

Focus Group Update

Alexandria Community School Corporation

Preliminary Determination Hearing #1

Dec. 18, 2017

Focus Group Statistics

- 7 Community Meetings
 - 5 at Alexandria Monroe High School
 - 2 at local churches

Connected with approximately 100 people attending

- 5 Staff Meeting
 - High School
 - Intermediate School
 - Elementary School
 - Bus Drivers and Maintenance
 - Central Office Staff

Our Promise

- We are here to share information and to listen.
- We will publish your feedback on our website:

[http://alexandriacsc.alex.k12.in.us/our_district/
focus_group_information](http://alexandriacsc.alex.k12.in.us/our_district/focus_group_information)

******Please write your questions, comments, or concerns on post it notes as we progress through the meeting. We will collect and create an FAQ to post on the website.

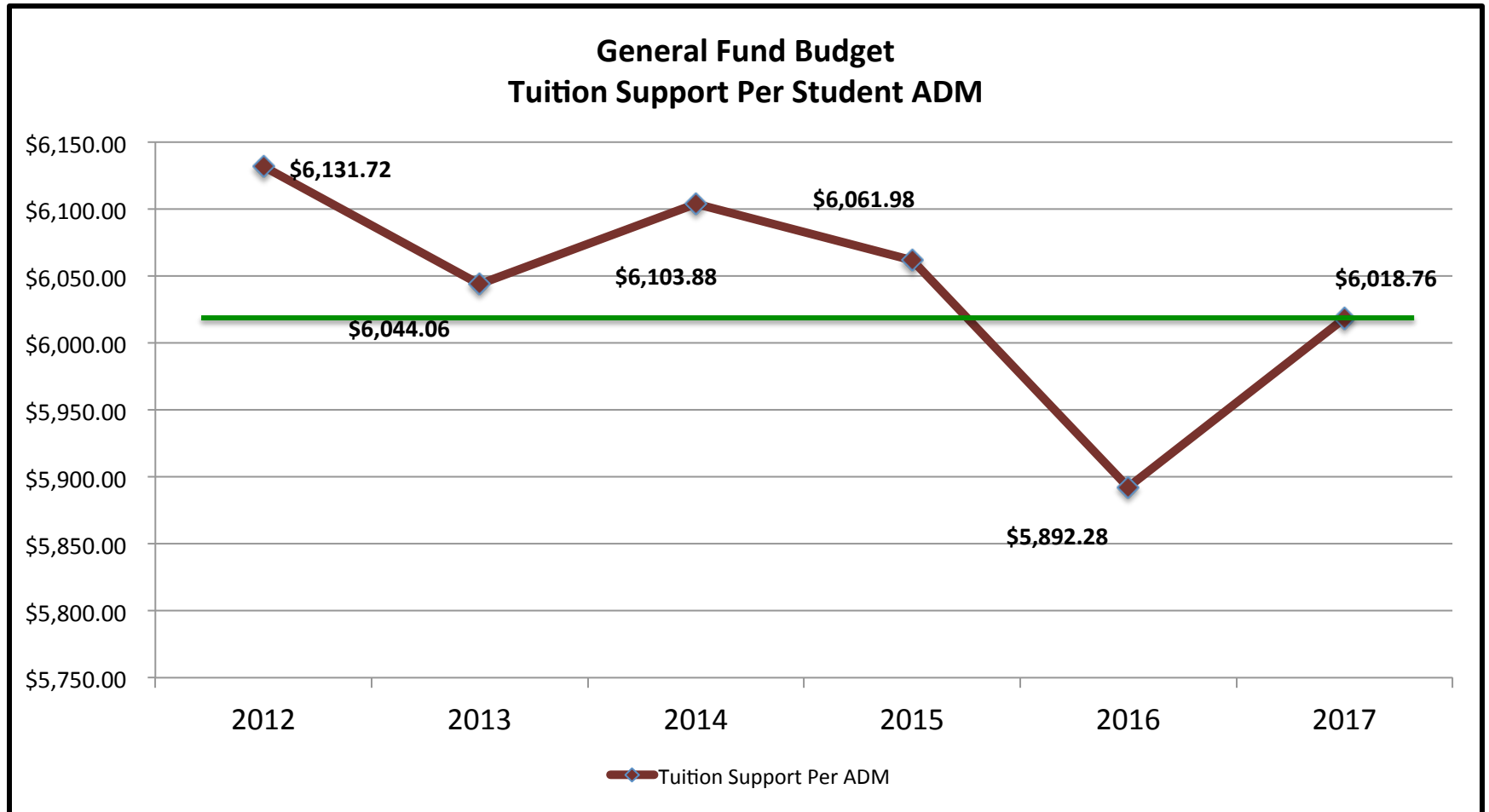
Alexandria Community Schools Concerns

