



PLAN DETAILS

SOME OF OUR FACILITIES ARE UNSAFE OR NOT CODE-COMPLIANT.

Our parking lot is too small and the layout is unsafe.

- The new parking lot configuration will reduce traffic congestion, improve safety for children, parents, and buses, as well as provide additional parking spaces.

The kitchen was originally built in 1963, when Healy was a junior high school.

- Current serving lines do not meet state code.
- Requirements include at least one separate alternative meal line as well as an additional salad and fruit bar. Existing space does not accommodate these requirements safely and efficiently.

WE'VE RUN OUT OF SPACE.

Our band room, elementary gym and cafeteria are too small to accommodate our students, and we don't have enough elementary classrooms.

Classroom space challenges:

- A teacher for gifted and talented students uses a storage room in the media center.
- An Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) teacher uses a small conference room.
- A sixth-grade class uses a small modular building off the north end of Pioneer.
- Two Title 1 teachers share a classroom.
- Two preschool teachers are using two modular classrooms not attached to Pioneer. Each time these students come into the building for lunch, library, and physical education they must put on and take off winter clothing, which results in lost instructional time.
- There is no science room with equipment for authentic hands-on science experiences to meet current curriculum standards.

Elementary physical education space challenges (physical education is a critical part of the healthy growth of all children):

- With 675 children in eight grades (Pre K-6), it is necessary to have two dedicated spaces to accommodate two classes at one time.
- Preschool children cannot use the gym because it is filled with children the entire day. The custodial staff prepares the cafeteria as a small activity space daily.

Band room space challenges (affecting students from grade five through high school, including Holy Trinity students):

- Currently 242 students are involved in band. The band room, which was built in 1963 for junior high students, does not meet state code for the number of students or noise level.
- The band room has no storage for instruments, resulting in lost instructional time.

HOW DOES THE PLAN MEET OUR EDUCATIONAL NEEDS?

The plan provides for the best instructional model, because:

- The four preschool classrooms are grouped and brought inside.
- Fifth and sixth grades will be grouped with a science lab to meet current science education standards.
- All classes will be grouped by grade level to facilitate optimal learning and collaboration.
- The proposed plan for the building addition will connect Pioneer Elementary to Healy High School so students don't have to go outside, improving safety and efficiency.