

# Strongsville City Schools



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A Report from **Board Facilities Development Committee**

# *Vision 2050 Report*

## **Board Facilities Development Committee**

A committee of the Board of Education comprised of residents and taxpayers of the City who bring strategic and professional expertise and have an interest in maintaining the excellence of the Strongsville City Schools for future generations of students.

### **Committee members:**

- Manjit Khuban, chair
- William Burdick
- Jim Carbone
- Ken Evans
- David Harbart
- Brian Jungeberg
- Tom Laub
- Kristen Mayell
- Joe Mossbarger
- Laurie Switzer

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BFDC charged to analyze and report:

- Develop 30-year district plan
- Recognize long-term needs
- Evaluate options to reach goals
  - Student academic, art and athletics
  - Community purposes and use
  - Integration with City recreation
  - Propose methods to reach objectives

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## ➤ Current District status

- 2016 Renovated High School
- 2016 New Middle School
- 2016 Board Offices to Zellers
- 2014 Renovated Pre-School
- 2010 Closed Allen Elementary
- 2015 Closed Zellers Elementary
- 2016 Close Drake Elementary
- 5 Elementary buildings in service

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## ➤ 2012 Bond Issue

- \$81 million approved by voters
- Strongsville High School renovation
- New Strongsville Middle School
- Pre-School renovation
- Transportation center renovation
- Critical Elementary repairs
- Update technology across the District

## ➤ Deliver on the Promise to Voters

- All projects on budget and on time

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## **District Enrollment Predictions**

- Aging community
- Enrollment dropping
- DeJong study last done in 2009
- At some point expect turnover
- Experience in other communities
- Keep Zellers as relief outlet

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## **Important Considerations**

- ✓ Neighborhood Schools
- ✓ Geographic size of the City
- ✓ Transportation challenges
- ✓ Available sites to build
- ✓ Prepare for population changes
- ✓ Community use after hours
- ✓ Good schools = high home values

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## **Our 12-Month Review Process:**

- Evaluated current facilities
- Analyzed statistical evidence
- Estimated mechanical restorations
- Assessed functional deficiencies
- Reviewed facility options
- Examined other school districts
- Consulted with City leaders

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## **Our Strategic Expectations**

- ❖ Cannot change the past
- ❖ Plan must be adaptable
- ❖ Community must be flexible
- ❖ Expect adjustments over time
- ❖ Accountable to voters
- ❖ BFDC to review annually and update
- ❖ Communication critical at every step

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## Our Conclusion

*This is a conceptual framework recommended by the BFDC for consideration by the Board*

- ❑ One high school (renovated)
- ❑ One middle school (new)
- ❑ One preschool (renovated)
- ❑ Five elementary buildings
  - one in each quadrant and town centerallows controlled building distribution for a growing and shifting student population

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## **Sound Familiar?**

*This mirrors the conclusion reached by the Bond Issue planning committee in 2012 when they proposed the high school renovation and new middle school as phase one of a plan for the future of our community.*

This is the same kind of planning that pioneers and visionaries set for our community in the early 60's when Strongsville was bursting with growth. Now we must prepare for the next generations of families and ensure that our schools help maintain our values.

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## **Current Elementary Buildings:**

- Muraski built 1956 (addition 2005)
- Whitney built 1962
- Surrarrer built 1965
- Chapman built 1971
- Kinsner built 1998
- *Zellers built 1966 (now BOE)*

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## **Elementary building challenges**

- Heating & Cooling systems
- Roof (sections & entire roof)
- Electrical systems
- Sidewalks & parking lots
- Windows & doors
- Lighting & finishes (ceilings & flooring)
- Restrooms & plumbing
- Security

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## Elementary Building Options

- **Repair/Renovate Existing Buildings**
  - Buildings now average 50+ years old
  - Functional deficiencies will not improve
  - Cost to attain state standard similar to new
  - Bond Issue would be necessary to fund
  
- **Repair/Renovate/Replace Buildings**
  - Functional buildings that meet future needs
  - Improved safety and technology
  - Best return for investment
  - Bond Issue would be necessary to fund

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## Elementary building solutions

- **Kinsner (built 1998)**
  - Retain & renovate in SW quadrant
  - Replace some systems and building components
  
- **Muraski (built 1956, addition 2005)**
  - Retain & renovate in town center
  - Replace original classroom section

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## Replace 3 Elementary Buildings

- Chapman in SE quadrant
- Surrarrer in NW quadrant
- Whitney in NE quadrant

Repairs to these 3 buildings to bring them up to current state standards were estimated to cost millions and would not be the best long-term investment.