- Academic programming does not support the needs of all students, especially those students wanting to pursue a trade.
- Alexandria Community School Corporation has overspent the General Fund by several hundred thousand dollars almost every year for at least the past five years.
- Our facilities, while structurally sound, have several issues (mechanical, safety, structural, and academic) that need to be addressed costing approximately 8 million dollars.

A Little History

- 2009 the State of Indiana significantly reduced funding to all schools due to Great Recession
 - Changed how the General Fund was funded.
 - General Fund now comes from state sales tax
- Tax Cap Loss: ACSC has lost over 1 million dollars since 2009
- 2013-14 State switched to two ADM counts, significantly impacting general fund revenue

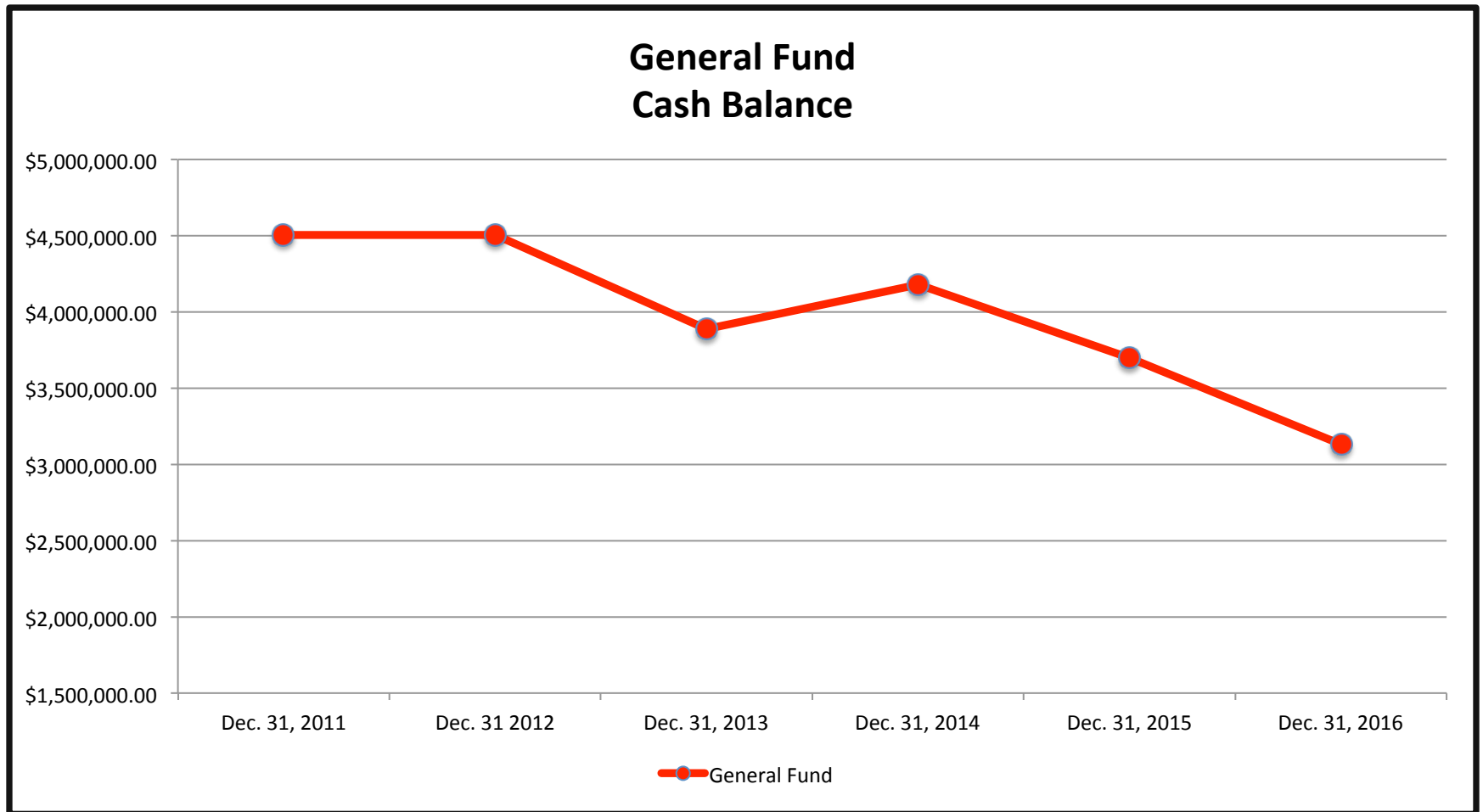
General Fund Tuition Support Per Student



