



Forward Thinking, High Achieving.

# JEFFERSON SCHOOL

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

MEET YOUR  
SMART SCHOOLS  
TEAM

The Jefferson Performing Arts 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](http://www.mcpsmt.org) or contact Administrator John Combs at [jcombs@mcps.k12.mt.us](mailto:jcombs@mcps.k12.mt.us).

TEAM MEMBER CORE

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21ST CENTURY NEEDS

The high quality of Missoula's student band, choir, orchestra and theater performances is diametrically opposed to the quality of their performance spaces. Most of our student ensemble performances occur in gymnasiums or concert venues that are outdated and/or were designed for multipurpose use. The MCPS elementary and secondary bonds identify improvements to performance spaces at all of the schools.

JEFFERSON SCHOOL: A VALUABLE SWING SPACE

Jefferson School currently houses the staff and equipment of the MCPS Performing Arts Program and the Special Education Program as well as the MCPS Preschool. The school will be used as a valuable swing space for students while schools are being remodeled.

- ADA compliance throughout the facility, including an elevator to the second floor.
- A secure and safe front entrance and pickup area for students, parents, staff, visitors and guests.
- Installation of new efficient boiler.
- Installation of new roof.
- Increased safety with the building divided into secure zones with electronically activated door closers.



OUR TEAM'S RECOMMENDED OPTION



- Technology improvements.
- Replace roof.

- Replace boiler.
- Safety and 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

Building Square Footage: 29,767  
Estimated Project Budget: \$1,603,387\*  
Replacement Cost: \$5,484,369  
Remaining Deferred Maintenance & Energy Project Costs: \$0  
Rental / Lease / Sale Income: None

\*All costs are projected based on industry averages for building costs, sizes and land prices. Final project 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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