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# CHIEF CHARLO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Our proposal addresses areas of critical need, including redesigning a secure entrance, a schoolwide intercom, and enhancing classroom space creating collaborative environments.



A systemwide initiative to develop schools that work smarter for our students.

MEET YOUR  
SMART SCHOOLS  
TEAM

The Chief Charlo Elementary School team put months into this process. We appreciate the input from students, parents, faculty, neighbors and the MCPS board. If you have questions or would like to get involved, we encourage you to visit [www.mcpsmt.org/chiefcharlo](http://www.mcpsmt.org/chiefcharlo) or contact Interim Principal Vincent Giammona [vmgiammona@mcps.k12.mt.us](mailto:vmgiammona@mcps.k12.mt.us).

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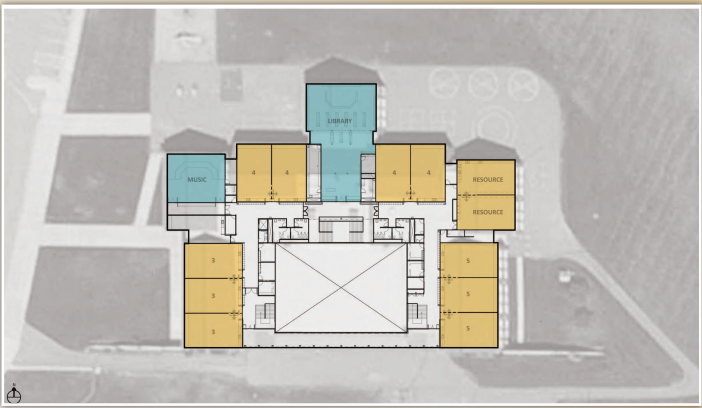
21ST CENTURY NEEDS

Chief Charlo Elementary School, though one of the District's newer buildings, is still 20 years old and serves approximately 450 students. A redesigned entry and waiting area, including a schoolwide intercom system, will address important safety issues to better serve students and families.

EXPANDING CHIEF CHARLO  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Our proposed option to redesign the entry, add a schoolwide intercom system, and open up classroom space through connected rooms will serve the needs of students, staff and parents. It matches our focus on 21st century teaching and learning, is limited in scope and enhances student safety. When complete, Chief Charlo will be a smarter school in many ways, including:

- School entry and waiting area redesigned with clear lines of sight, enhancing school safety.
- Existing classrooms connected through the installation of barn doors, promoting collaborative learning spaces for students and staff.
- A schoolwide intercom system in all rooms improves communication and provides an effective means to relay important safety notices and other school information.



OUR TEAM'S RECOMMENDED OPTION

OPTION L-1 LIGHT TOUCH:

- Improve classroom space.
- Install new school-wide intercom system.
- Technology improvements.
- Replace roof.
- Security improvements.

SECURITY

Modify facility to create obvious main entry, secure waiting area and ability to observe visitors approaching the building. Subdivide the building into secure zones with electronically activated door closers.

TECHNOLOGY

Develop high-speed/high-volume fiber optic distribution to breakout spaces for projects, presentations and technology in each learning community, enhanced with robust wireless and hard-wired access points.

ENVIRONMENT

Install barn doors and garage doors with quality acoustical materials between learning areas and breakout areas for projects, presentations and technology. Create small learning communities for teams of teachers and students that include traditional classrooms as well as important support spaces for 1:1 tutoring, small groups, planning centers, storage, etc.

FACILITIES STRATEGIC PLAN

Site Area: 11.9 acres  
Parking Spaces: 70  
Building Square Footage  
Existing: 61,150  
New: 0  
Estimated Project Budget: \$769,337 \*  
Replacement Cost: \$15,880,000  
Remaining Deferred Maintenance  
& Energy Project Costs: \$0  
Rental / Lease / Sale Income: None  
Current Enrollment: 411  
Future Peak Enrollment: 404  
Capacity: 478  
Accessible Capacity: 478  
Accessible / Permanent Capacity: 478

\*All costs are projected based on industry averages for building costs, sizes and land prices. Final project budget will be developed during the design phase.





## NOW IS THE TIME TO INVEST IN SMARTER SCHOOLS

Education has never been more important than it is today. Our students face international competition for scholarships and jobs, and an increasing pace of change that impacts their futures. Yet, while the need for quality education continues to increase, our schools are physically in decline.

At Missoula County Public Schools, we realize that we must change if we're to keep up academically and economically as a community. That's why we launched Smart Schools 2020. Led by teams from each school, the initiative assesses needs by facility and prioritizes those needs in light of achieving our goals of a 21st Century Educational Culture and of being fiscally responsible.

By addressing schools now we prevent further deterioration of facilities, better prepare for population growth and ensure our students continue to get the educational opportunities they need to succeed in school and beyond.

## THE SMART SCHOOLS PROCESS

### **SCHOOL CENTRIC:**

Criteria and preferred options were established for each school by a team of teachers, administrators, students and parents from that school, along with members of the Missoula community.

### **COLLABORATIVE:**

Alternatives were shared at public meetings at each school. In addition, surveys were sent out systemwide to vet priorities.

### **REALISTIC:**

Team recommendations were reviewed by the steering committee and the elected board of trustees before a bond measure was drafted.

### **PUBLIC:**

Everyone is invited to review options and weigh in. Final support for the initiative will be determined by public election in November 2015.



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