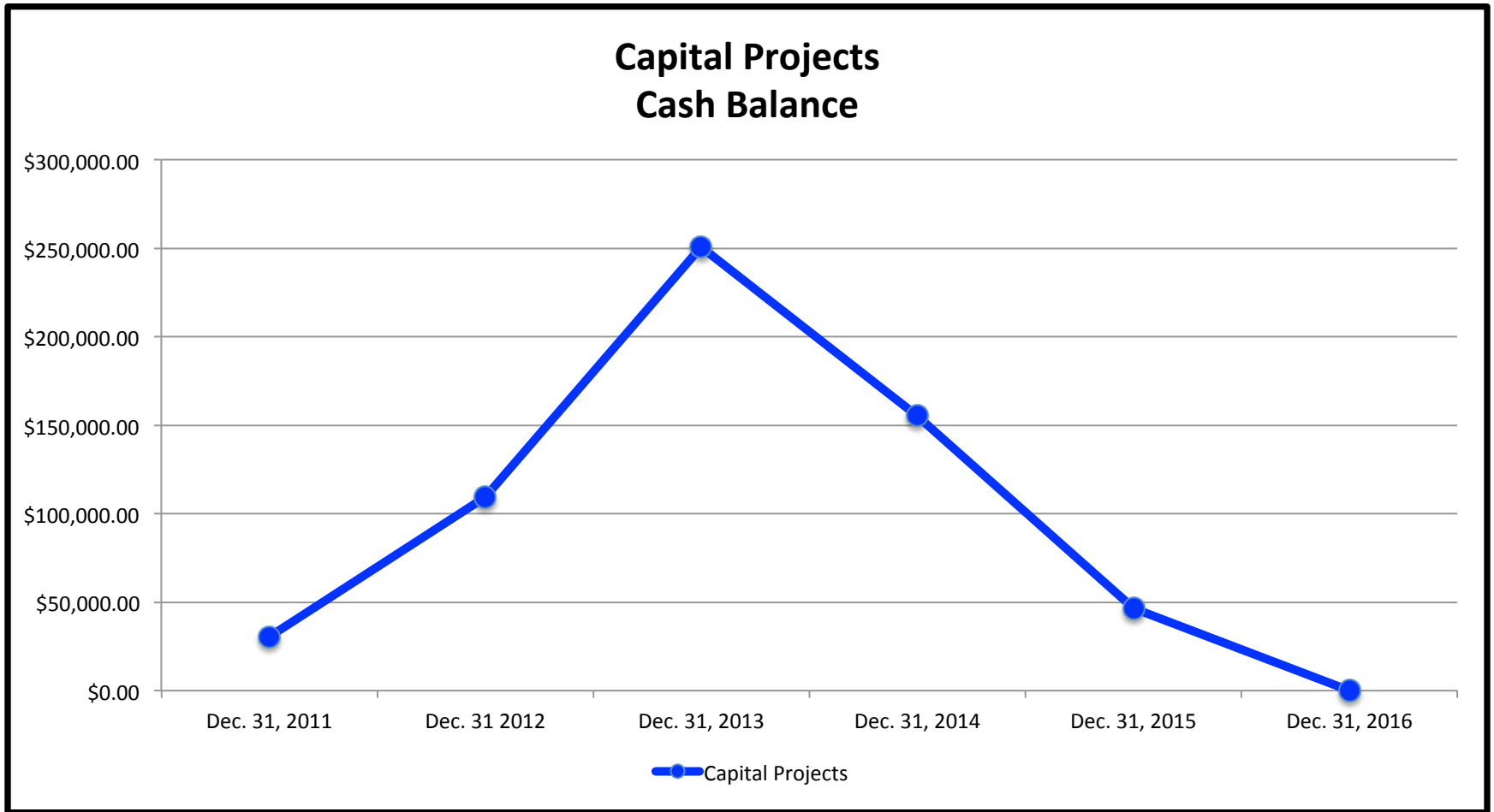
Enrollment and Demographic Shifts

	2005-06	2006-07		2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Enrollment	1658	1629		1582	1498	1561	1508
Free/ Reduced Percent	38.5%	39.3%		53.2%	49.1%	51.1%	51%
Special Education	11.2%	12.4%		13.8%	15.5%	16.7%	*Dec. 1

