



Forward Thinking, High Achieving.

HELLGATE HIGH SCHOOL

Our proposal provides renovated educational spaces by enhanced technology, energy consciousness, and security provided by an identified main entrance.



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

MEET YOUR
SMART SCHOOLS
TEAM

The Hellgate High 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/hellgate or contact Principal Lisa Hendrix at ljhendrix@mcps.k12.mt.us.

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21ST CENTURY NEEDS

Hellgate High School, a Missoula architectural landmark, has served the community for over 100 years. The location remains its best feature — near downtown and the University of Montana — providing community support, site-based educational opportunities and increased student participation in post-graduation education.

EXPANDING HELLGATE HIGH SCHOOL

Our proposed option maintains location, architecture, and history while providing an opportunity to upcycle a solid, early 20th century building into a more sustainable school which provides cutting-edge 21st century education. Hellgate will expand its role as an educational showcase and model for the community, region, and nation. When complete, Hellgate High will be a smarter school in many ways, including:

- A CTE academy space with community access on Higgins.
- Expanded visual arts education center to provide studio space and art gallery appropriate to a program known for its superior fine arts education.
- Centralized library/media central providing modern communication technology, 21st century study tools, and large group presentation space.
- Expanded bandwidth and wireless internet access for all classrooms and common areas.
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- Energy-saving and energy-creating features which include an updated heating system supported by expanded solar generation on site, airlocks at entries, and smart technology to eliminate energy waste.
- Identifiable front entrance with central office and security desk located at the first floor entrance to provide safer access to the building.
- Title IX compliance in gym facilities.



OUR TEAM'S RECOMMENDED OPTION

OPTION S-2 START OVER:

- A smart design approach to renovations for greater sustainability.
- Add an identifiable front entrance.
- Install new roof.
- Expansion of the building footprint to provide improved learning environments.
- Replace boilers.
- Technology improvements.
- Modify Gerald Avenue to improve pickup/drop-off.
- Safety and security improvements.
- Relocate the library/media center.
- Expand the visual arts education center.

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 presentation spaces and provide technology in each learning group, enhanced with robust wireless and hard-wired access points.

ENVIRONMENT

Create learning spaces throughout the school to

- promote and accommodate collaborative, cross-curricular education;
- provide adequate visual arts educational space;
- build upon Hellgate's long standing philosophic and scientific interest in environmental awareness through waste reduction and alternative energy,

FACILITIES STRATEGIC PLAN

Site Area: 3.12 acres
Parking Spaces: 75
Building Square Footage
Existing: 245,694
New: 20,000
Total Project Cost: \$23,736,094*
Replacement Cost: \$60,000,000
Remaining Deferred Maintenance
& Energy Project Costs: \$0
Rental / Lease / Sale Income: None
Current Enrollment: 1,258
Future Peak Enrollment: 1,382
Capacity: 1,500-1,800

*All costs are projected based on industry averages for building costs, sizes and land prices. Final budgets will be developed during the design process for each site.



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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