rooms for music that are sound-proof
- Stage/auditorium improvements, including upgrades in sound system and technology
- Pool improvements
- Dry land facilities for hockey

Coming Up: Innovation Workshop

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E-12 teachers, students, parents,
and administrators on
March 22, 9:00am - 3:00pm