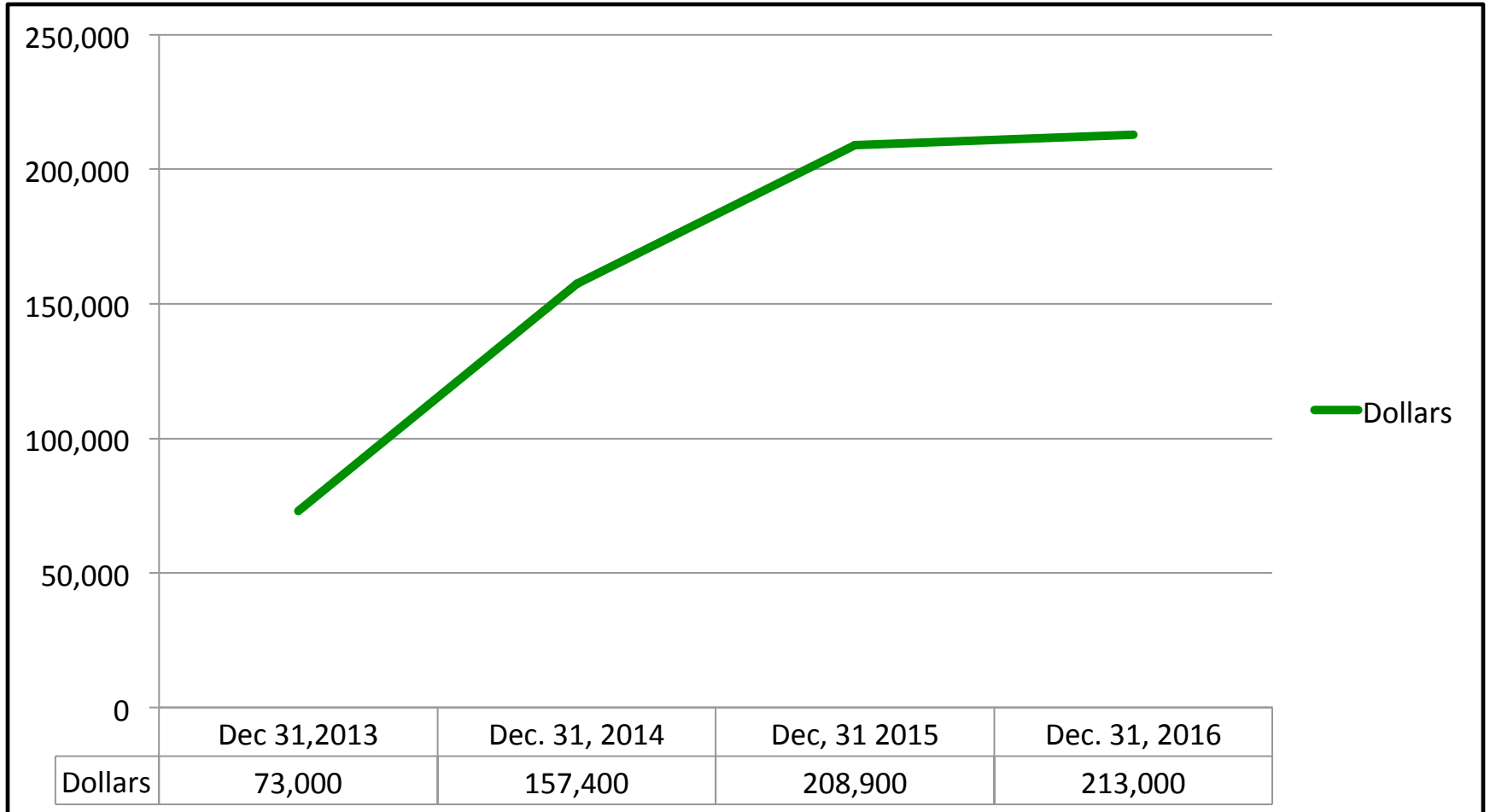
General Fund Cash Balance Trend



Capital Project Cash Balance



General Fund Dollars that Support Capital Project Funds



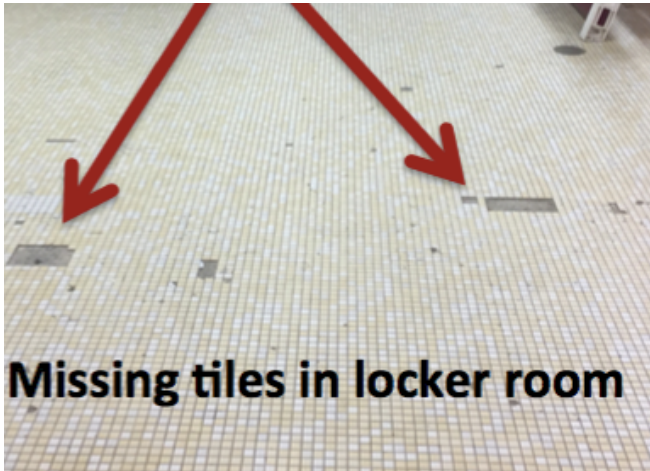
Demographic Study Results

