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

Smart Schools 2020
Building for Missoula’s Future
This is what we have today.
Missoula County keeps growing.

*U.S. Census Bureau.
** McKibben Demographic Research, for MCPS.
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, 55th / 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:
Systemwide: www.mcpsmt.org / Hatton Littman at hlittman@mcps.k12.mt.us.
School specific: www.mcpsmt.org & navigate to the school’s webpages / contact principal by email.

Thank you.