

Dear NCHS Families:

The findings and recommendations of the District 203 Facilities Task Force, as presented during this fall's Touch the Future community engagement initiative, have now evolved to Decision for the Future, thanks to a unanimous decision by the Board of Education to place a facilities referendum question on the ballot. Our community has a very important decision to make on February 5, 2008, regarding the quality of facilities they deem necessary in order to support 21st century educational opportunities for our students. The Board has approved a plan that will cost a total of \$114.9 million. Most of the funding (almost 2/3 of the total) has been earmarked in a Site & Construction Fund within the District budget, with only \$43 million (just over 1/3) being requested through a community referendum. A full description of the proposed renovations and costs can be found at: <http://www.naperville203.org/about/decisionforfuture.asp>

We are very excited about a prospective and extensive renovation of Naperville Central High School. Although it was very interesting to explore the aspects of a new building, we realize the cost of the \$140 million solution was very significant to this community, as was the attempt to partner with and meet the needs of the other governmental agencies surrounding NCHS.

The \$87.7 million plan for renovation calls for the following comprehensive improvements:

- The five major academic subjects will be housed in a new three-story wing, with new classrooms added and the others remodeled. This design, along with expanded hallways, will also improve the efficiency of movement for our students, so they will no longer have to walk back and forth to opposite ends of the building numerous times per day.
- Classrooms will be expanded to approximately 900 square feet (currently many classrooms are 620 square feet or less).
- New, modernized science classrooms will provide adequate work space, resources, and safe entry and exit for students and staff.
- A new two-story cafeteria, complete with atrium and space for students to gather in study groups, will comfortably serve approximately 2800 or so daily. After school, the high-ceiling space can be used by such groups as our Flag Team for practice.
- A new Field House floor will be provided and concerns regarding problems with its roof addressed. New PE teaching stations will also be included in this area. The high ropes course, used in our leadership classes, will be preserved and relocated to another area.
- Our award-winning Adaptive Physical Education classes will now have their own dedicated space.
- Expansion of special education space for a growing population, now that state mandates provide for multi-needs students – those who need individual personal care – to stay on campus until one day before their 22nd birthday.
- With loss of practice fields, currently being leased from the cemetery until 2009, plans call for synthetic turf to be installed on the football field to allow the marching band, soccer teams, physical education classes - and also the football team - to practice on the field daily without worry of damaging the area in times of inclement weather.
- Heating, cooling, and power systems will be widely renovated, with any older than 15 years being replaced.
- Approximately 75% of the building will be “touched” during renovation. The areas that will remain “untouched” are the pool and auditorium (both built in 1992), and the basement.

This comprehensive renovation will take care of NCHS for the next 45 years. Other district-wide facilities upgrades that are part of this phase of the Master Facilities Plan include the following:

- An addition to and renovation of Mill Street Elementary, our most overcrowded elementary
Cost- \$7 million
- Construction of an Early Childhood Center, to serve the needs of this growing program, which is state and federally mandated, most likely on the Huntington Estates property owned by the District
Cost-\$11 million
- Modifications to Naperville North High School's pool, pool locker room area, outside traffic patterns and addition of synthetic turf in stadium, to provide increased access for physical education and band activities, as well as increased athletic demands
Cost - \$5.2
- Security modifications at Prairie and Ranch View Elementary Schools, as well as Washington Junior High School. (Each of these schools lacks line-of-sight from the front door to the office.)
Cost - \$.7 million

I strongly recommend that you become familiar with the entire District 203 project by accessing the information contained at <http://www.naperville203.org/about/decisionforfuture.asp> and casting your vote on February 5, 2008.

Jim Caudill, Principal
Naperville Central High School

To help you make an informed Decision for the Future on February 5, you are invited to attend Open Houses at the locations below and take a tour of Naperville Central High School. You may come to any event that fits your schedule; no advance signup is necessary.

Open Houses

Saturday, January 19, 2008.....9 AM-12 PM.....Early Childhood Center,
Elmwood Elementary School
Saturday, January 19, 2008.....9 AM-12 PM.....Mill Street Elementary School
Saturday, January 19, 2008.....9 AM-12 PM.....Naperville Central High School
Saturday, January 19, 2008.....8-9 AM.....Naperville North High School

Tours of Naperville Central High School

Tuesday, January 8, 2008.....8:30-10 AM
Friday, January 18, 20081-2:30 PM
Saturday, January 19, 2008.....9-10:30 AM
Saturday, January 19, 200811 AM-12:30 PM
Tuesday, January 22, 2008.....8:30-10 AM
Thursday, January 24, 2008.....7-8:30 PM
Friday, January 25, 2008.....1-2:30 PM