

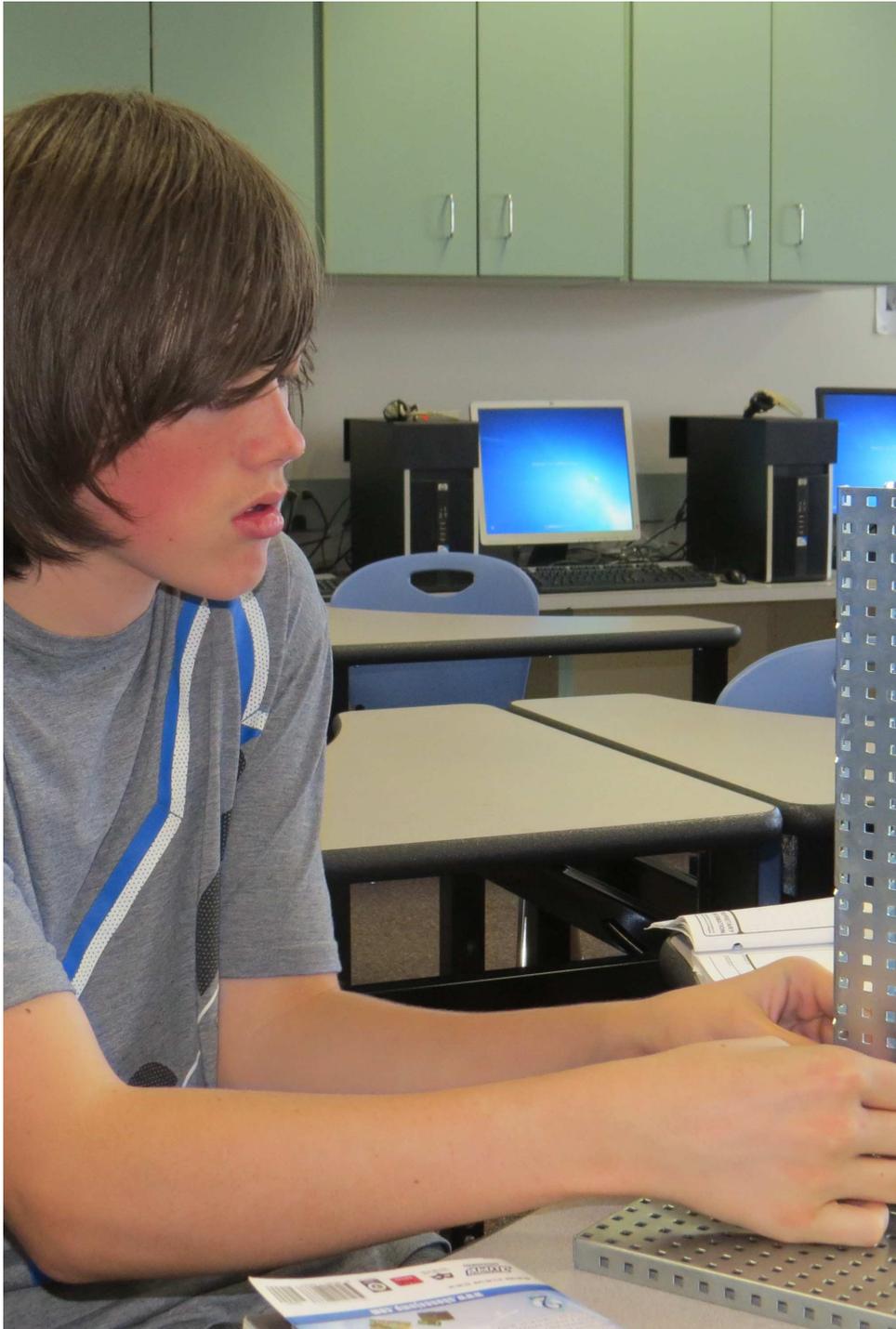


Forward Thinking, High Achieving.



*Building for Missoula's Future*

October 13, 2014



## MISSOULA COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

To serve all students in a **21st Century Educational Culture.**

To support the **achievement** and graduation of all students.

To be **fiscally responsible**, while preparing for today and the future.



# THE SMART SCHOOLS PROCESS

**School Centric:** School-specific teams:  
Looked global, acted local.

**Collaborative:** Input and feedback sought.

**Realistic:** School team — Smart Schools  
Steering Committee — MCPS Board of  
Trustees.

**Public:** Everyone invited to review options  
and weigh in. Final support for the  
initiative: November 2015 public election.





