

The district's elementary schools were originally constructed in the 1950s and 1960s. Although these buildings have undergone additions and renovations over the years, they haven't seen significant upgrades in over 10 years. A recent facilities assessment identified specific systems that have exceeded their expected lifecycle(s) – lighting, roofing, HVAC, etc. If the bond were to pass, it would include selective replacement of these systems and would also include the addition of air conditioning throughout each elementary facility.

Plainwell Middle School was originally constructed in 1973. This building has undergone additions and renovations, but the majority of its building systems – roofing, lighting and HVAC have exceeded their expected lifecycles. In addition, educational delivery models have changed drastically over the years and new teaching and learning practices are better supported when students have more space, flexible furniture and the ability to collaborate with one another. If the bond proposal is approved, existing classrooms would be expanded to meet the standards of modern learning environments and additional classrooms would be added to the building.

The existing community pool is connected to the middle school and was originally constructed in the 1970s. The pool houses community programs, elementary learn to swim programs, age group competitive swim programs and middle school / high school competitive swim programs. The pool's major systems including HVAC, electrical, pumps and filtration equipment have exceeded their expected lifecycles. In addition, the size of the current facility, pool tank and support spaces are unable to meet the demand of District programs. If the bond proposal is approved, the District would construct a new competition pool, and convert the existing pool into a multi-purpose facility that support both academic and athletic programs. The proposed multi-purpose space would include a projector and sound system for instructional and training space, basketball hoops, drop-down batting cages, and drop-down wrestling/tumbling mats.

Plainwell High School was originally constructed in 1963. Similar to the elementary schools, the building has undergone additions and renovations over the years, but no major renovations in the last 10 years. The recent facilities assessment identified systems that have exceeded their expected lifecycle(s). If the bond proposal is approved, it would include selective replacement of these systems.

A new competition gymnasium would be constructed for District and community use. This space would offer additional athletic space for students of all ages and would allow students to practice earlier in the day and get home at reasonable time. The competition gym would allow the District the opportunity to host larger events such as conference, district, regional games. The gym would feature a three-station gym space, new locker rooms and support spaces, and a walking track. Open times would be available for community walking/running/classes similar to the current pool space.

For the Community Center to be occupied as a school, certain improvements need to be made to meet modern building code. Improvements would include renovations to the restrooms to be A.D.A. compliant, fire safety improvements, and egress improvements. Once construction is complete, the District would relocate RHS and Adult Education programming to this building. Transferring these programs to the Community Center would eliminate the cost of lease and utilities at the current RHS facility.