

I heard that the OSFC does not co-fund for athletic facilities. Does this mean we have to pay 100% for the new gymnasium?

The Ohio School Facilities Commission does not co-fund in "Athletic Facilities" meaning stadiums, fieldhouses and such. There is no stadium as part of this project.

The gymnasium IS co-funded up to 9,300 s.f.

Currently, our existing gymnasium is 9,479 s.f. Many times in the past, we have had people standing during events or even turned away because our existing gymnasium was too small and did not have adequate seating capacity for spectators, nor does the existing layout allow for proper circulation patterns in the gym.

The proposed new gymnasium is expected to be designed around 10,319 s.f. which will meet our specific space needs. The OSFC will pay 63% of the cost to build 9,300 s.f. of the gym. The school district will be required to pay 100% for the extra 1,019 s.f. which equals about \$255,000.

We were told the enrollment projections are expected to decline. Why are we building a bigger building if the enrollments are declining?

The new middle/high school is actually going to be smaller than our current middle/high school building by over 10,000 square feet. Being a small K-12 school district has resulted in the economies of scale factor working against us in the programming models utilized by the State. This warranted an additional 12,770 square feet to be included in the project which is above the co-funded square foot amount. By doing this, it also prepares us for future potential growth that often occurs when new schools are constructed within a community, as well as a safeguard should the projections not decline at the predicted rate.

Why not just renovate the existing building?

The state evaluated the overall Bristol K-12 facility and determined that it would cost approximately \$13 million to update/renovate the school to current building code and OSFC Design Manual guidelines. Even with the renovations, we would still be left with the current layout and design which features inefficient circulation patterns, non-flexible classrooms that don't meet today's program needs, and will not meet ADA compliance to name a few. Additionally, we would have a building that is too large for our current and projected enrollments which we would have to maintain, heat, cool, provide maintenance, etc. The new building will be more appropriately sized with energy efficient systems that will reduce our maintenance and operational costs, feature appropriately sized corridors and flexible classrooms to meet 21st century teaching and learning needs.

I cannot afford this project. We should just leave things the way they are.

It is the responsibility of the BOE to provide safe and adequate facilities for school to take place. If we do not address our new building needs, we will be required to concentrate on our most urgent repairs without State co-funding, which will cost millions. We will spend more money operating a building which is inefficient and too large. We will be assuring another generation of students will attend school in an old building. By doing nothing, we are putting our students at a significant disadvantage compared to other school systems in the surrounding communities which have already replaced or updated their facilities with safe, modern schools that promote educational excellence. While many of us are still recovering from the recession, consider the cost to a homeowner with a house appraised at \$100,000 is approximately \$16.47 a month. This is less than two movie tickets or a monthly cell phone text plan.