## Smart School Facilities Support 21st Century Educational Culture in three ways:

### Security

A secure environment where all students and teachers can concentrate on learning.

### Technology

Allow for rapidly evolving technology to be implemented into education well into the future.

### Environment

Feature dynamic layouts that are open and flexible, enabling multiuse, class-to-class collaboration and evolution of curriculum over time.





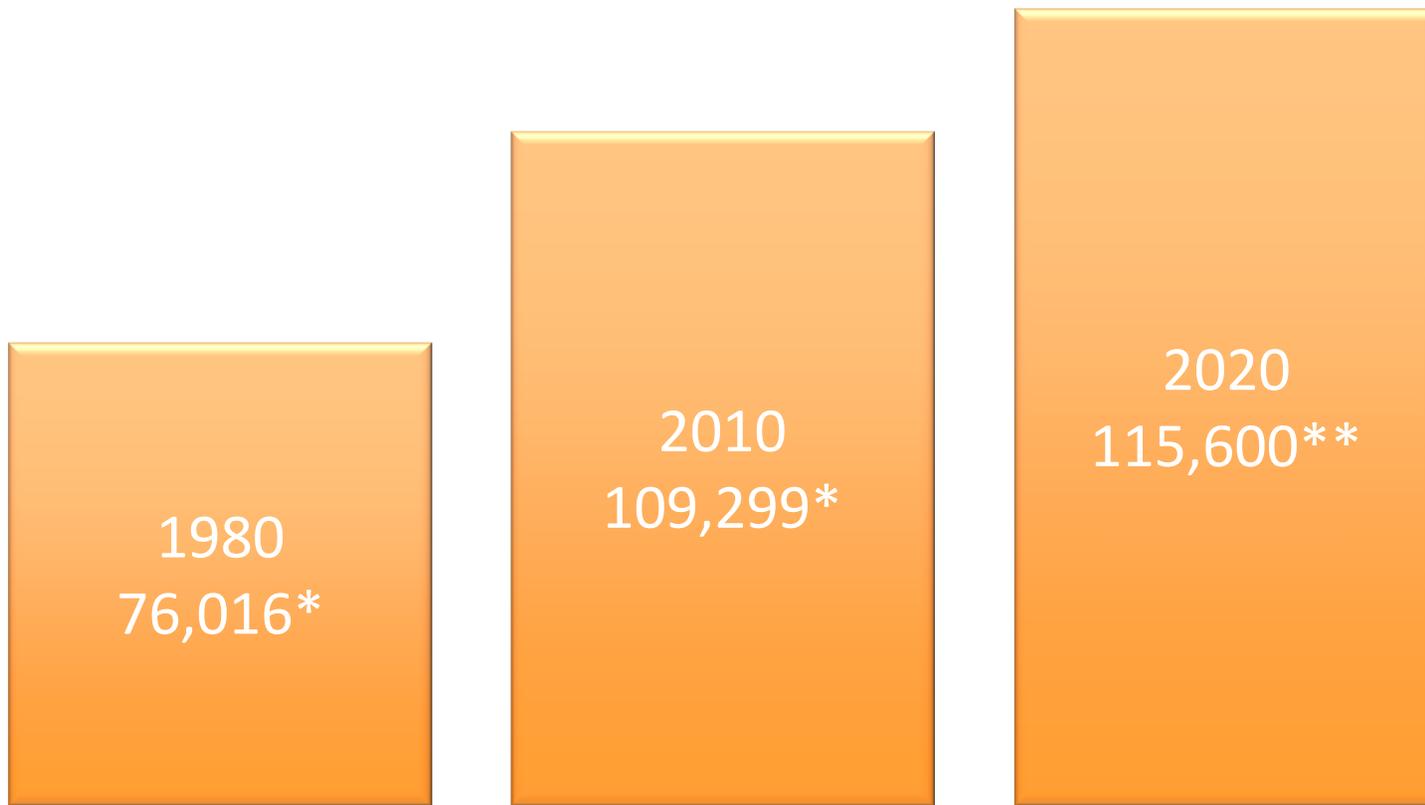
# The 21st Century Model of Education





This is what we have today.