- Total district enrollment is forecasted to decrease by 47 students, or -3.0%, between 2016-17 and 2021-22.
- Total enrollment will decline by 39 students, or -2.6%, from 2021-22 to 2026-27.

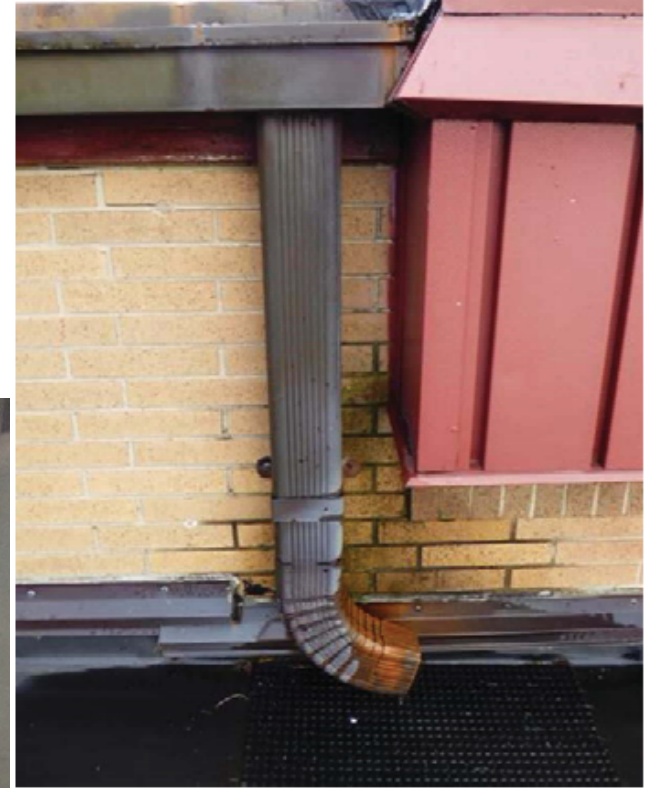
Facility Audit Results... What We Learned...

