



Benton School District

PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE THROUGH EDUCATION

Benton Public Schools 2016 Facility Master Plan Narrative

Grade Configuration

The Benton School District currently has (4) K-5 Elementary Campuses, a 6-7 Middle School Campus, an 8-9 JHS Campus and a 10-12 High School. During the 1517 planning cycle we were approved for a reconfiguration at the ES and MS which created K-4 elementary schools and a 5-7 intermediate school. During the upcoming 1719 cycle the district will submit applications which would be the final phase in our districtwide reconfiguration; this would result in a final configuration of K-4, 5-6, 7-9, and 10-12.

Enrollment Growth

According to the enrollment projection summary posted on the Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation (Division) website, student enrollment over the next 10 years will increase from a current enrollment of 5,000 students to 6,177 students by school year 2024-25. While overall this report does reflect student growth, it is showing that the growth has slowed by reducing the overall number of students by 124 in the high year. Benton Public School District does not anticipate any slow-down in their historically high growth patterns and will continue to monitor this projection data as it gets updated. Currently under construction is Longhills Apartments. This complex will contain approximately 750 units and serve as home to a projected 200 students. Future area developments include a new shopping center at exit 114 and also an exit 114 housing addition with approximately 300-400 new homes. The district will continue to monitor future enrollment projection data and will prepare alternate projections for Division use as necessary.

Negative Depreciated Value Buildings

Benton Public Schools does not have any academic facilities which are at or below 0% depreciated value.

Current and Future Projects

The Benton Public School District is committed to the sustainability of our facilities and we plan to address our current and future growth and facility needs as follows:

Relocate Baseball Field (SF# 1617-6302-700): the district will relocate the existing baseball field to make room for the 9th grade expansion.

Districtwide Site Improvements (SF# 1516-6302-701): traffic studies are underway and will be used to develop a plan for improving access, egress, and parking districtwide.

Middle School Addition / Reconfiguration (PP# 1516-6302-004): this is an approved/funded Partnership Project and it includes taking 5th grade students out of the elementary schools and placing them on the middle school campus; creating a 5-7 Intermediate School campus. This reconfiguration / addition at the Middle School campus will free up much needed space at the elementary schools.

JHS Main Building Roof Replacement (PP# 1819-6302-004): the existing shingle roof on the JHS Main Building is near the end of its projected life cycle. The district feels that replacement is necessary and will apply for Partnership funding in the 1719 cycle. The existing shingle roof will be replaced with a metal roofing system.

Caldwell ES Roof Replacement (PP# 1819-6302-006): the existing shingle roof at Caldwell ES is near the end of its projected life cycle. The district feels that replacement is necessary and will apply for Partnership funding in the 1719 cycle. The existing shingle roof will be replaced with a metal roofing system.

Perrin, Caldwell, & Grant ES HVAC Replacement (PP# 1920-6302-005): the HVAC systems on Perring, Caldwell, & Angie Grant Elementary Schools are near the end of their projected life cycles. The district feels that replacement is necessary and will apply for Partnership funding during the 1719 cycle.

9th Grade Expansion (PP# 1718-6302-008): The district plans to move 7th grade from the middle school to the JHS and construct an addition of approximately 45K SF for ninth grade students.

JHS Addition (PP#1819-6302-009): The district plans to move 7th grade students from the middle school to the JHS and construct approximately 11K SF for 7-8 academic use.

New 600 Student Elementary School (PP# 1920-6302-001): It is projected that the elementary schools will soon reach capacity again. The district will submit a Partnership Project application for the construction of this new school.

Cook Field House Conversion (PP# 1819-6302-003): the district plans to convert the existing Cook Field house to provide additional academic and PE/Athletic spaces.

High School CTE Addition (PP# 1920-6302-003): the district plans to create a stand-alone facility for the expansion of career tech programs. Partnership funding will be requested for this new space project.

Benton Public School District is committed to addressing the facility needs within our district, and we are grateful for the continued support of our community, staff, students, and the Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation.

Sincerely,

Jeff Collum
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