

# FACILITY PLANNING UPDATE



August 2019

The District's Strategic Plan that was created in 2017 identified infrastructure as a top priority. Since then, the School Board and Administration have been planning to assess its facilities. Through this effort, it was decided that the Medford Area Senior High School (MASH) should be the primary focus since it was built in 1967 and is the oldest building in the District.

In February 2019, the District hired J.H. Findorff & Son Inc. (construction manager) and Plunkett Raysich Architects LLP to conduct a Facility Assessment which looked at the conditions of MASH and its related facilities, as well as educational limitations within the facility.

In June 2019, the planning partners presented the Facility Assessment findings to the School Board. Although MASH has been very well maintained, many of its major systems (mechanical, electrical, and plumbing) are close to the end of their useful lives. These items are very costly to repair and replace. Other highlights of the report identified:

- 10-year capital maintenance costs totaling \$9,685,500
- Over half of the classrooms, including lab and technical education spaces, are undersized
- Insufficient space for Science, Technology, Engineering, Agriculture/Art and Math (STEAM), collaborative instruction, co-curriculars, and athletics

In July 2019, the Board hired School Perceptions, a survey consultant that is working with the District and its partners on planning fall **Community Information Sessions** and a spring **community-wide survey**.



MASH was originally built in 1967, with additions completed in 1996 and 2017.

## Next Steps

- District Administrators, School Board, and facility planning partners will prioritize needs from the Facility Assessment to develop potential facility solutions
- All District residents are invited to attend fall **Community Information Sessions** to hear an update on facility planning, and to provide feedback on priorities, potential solutions, and next steps
- Watch for regular planning updates in District newsletters, at school events, around town, and on our website, and for the **spring community-wide survey**

## Mark Your Calendars

### Community Information Sessions

**Wednesday, October 16, 2019**

10:00 – 11:30 am

*Medford Area Senior High School*

**Monday, October 21, 2019**

6:00 – 7:30 pm

*Medford Area Senior High School*

**Wednesday, October 23, 2019**

6:30 – 8:00 pm

*Medford Area Senior High School*

## Questions?

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