

Minor Renovation

A Fiscally Responsible Option

Purpose of this Discussion Item

- Provide transparency to our community
- Present renovation as a viable option for the board and community to consider
- Provide a comparison of funding options

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A Sensible Approach

- Immediate improvement for kids
- Affordable
- Reduces financial risks to the district
- Provides greater flexibility for future boards
- Good investment

Comparison of Funding Options

Unrestricted	Restricted
<ul style="list-style-type: none">☐ Restores \$600,000 per year back to the general fund to be used for instructional programs, salaries, and general operational expenses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">☐ Restricts money typically used for operational expenses and moves it to the building fund for loan payments.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">☐ Restores \$288,000 (80%) per year back to the capital outlay fund to be used for small projects on all WCPS facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">☐ Creates a hardship for the district by leaving only \$70,000 to cover small facility projects for the entire district.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">☐ Places the board in a much better financial position. Unrestricting funds will restore the nearly one-million dollars lost last year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">☐ Places the district in a tough financial position as it is probable a loss will be taken again this year based on current expenses.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">☐ Allows tax rates to be determined on a year-by-year basis according to need.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">☐ Forces tax increases to maintain current programming.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">☐ Provides adequate funding for a minor renovation to our existing high school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">☐ Provides funding for a phased high school.

Minor Renovation Upgrades

Specifically, I am asking the board to have our architect, Kevin Locke, work with Amy Smith to do a thorough study of a minor renovation and report the following to the board.

- ❑ Specific upgrades
- ❑ Cost analysis of each upgrade
- ❑ Beginning and ending timeline

Moving Forward

It has become very clear, additional tax revenue is needed to build a new school. A little more than a year ago, our community voted “no” to a tax that would generate funding for a new building. At the present time, I do not believe our community is supportive of the board moving forward with a plan that

1. **jeopardizes the current level of educational programming for our students.**
2. **forces a property tax increase on our community each year for the foreseeable future.**

Conclusion

One thing I learned from the nickel tax referendum was the importance of transparency and community involvement. Neither has been a part of the current process. For these reasons, I continue to advocate for a community forum.

As a board, we represent the people. It's unfair for us to obligate tax payers without their input. Many people in my district have asked that the board legitimately consider a renovation. Tonight, I'm making this request on their behalf.