

AS1.11 Building Assessment

The group identified What Works, What Could Be Better and What's Missing?

CHIEF CHARLO ELEMENTARY

What Works?

*Bathroom access
Classroom design/windows
Office placement
Wide hallways (traffic flow)
Separation of K-2 and 3-5
Separate lunch rooms
Multiple exits
Central gym*

What Could Be Better?

*Walls – Bulletin board walls
Air flow
Mechanical room vibration
Wireless access points
Can't see people coming in
Intercom*

What's Missing?

*Air Conditioning
Multi-purpose room (art, projects, etc.)*



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COLD SPRINGS ELEMETNARY

What Works?

*Grouping of grades
Office placement (central)
Gym placement & music
Library*

What Could Be Better?

*K all together
Staff Restrooms
Lack of flex space
Heat & roof leaking
Multi-room Acoustics (larger)*

What's Missing?

*Visual to office
AC in primary wing
More ventilation
Gym intercom
Ventilation – multi-purpose room
Rodent/Ant control
Windows insulated
Mechanical
Access - system*



RUSSELL ELEMENTARY

What Works?

*Single floor
Office is centrally located
Nice size playground
Nice gym & library
Good size classrooms with a couple of exceptions*

What Could Be Better?

*Layout – wings could have grade groupings
CSCT/FRC needs to be in main building
Heat
Number of bathrooms
Number of stalls
Internet - sporadic service to some areas
Improve entrance – more friendly and better described
Improve/utilize locker/shower/bathroom space
Improve delivery and service area*

What's Missing?

*Multi-purpose room and/or cafeteria
Storage for instruments and other items
More space connected to main building – remove
annexes (classroom, music, computer, storage)
Office for specialists
Computer lab inside building*



LEWIS & CLARK ELEMENTARY

What Works?

- Size of gym and central location of gym*
- Size of most classrooms*
- Large library space*
- Air conditioning upstairs*
- 3 stairways*
- Some carpeted classrooms*
- Cubbies*
- Resource Library*
- Front office visibility/transparency*
- Plantings inside building*

What Could Be Better?

- Stagnant air*
- Missing/damaged shades on windows*
- Linoleum walls – artwork falls off constantly*
- Classroom across entry is extremely cold*
- Lighting*
- Computer lab – use of technology*
- Not a welcoming entry*
- Landscaping*
- Wiring for technology*
- Dining space (noisy, crowded, set up)*
- Exits from dining space*
- Entrance to dining space*

- Hallways - traffic flow (noise, circulation patterns, size)*
- Some classrooms have no water*
- No locks on some doors*
- Programming & scheduling due to lack of space*
- Noisy classrooms – sound proofing (SLP, music)*
- Easily locking front door*
- Hot west side – solar gain*
- Library too small, lack of functional space*
- Acoustics in lunch room*
- Lunch toes block exit/access to lunch room*
- Movable walls in new wing*

What's Missing?

- Window covering*
- Carpet in hallway*
- Comfortable seating in dining area*
- ADA accessible space, elevator*
- Wireless WiFi, greater bandwidth*
- Warm bright dining area*
- Enough space*
- Large multi-purpose room*
- Sink in every classroom*
- More built in storage, storage*
- More space for individual student work*
- New wing*
- Better climate control – thermostats all over*
- Bigger FRC*

PAXSON ELEMENTARY

What Works?

*Administration up front
Conference room & teacher lounge location
Library
School design
Stairs – great
Lighting
Storage
Own lunchroom
Gym and gym storage
Wide hallways
Good art work walls
Lockers for all students*

What Could Be Better?

*Air conditioning
Mental health support space
More specialist space (counselor, Special Ed, etc.)
Bigger classrooms or smaller class size
Green Energy
Larger music room*

What's Missing?

*Recycling
Classrooms
Greenhouse on roof
Computer lab
Outside arena
Art /project room
Flexible space for small groups
FRC room – parent space
More Sq. footage
Language immersion
Classrooms
Updated technology, more bandwidth*

RATTLESNAKE ELEMENTARY

What Works?

