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### **MIDDLETOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

*School Building Committee report on issues and deficiencies that need to be addressed if the bond does not pass.*

## **Gaudet Middle:**

### **Identified by MPS Facilities Management**

- **Chiller** – This is due to die at any time. We are currently coddling it to try to get some extended life out of it, but if we are going to keep using the building, it will need to be replaced ASAP.
- **Roof** – There are numerous leaks that could be prevented with a completely new roof. The current roof has newer sections, patched areas, and areas that need replacement.
- **Dehumidifier** – There is a critical need for the first floor to have a proper dehumidifier system to reduce moisture.
- **Asbestos Tile** – There is a moderate amount of asbestos tiles and piping left in the school. It would be important to remove it so that the school would be asbestos free.
- **Concrete Work** – There is extensive concrete and sidewalk repair work that needs to be done.

### **Identified by Design Consultants**

- Replace corridor mech equipment, rooftop exhaust fans, unit ventilators, and chilled water loop piping
- Replace all fluorescent light fixtures
- Smoke seal existing corridor walls

- Add fire suppression system
- Replace stair guardrails and handrails

## **High School:**

### **Identified by MPS Facilities Management**

- **Lifts** – These must be replaced. We are unable to source parts and keep band-aiding the repairs.
- **HVAC** – There is still 30% or so of the school without air conditioning.
- **Sidewalks** – There is substantial damage to the hardscape that needs to be replaced. It is a major tripping hazard.
- **Electrical** – More outlets are needed school-wide. The existing panels need to be replaced and upgraded to handle increased power demand.
- **Exterior** – The front entrance of the building needs a makeover to broaden its appeal and make the building look less stale.

### **Identified by Design Consultants**

- Replace original curtainwall system
- Replace old roof at cafeteria, gym entry, library, science wing, and mech room
- Replace exterior column enclosures at gym and cafeteria
- Replace interior room signage
- Renovate nurse's suite
- Modify classroom doors for ADA compliance
- Renovate toilet rooms
- Renovate locker rooms
- Replace stair guardrails and handrails
- Add fire suppression system

- Replace heating system
- Repave and re-stripe parking lots
- Replace main switchgear

## **Forest Ave:**

### **Identified by MPS Facilities Management**

- **Roof** – The current roof has some new sections, but needs to be completed.
- **Windows** – New windows all around the building to increase building efficiency and reduce leaks.
- **Pave Road** – The access road to the back of the building needs to be paved for grounds equipment and fire access. It is currently a dirt road and there are issues with mud.
- **Playground** – The playground has old equipment and needs to have the ground surface replaced.
- **Electrical** - More outlets are needed school-wide. The existing panels need to be replaced and upgraded to handle increased power demand.

### **Identified by Design Consultants**

- Add handrails to exterior gym egress stair
- Replace flooring and Kalwall system in gym
- Replace stair guardrails and handrails
- Replace limited use limited application elevator (LULA)
- Add fire suppression system
- Replace unit ventilators and add A/C
- Drainage improvements at playground and create an accessible route from the building.

## **Aquidneck:**

### **Identified by MPS Facilities Management**

- **Gym roof** – Needs replacement.
- **Windows** -New windows all around the building to increase building efficiency and reduce leaks.
- **Sidewalks** -There is extensive concrete and sidewalk repair work that needs to be done.
- **Electrical** - More outlets are needed school-wide. The existing panels need to be replaced and upgraded to handle increased power demand.

### **Identified by Design Consultants**

- Repoint masonry on original 1954 section of building
- Replace concrete site stairs
- Repair retaining wall at cafeteria
- Provide an accessible route from the building to the playgrounds
- Abate VAT flooring and replace w/new resilient flooring
- Replace stair guardrails and handrails
- Add fire suppression system
- Replace unit ventilators
- Replace air handlers in gym