*Doing all three at the same time as carbon copies would result in cost savings, efficiencies and synergies that benefit Strongsville taxpayers.*

# Proposed Vision 2050 Locations (subject to change)

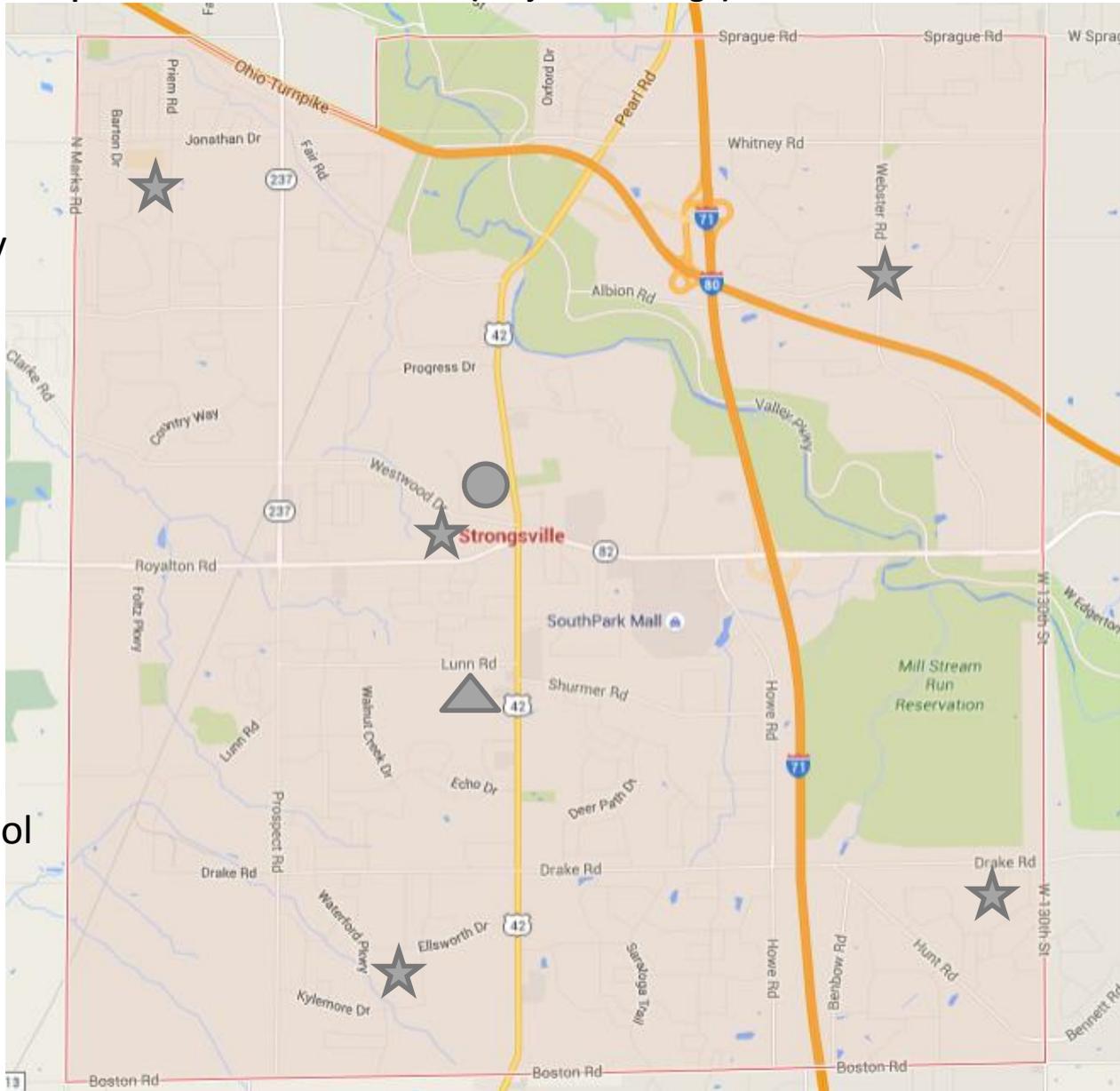
Elementary  
Schools



Middle  
School



High School



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## Next Steps

- ❑ Critical repairs to current elementary buildings
  - Maintain warm, dry and safe
  - Update DeJong population projections
- ❑ Bond Issue for buildings
  - Allows District to recoup matching bond funds
  - Build 3 new elementary buildings
  - Replace Muraski classroom section
  - Renovate Kinsner systems as necessary
- ❑ Determine new building locations
- ❑ Develop and design new buildings
- ❑ New building construction and renovation

*(No timetable is yet set and projections are subject to change)*

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## **Additional Considerations by BFDC**

- This is an aggressive plan
- Voters are asked to step up
- BFDC accountability is a must
- This is a plan for our future that has no surprises and no excuses
- Our entire community benefits
- Full disclosure of long-range plans

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## Cost to maintain our buildings

- ❖ Permanent Improvement funds are inadequate as now funded
- ❖ \$800,000/year must be increased
- ❖ Recommendation is additional small permanent improvement levy be considered for continuing building maintenance, bus replacement and technology replacement

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## **What does this do for Strongsville?**

- This gives us a roadmap for 30 years
- District administration is committed
- Classrooms will enhance education
- Plan will maintain home values
- Enrich the partnership with residents
- Optimal neighborhood schools
- Meets evolving education needs

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## **This is a Starting Point**

*Members of BFDC are committed to an open and honest process of following the recommendation and recognize the responsibility that comes with this commitment. As residents and taxpayers whose families have personally benefitted from the outstanding education provided by our schools, we understand how important this plan is to the future of our City and future generations.*

Residents of Strongsville should expect nothing less than the best planning, execution and results and ensure that every tax dollar is spent wisely, efficiently and effectively to maximize the value of their investment. This concept plan will change regularly as improvements are formulated.

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