*Circular
Classroom orientation - broken into wings by grade level
Nice gyms
Courtyard
Kitchen – nice size
Multiple doors for students to enter
Nice classroom size
Library has two doors*

What Could Be Better?

*Bus entrance hallway
More drinking fountains
Modular – travel & communication to/from school
Front office is blocked from view of entrance, too small
No common meeting place for assemblies, not large enough
Music room too small to accommodate some classes
Lunchroom traffic flow
Heat/AC issues
WiFi
How students leave building
More restrooms
Office counter too tall, safety, noisy hall area*

*Nurse's room
Integration of modular
Classroom proximity by grade*

What's Missing?

*Storage – Art, furniture, literacy, resource library
Larger resource room
Drinking fountains
Cell service
Multi-purpose room for art/orchestra/band*

FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY

What Works?

*Some classes have bathrooms
FRC
Smaller student population*

*More areas for family involvement
Music space
Sick room
Lunchroom*

What Could Be Better?

*More rooms and office space
Fewer entrances
Central office
Heating & AC
PA system
Lighting
More bathrooms
Larger computer lab
Teacher work space
WiFi
Larger classrooms
Storage
Grouping grade level together*

What's Missing?

*Bathrooms in all classrooms
Elevator
ADA accessible
Multi-purpose room*



HAWTHORNE ELEMENTARY

What Works?

of upstairs classrooms – keeps congestion down on the stairs
Bathrooms near lunchroom
Central library location
Organized
Natural light
Many large classrooms
Climbing rock wall

More classrooms

Space for summer programs, FRC, Campfire

Music room

CSCT space

What Could Be Better?

ADS access
Restrooms
Library space
Designated main entrance – safety
Separation of grade level classes (pods)

What's Missing?

Elevator
ADA accessibility – modular
Wifi
Lunchroom
Space for groups
Confidential meeting area
Art room storage space



LOWELL ELEMENTARY

What Works?

New computer lab (2 labs)
Teacher/staff
Elevator
Historical charm
Music room
Whiteboards/desktop computers
Library
Tile on bathroom floors
Operating school

What Could Be Better?

Temp, air ventilation
Class size
Narrow hallways
More classrooms
Bathrooms
No straw insulation
WiFi
Layout (grades together and flow)
Maintenance
ADA accessibility
Modular security
Secure front entrance/office
Better identify "flow through building"

Acoustics in gym
Storage
HVAC substandard
Rooms too small (art)
Restrooms on each floor (child and adult)
New windows/energy efficient
Gym – ADA access
Bigger classroom sizes
More classrooms
More space and staff for higher needs students (physical & emotional)
Structured learning programs

What's Missing?

Lunchroom

Auditorium/stage

Air Conditioning/heating

ADA access

Adequate space

No storage space

Gifted programs

Art room

Safety & security – Cameras, elevator security

Collaboration space

Title 1 facilities

Drinking fountains

Sinks in all rooms

Sensory room

Office at entrance

Offices/rooms for specialist and band/orchestra

6-8 grade

Teacher workroom



CS PORTER MIDDLE

What Works?

*Separate grade levels
Counselor & CSCT
Pod/fishbowl areas
Library
Entry location
Great visitor's entrance – access for all users*

What Could Be Better?

*Library air conditioning
Low ceilings
Courtyard
Too much brown – lighter paint
Windows – fewer windows
Storage – classroom & locker space
Rock wall
Positions of classrooms
Disturbing classrooms in transitions
Whiteboard in library (classrooms)
Gym size for school
Kitchen setup/lunch service
Wireless computer access for all subjects
Supervision nightmare
Wasted space (hallways)*

What's Missing?

*Performing arts
6th grade science rooms (only 1 7th/8th)
Project room
Window in 50% of rooms
Staff bathrooms
Sidewalk covers (roof leaks on sidewalk)
Un-interrupted flow – students between classes
Adjustable space – Auditorium – Cafeteria
Science and Math to block*

MEADOW HILL MIDDLE

What Works?

*Open library
MPR
Gym, located away from classrooms
6th grade pod
Custodians/staff care about building
Painting in gym*

What Could Be Better?

