

2024 CAPITAL PROJECT

Total project cost: \$26,000,000 No additional tax increase

KEY DATES

PUBLIC HEARING

PACS HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

Tuesday, October 8, 2024 6:30 p.m.

CAPITAL PROJECT VOTE

RINGGOLD FIRE HALL

Tuesday, October 15, 2024 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

ABSENTEE/EARLY MAIL **BALLOTS**

For information, contact the District Office (315-298-5188)

Ballots must be received by 5 p.m. on October 15, 2024.

Dear Pulaski Academy and Central School District Community,

On October 15, 2024, our community will have the opportunity to vote on an important Capital Project designed to enhance and preserve our school facilities. This project is the result of careful long-range and strategic planning by the PACS Board of Education and administration. Our primary goals are to advance high-quality academic programming, maintain and improve the efficacy of our school operations, and ensure that our facilities are prepared to support future generations of students. We understand the economic factors affecting our district and community, and we have designed this project to be forward-thinking while remaining fiscally responsible.

The proposed work focuses on renovating and preserving our existing infrastructure. This project will include crucial upgrades and restorations at both Lura M. Sharp Elementary School and Pulaski Middle-High School, including HVAC upgrades and partial roof replacement at both schools, masonry restoration at the elementary school, new lighting in the Middle-High School auditorium, new floors in the Middle School, and updated science classrooms in the Middle-High School. These improvements are essential to maintaining the integrity of our buildings and ensuring that our students and staff have a safe, comfortable, and modern environment in which to learn and work.

The total cost of the project is \$26,000,000, which will be funded through state building aid, our capital reserve fund and retiring debt. It is important to emphasize that because of the timing of the project, the associated state aid, and the capital reserve fund we have established, there will be no additional tax increase for our community as a result of this project. This has been a top priority for our Board of Education, and we are proud to deliver a plan that meets our district's needs without placing an additional financial burden on our taxpayers.

Taking care of our facilities is not just about maintaining our buildings; it's about investing in the future of our students and community. Our schools are where our children learn, grow, and prepare for the future. By preserving and improving our facilities, we are ensuring that they have the resources they need to succeed, now and for years to come. Well-maintained facilities also contribute to the overall safety, security, and efficiency of our operations, allowing us to focus on what matters most: providing opportunities and programs for students that we can all be proud of.

Voting will take place on October 15, 2024, from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM at the Ringgold Fire Hall. Additionally, we invite you to attend a public presentation on October 8, 2024, at 6:30 PM in the Pulaski Middle-High School library to learn more about the project and ask any questions you may have.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our children and our school.

Sincerely, Tom Jennings, Superintendent

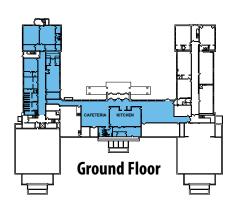


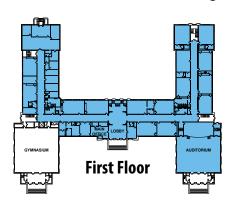
KEY COMPONENTS OF THE WORK AT LURA M. SHARP ELEMENTARY INCLUDE:

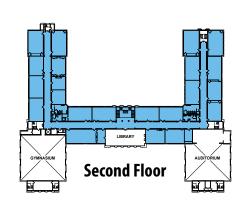
HVAC Upgrades

The Elementary School's heating system uses steam piping that is original to the building and runs throughout the exterior walls, leading to energy inefficiency and contributing to the deterioration of the exterior walls. This project will convert the heating system from steam to hot water and replace the building-wide temperature control system. The new system will be more energy-efficient, reducing operational costs and improving the overall comfort of the school's environment.

Steam to Hot Water Conversion Diagrams







Exterior Upgrades

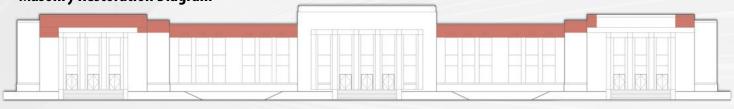
Some of the brickwork at the Elementary School has deteriorated over time. This project will focus on restoring the upper section of the facade along Hinman Road and will include partial roof replacement in the affected areas. These upgrades will preserve the building's structural integrity, improve its aesthetic appeal, and enhance safety.

Exterior deterioration





Masonry Restoration Diagram





KEY COMPONENTS OF THE WORK AT PACS MIDDLE-HIGH SCHOOL INCLUDE:

HVAC Upgrades

Many of the rooftop HVAC units at the Middle-High School are outdated, having reached the end of their useful life, and are no longer energy-efficient. This project will replace these units with new, efficient models, and upgrade the building-wide temperature controls. These improvements will result in better energy efficiency, reduced utility costs, and a more comfortable learning environment for students and staff.

Partial Roof Replacement

The roofs over the auditorium, gym, and pool areas have exceeded their useful life and warranty period and will be replaced as part of this project. The new roofing system will improve the durability of these important facilities, reducing future maintenance needs and ensuring protection from the elements.

New Sidewalk

A new sidewalk will be installed at the Middle-High School for pedestrians walking from Route 11 to the main entrance. This project will enhance pedestrian safety, providing a safer and more accessible pathway for students, staff, and visitors.

MS Flooring Replacement

A portion of the flooring in the Middle School will be replaced with durable, commercialgrade LVT flooring. This flooring will offer enhanced durability and easier maintenance, contributing to a cleaner and more appealing school environment.

Auditorium Renovation

The stage and house lighting in the Middle-High School auditorium will be upgraded to energy-efficient LED fixtures. This upgrade will significantly reduce energy usage and maintenance costs while also enhancing the performance experience with improved lighting quality for both performers and audiences.

Science Classroom Renovations





The science classrooms at the Middle-High School have become outdated and no longer meet the current needs of the science curriculum. These classrooms will be renovated to create modern spaces equipped with advanced technology, ensuring they meet both current and future instructional needs. This renovation will support hands-on learning and modern scientific instruction, preparing students for the future of STEM.





Tom Jennings

Superintendent of Schools

Board of Education

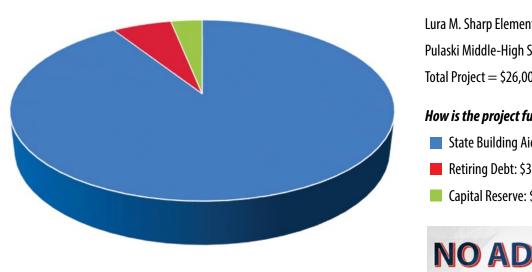
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PROJECT FINANCIALS



Lura M. Sharp Elementary: \$16,600,000 Pulaski Middle-High School: \$9,400,000

Total Project = \$26,000,000

How is the project funded?

- State Building Aid: \$20,940,000
- Retiring Debt: \$3,060,000
- Capital Reserve: \$2,000,000

NO ADDITIONAL TAX INCREASE

PROJECT SCHEDULE