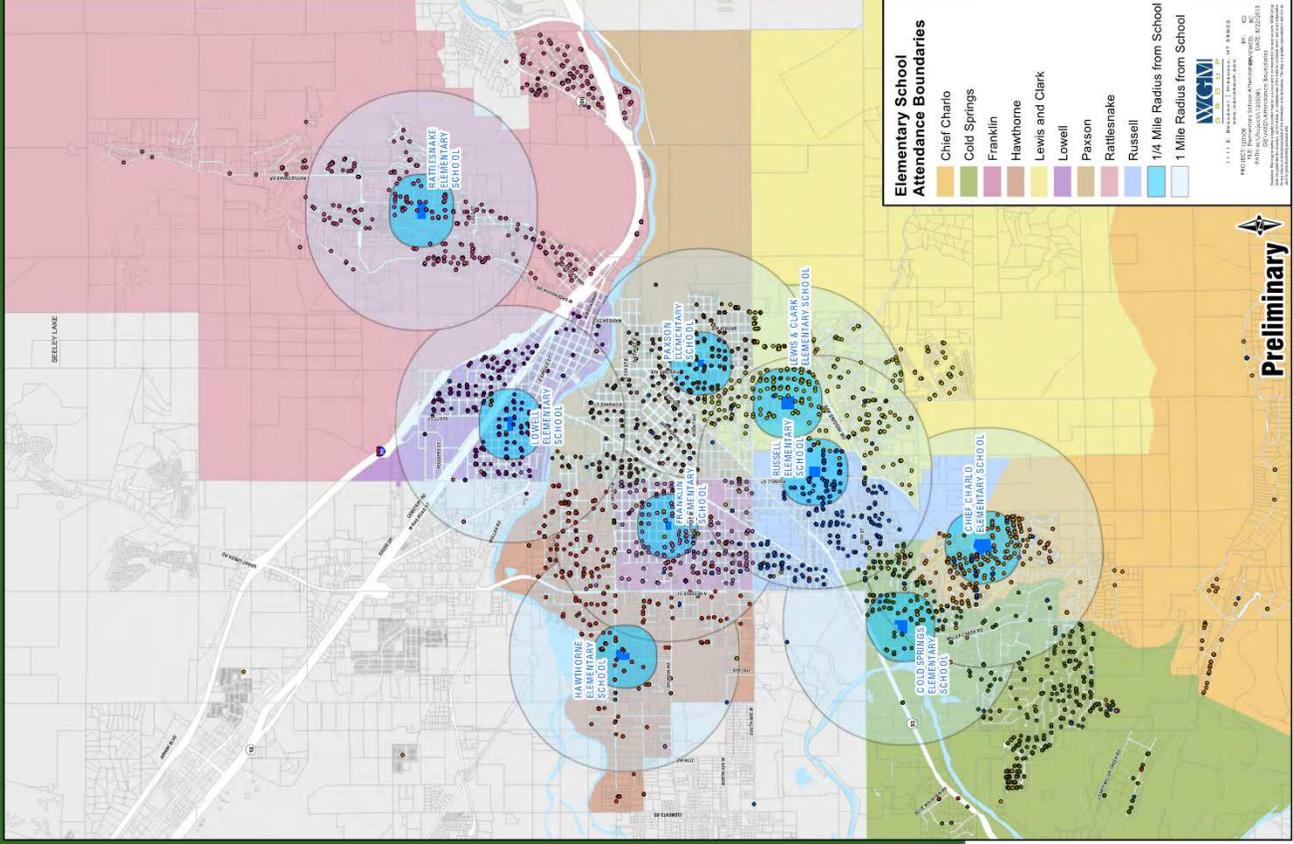


Missoula County keeps growing.

*\*U.S. Census Bureau.*

*\*\* McKibben Demographic Research, for MCPS.*





**Preliminary**

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

MCPS Comprehensive Long Range Facilities Plan



**Best ideas** → **7 options** → **1 "best"**

Business as Usual  
 Consolidate  
 Expand  
 Light Touch  
 Out of the Box  
 Realign & Relocate  
 Start Over





## Collaboration with / Input from beyond MCPS community

- City and county governments
- UM
- State of Montana

# NOW IS THE TIME TO INVEST IN SMARTER SCHOOLS

The average age of our buildings  
is 57 years.

The community created a vision  
for 21st-century education.

Strong schools attract economic  
development.





MCPS buildings aren't keeping up.  
Some are actually failing.