*Lockers
Roof
Windows
Moveable walls
Lighting
Seating for larger students
Intercom system
Bells
Annex
Kitchen/Lunchroom
Hallways are narrow
Wireless internet
Flooring
Ventilation (quieter)
Science lab
Storage*

*Larger lockers (7th & 8th)
Locker 6th grade
Water, bathrooms & seating in new gym
Nail in ceiling Room in gym for concerts/assemblies
Handicap accessible
6th grade computer lab
Conference room
Cold drinking fountain
Stove in teacher's lounge*

What's Missing?

*Air conditioning (esp. in computer lab)
Reception area – unsafe
Color
Signage
Volleyball standards in floor
ADA compliance
Bathroom/showers (life skills)
Overhang/shelter
Conference/meeting room
FM audio system*

WASHINGTON MIDDLE

What Works?

Classrooms close together
Separate grade areas
Staff
7th & 8th have science lab space
Big lockers
Size of classrooms
Library
2 gyms
Staff/students keep it clean

What Could Be Better?

Band width
Only one computer lab
Wireless
Little gym's roof
Entrance
Lockers
HVAC
Bigger music rooms
Kitchen area
1 building instead of 3
Modular set up – connect them
More Classrooms
Hot water

Lunchroom

Distance between buildings
Multi-use library
21st Century electrical wiring – classroom set up
Extra space for projects – splitting up classes, etc.
Access to technology
Access to gyms
Playground is enclosed between classrooms – Loud
Library tech
Handicap accessibility
Security
Spread out lockers
Wider hallways
Industrial atmosphere

What's Missing?

Air conditioning
More classrooms
Computer access
Outdoor courtyard
Technology
Auditorium
Actual non-gym lunchroom/common area
Multi-purpose room
Solid roof
PE equipment storage
Staff bathroom
Better ventilation
Playground equipment
Tables
Benches
Roofed outdoor area
6th grade science labs
Showers
Space – CSCT, office for specialists
Large meeting area
Restrooms in modular
Conference room



BIG SKY HIGH SCHOOL

What Works?

*Main hall
One level
Core areas – shared office
Subject wings
Library & courtyard
Counseling area
Light s sensors (need more)
iPads
Gym
Workout room
Classroom size
Hallway size
Size of building in general for current enrollment
Sufficient parking/street/loop etc.
Proximity to Ag
Opportunities for solar/green roof etc.*

What Could Be Better?

*Layout/functionality
Front office – safety access
Flow
Utilization of central area
Un-used courtyard
Actual construction*

*Gyms are out dated (inadequate ventilation)
MENU (Community garden)
Computers
Connectivity (WiFi & infrastructure)
Lockers
Cafeteria layout – lunch line causes conflict
Natural light
More doors with scan access
Energy use – cracks in doors
Climate control
Life skills room expanded
Use of “cores”
PURGE
Bathroom remodel
Management of grounds
Resource use (water & mowing)
Access to facilities
General beautification*



What's Missing?

Technology – Classes and hardware
Lighting
Windows
Ventilation
The arts – a venue
Ability to close off certain areas
Learning centers
Security cameras
Adequate performing arts space
Instrument storage space (durable & lockable)
Extra office/conference areas that are quiet and private
IEP/CSCT/Counseling
Larger kitchen for culinary
Custodial storage space
Lab space (remodeled and size)
ADA compliant bleachers
Front doors
Long term repair/maintenance (roof – water filling stations, HVAC, doors, Intersection at 31st and South)
Natural lighting
Lockers in hallways (gym lockers nicer, used more)
School garden
Hallway signage



HELLGATE HIGH SCHOOL

What Works?

Building is generally functional
Prefer that building is not super spread out
Great lockers
All accessible bathrooms
Water bottle filling water fountains
Good computer labs
Gorgeous courtyard
Spacious library with roof garden
Architecture – windows, door frames, built-ins, wide hallways, & stairways
Flooring
Bridges
Core space in World Lang.
Two gyms
Auditorium
Tall Ceilings
Cool Historical building

What Could Be Better?