- Our buildings, while structurally sound have significant repairs that need to be addressed soon.
- The high school and intermediate school are inefficient – Energy Star Rating of 43 (75 is target for efficiency)
- Recommended Repairs from the facility audit would cost approximately 8 million dollars

Facility Concerns



Standing water on the floor where
main electrical transformer is
located

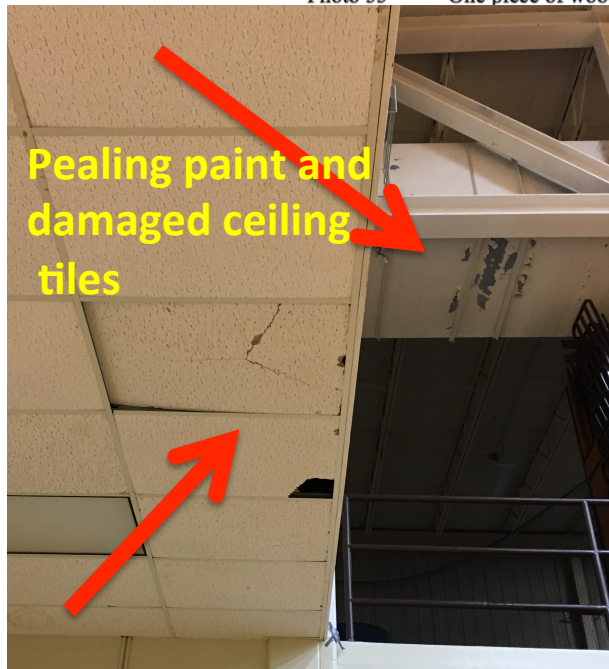


Facility Concerns Continued

A board is falling out from behind the siding.



Photo 55 One piece of wood trim was loose...



Peeling paint and damaged ceiling tiles



Photo 20 Peeling paint has left the metal exposed allowing it to corrode.

Option 1: Do Nothing New

Pro

- No tax increase

Con

- General Fund expenditures continues to exceed revenue resulting in deficit spending.
- Staff reductions necessary to address General Fund shortfall
- Buildings continue to erode
- Programming reductions due to lack of funds and personnel

Option 2: Fix Current Buildings

Pros

- Current facilities issues are addressed and fixed.

Cons

- Old buildings continue to be maintained and are still inefficient
- No curriculum program expansion
- Staff reductions necessary to address General Fund shortfall
- Tax increase

Option 3: Add K-2 Wing to Intermediate & Do Some High School / Intermediate School Renovation

Pro

- Addresses General Fund and Capital Project Fund expenditure issues
- Allows for curriculum expansion at the high school – Project Lead the Way (STEM) / Ag
- Allows for curriculum coherence at elementary and intermediate school
- Title I services can be expanded to at least 3rd grade
- Update facilities and improve safety
- Gain efficiencies in transportation, energy, and maintenance

Con

- Find new use for Alexandria Elementary School (Marie Thurston)
- Reduce staff (*however, most can be done through attrition*)
- Tax increase to tax payers to pay for \$19 million dollar project
- Continue to maintain the intermediate building which is inefficient

Option 4: Build a New Pre K-6 Elementary School

Pro

- Addresses General Fund and Capital Project Fund expenditure issues
- Allows for curriculum coherence at elementary and intermediate school
- Possible high school program expansion where space allows
- Title I services can be expanded to at least 3rd grade
- Update K-6 facilities and improve safety
- Gain efficiencies in transportation, energy, and maintenance

Con

- Find new use for Alexandria Elementary School Marie Thurston
- Reduce staff (*however, most can be done through attrition*)
- Tax increase to tax payers to pay for \$25 million dollar project
- High School renovation and maintenance issues remain

Option 5 – Add K-2 Wing to Intermediate, Do Some High School / Intermediate School Renovation & Add an Auxiliary Gym

Based on Focus Group Feedback

- Addresses General Fund and Capital Project Fund expenditure issues
- Allows for curriculum coherence at elementary and intermediate school
- High school program expansion
- Title I services can be expanded to at least 3rd grade
- Some updates to facilities and improve safety
- Updated professional development and gym spaces
- Gain efficiencies in transportation, energy, and maintenance
- Find new use for Alexandria Elementary School (Marie Thurston)
- Reduce staff (*however, most can be done through attrition*)
- Tax increase to tax payers to pay for \$19 million dollar project
- Limit the number of renovations to the current facilities
- Continue to maintain the intermediate building which is inefficient