*Deferred maintenance • Mechanical / HVAC / electrical needs •  
Overcrowding • Safety issues • Upgrade infrastructure for technology*





**Education** → **Quality of life**

**High-quality education** → **High-quality community**





## Elementary Schools

**Expand, remodel, replace:**  
Lowell, Russell, Franklin,  
Cold Springs

**Deal with needed  
maintenance, security,  
technology, overcrowding:**  
Chief Charlo, Lewis & Clark,  
Paxson, Hawthorne, Rattlesnake





## Middle Schools

**Expand and remodel:**  
C.S. Porter, Meadow Hill,  
Washington

**Deal with needed  
maintenance, security,  
technology, overcrowding**





## High Schools

**Sentinel** — expand & consolidate music, automotive, STEM programs

**Hellgate** — expand & remodel

**Big Sky** — expand & remodel

**Vo-Ag** — add processing kitchen

**Seeley-Swan** — add theater performance facilities

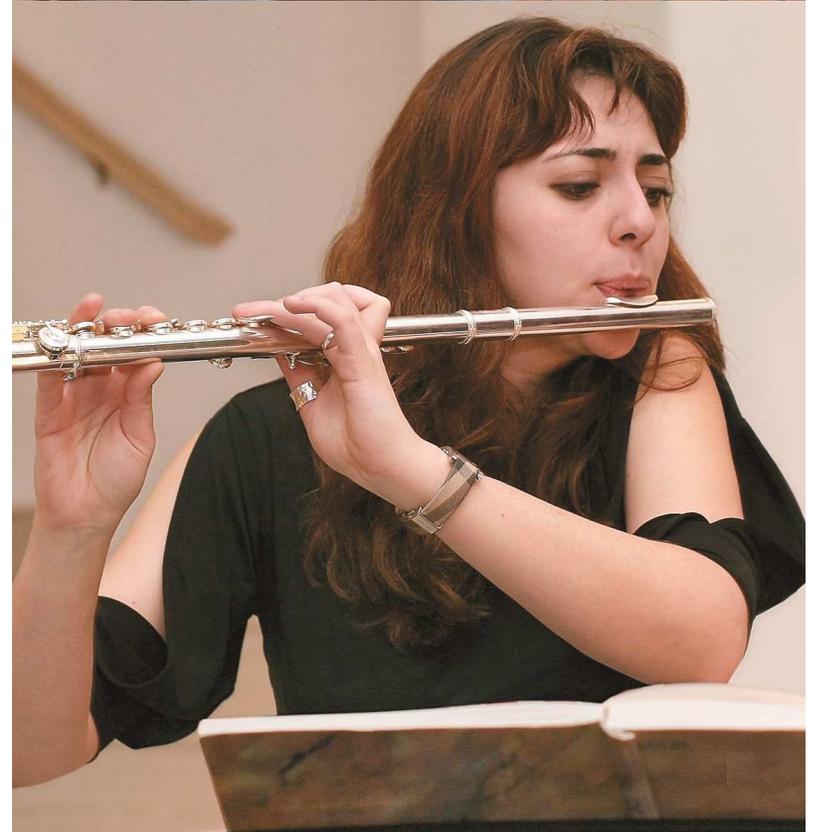
**Willard** — rebuild

**Deal with needed maintenance, security, technology, overcrowding**



# MCPS-owned leased, raw land, administrative

- New K-12 Performing Arts facility (Sentinel).
- Renovate Business Building into district training & technology center.
- Consolidate all admin personnel into one building (Missoula College).
- RFP for sale of Whittier, 55<sup>th</sup> / Whitaker.  
RFP for lease of Casaloma land.  
Continued lease of Prescott School.
- Mount Jumbo & Missoula College as swing spaces during construction projects.
- Long-term lease of Duncan Drive property.
- Improve Missoula County Stadium.



Bonding financing:  
Public vote  
November 3, 2015





## K-8 / Elementary Bond

\$96,000,000\*

Per household: \$15/month,  
\$180/year, \$3,600/20 years

- Flexible learning environments, deferred maintenance, security, technology in all buildings.
- Capacity and future flexibility addressed in all schools.

*\* Pending adjustments to current bonding capacity from the Montana Legislature.*





## 9-12 / High School Bond

\$66,000,000 bond

Per household: \$6/month,  
\$72/year, \$1,440/20 years

- Flexible learning environments, deferred maintenance, security, technology in all buildings.
- Capacity and future flexibility addressed in all schools.
- *Does not include Missoula County Stadium or any athletic facility upgrades.*





## Smart Schools 2020

# Teaching and learning for all in a 21st Century Educational Culture

*More info:*

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School specific: [www.mcpsmt.org](http://www.mcpsmt.org) & navigate to the school's webpages / contact principal by email.



## Thank you.