Restrooms
Locker rooms
Science Rooms
Insulation in music room
Heat Control
Exposed wiring

Desks

Bulletin boards

Upper gym cosmetics

Overall cosmetic updates

Public recognition of where to find offices

Heating/Cooling – HVAC system

PA system (Bells)

Locker rooms

Lab space in 200 wing

Better internet and bandwidth – work with downtown business

More solar – better use of rooftops

Better way to hang posters/info/art

Non-fluorescent lighting

What's Missing?

*Facility dedicated to the storage & sorting of
recyclables
2nd elevator for other side of building
Security at all entrances
Additional lockers
Faculty office space
No obvious front door
Central information systems
Cafeteria space
Wifi
Large multi-purpose space
Additional computer labs and tablets for student use
Storage*



SEELEY-SWAN HIGH SCHOOL

What Works?

New gym (size)
Layout works (easy to get to)
Main Building – good size rooms
Location/visibility of office
Library
Great access to computers
Welcoming

What Could Be Better?

Heating and cooling in south wing
Size of health room
Ice on side walk

What's Missing?

Stage



SENTINEL HIGH SCHOOL

What Works?

*HPE and athletic facilities
Library
Individual teaching spaces
Hallways
Great science wing
Concessions and gym lobby
Cafeteria
Good layout
Office space is good
Business area
New journalism/automotive spaces
Cameras*

What Could Be Better?

*Access to technology
Departmental grouping
Boiler/green energy
Safety concerns (40+ exits)
Theater remodel/upgrade
Classrooms not temperature regulated
Boilers out dated
Roof leaks in new wing
Cooling units in main gym leak*

What's Missing?

*Flexible teaching paces (community access)
Student collaborative space
Flexible technology
8-10 classrooms
Computer lab/teaching spaces
Teacher work areas
Place for small teacher group meetings
Updated outbuildings – ADA, technology
Fire safe record storage
Music building needs updated
300, 400, 500 not connected to main building
Flooring replacement
No school personal at main entry
Alarms & communication with 300, 400 & 500
buildings*



WILLARD ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM

What Works?

Elevator
Traffic flow
Solid structure
New Boiler
Location
Student & teachers love the building, respect each other, and neighborhood
Stairs
Small learning environment/community

What Could Be Better?

Internet access, wiring, technology
Take bars off window
Relocate administrative zone and entrance/secretary
Access ADA
Efficient window/school greening
More natural light
Update plumbing and fixtures
Energy efficiency
Library
Water fountains
Restrooms
Storage
Weight room

Aesthetics

More Printers
Cosmetic facelift – new floors, carpet, paint, remove old wallpaper
Lunch for big kids
New entrance
More classrooms
Native eats classroom needs to be updated
Update furniture – classrooms, lounge, cafeteria, commons
Commons update



What's Missing?

Air conditioning

Industrial kitchen

Gym

Shop/art annex

Hands on activity space

Bike, snowboard shop

Wifi, computers that work

Bathroom updates for bid kids

Energy efficient windows

A real library

Storage

Safe fire escape

Wood, metal, welding shop

Color plants

Mobile furniture

Movable walls

Stage – music/arts center

Window (internal)



VO-AG

What Works?

*Rooms are updated and same # per teachers
Greenhouse is heated*

What Could Be Better?

*Pig barn crowded – enlarge
Beautification
Wiring, condemned bathrooms
Painting, patching*

What's Missing?

*Wet lab for Vet Science
Hydroponics Lab
Hazardous fuel storage
Security cameras
Student access after hours*



DICKINSON LIFE LONG LEARNING CENTER

What Works?

*New front office
Accessible
Gym space
POD area for ABE*

What Could Be Better?

*Security – entrances & limited oversight
Need open space in building
More professional/adult feel – less elementary
Doors on bathrooms
Shower/changing rooms
Asbestos
Heating & cooling issues – additions don't get
heat/open year round, need cooling
Signage in building
Lack of maintenance by district
Technology and wiring*

What's Missing?

*Classrooms of a variety of sizes and purposes
More space
Long range security of location – operating for the
same place for more than 10 years*

