



Avon Lake

City Schools

Community Meeting

November 10, 2022



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**Avon Lake City
Schools
Community Forum**

November 10, 2022

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On-Demand
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Tonight's Agenda



Journey Leading up to Today

Ohio Facilities Construction Commission Study

The Facilities Committee and Board

Decisions Made to Date


Project Steps and Timeline

Background on Bond Issues

Community Visioning Session - Fanning Howey



Journey Leading up to Today

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- 1. Commissioned an Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) Study**
 - 2. Formed Facilities Committee**
 - 3. Board Request for Proposal and Selection of an Architectural Firm**
 - 4. Commissioned an Enrollment Projection Study**
 - 5. Site Visits at New Ohio Schools**
 - 6. Teacher/Staff Visioning Sessions**
 - 7. Community Visioning – TONIGHT**



OFCC Study Findings and Facts about the Schools

OFCC Findings Summary

Price tag to bring our current aging buildings up to standard would be exorbitant.

Renovations would be 2/3 of the cost of constructing new buildings.

Facts about the Avon Lake Schools

- Buildings were built from 50's – early 70's
- Advances in educational instruction methodologies, curriculum demands based on in demand careers and technology have outpaced our infrastructure
- Population growth and traffic have created safety issues or overcrowding around schools and in neighborhoods
- Current structure of K-8 facilities is inefficient and leads to higher operating costs
- Harder to maintain the buildings and some of the upgrades to older buildings would be cost prohibitive (ex. air conditioning)



Facilities Committee & Board



Committee Members: Parents, Staff, Administrators, and 2 School Board Members.



Reviewed and assessed findings of the OFCC study and discussed options for the future.



Expressed a need to bring professional experts into the conversation. The first being an architect.



The Board oversaw the architect contracting RFP and selected Fanning Howey to provide pre-bond service work.



Enrollment projection commissioned through FutureThink; Fall '22 - study has forward looking view to how many families and students the school district will be serving in the future.

Decisions Made to Date

Facilities Committee studied over 10 possible building configuration options and grade level options and leveraged Fanning Howey's expertise and history with other school districts



BUILD NEW

Two to Three

Pre K-5 neighborhood
elementary schools



BUILD NEW

One

6 – 7 – 8 middle school



Renovation

Major improvements

High School

**Details such as location, size, contractor, cost, etc...
not yet determined for new builds**



Provide
Information &
Education



Start to Shape
the Vision



Center Ourselves
on Educational
“Best Days”



**Expectations
for Tonight**



Project Timeline 2022 – June/July 2023



November '22

Community Forum #1

Education and engagement
Share insights from staff visioning sessions
Start visioning work

February '23

Community Forum #2

Options for sites
Number of PK-5 schools
Conceptual images
Potential costs

Spring '23

Review of Proposals

Board of Education collection of feedback on options
Recommendation development and proposed plan

May '23

Community Forum #3

Sharing of final recommendation for facilities plan

June/July '23

BOE Bond Issue Action

BOE action to put bond issue on ballot
Prepare for Bond Issue Campaign



Project Timeline July/August 2023 – 2026

November

**'23
Get Out the Vote**

Bond issue on the
ballot



2024

Design Phase

Blueprints

Equipment

Finishes

Fixtures

Technology

Furniture

2025 - 2026

**Construction
Phase**

**Curriculum
Refinement &
Design Phase**



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Welcome to Avon Lake

August 23, 2022 was the 100th first of its kind plaque outside my office reads 1923 kindergarten to 12th grade school building

Avon Lake City Schools Foundation

Avon Lake Public Library

City of Avon Lake

District PTA

Future Planning for Facilities

Military Wall of Honor

Future Planning for Facilities



[A community forum to discuss the proposed facilities project will be held on Thursday, November 10, at 6:30 PM in the Commons at Avon Lake High School.](#)

[October, 2022](#)

A group of Avon Lake teachers, administrators and parents accompanied representatives from Fanning Howey

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Background on Bond Issues

- A bond issue is a way school districts fund future capital needs such as new construction and capital improvements
- A bond issue **can** only be used for construction purposes (site acquisition, new buildings, renovation, etc.)
- A bond issue **cannot** be used for general operating expenditures such as salaries, utilities, etc.



Avon Lake School District Current Outstanding Bonds

Amount	Date Bond Issue Passed
\$41,800,000	May 1999
\$13,000,000	November 2009
\$5,500,000	November 2009



Unique Opportunity, but Timing is Key

- Important to determine financial options available sooner than later given design and construction takes several years to complete
- One financing option available is associated with the \$41.8M bond issue that was passed in 1999
- Prior to its expiration, the voters could approve the County Auditor to continue collections at the millage associated with the 1999 issue – this would help offset approximately \$50M in new construction costs
- **Timing is Key:** To take advantage of this opportunity, the new bond issue must pass prior to the expiration of the original bond issue



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Introductions

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Rodney Wiford
AIA, REFP
*Project Executive /
Project Manager*



STEVE

Steve Wilczynski
*Planner/
Community Engagement*



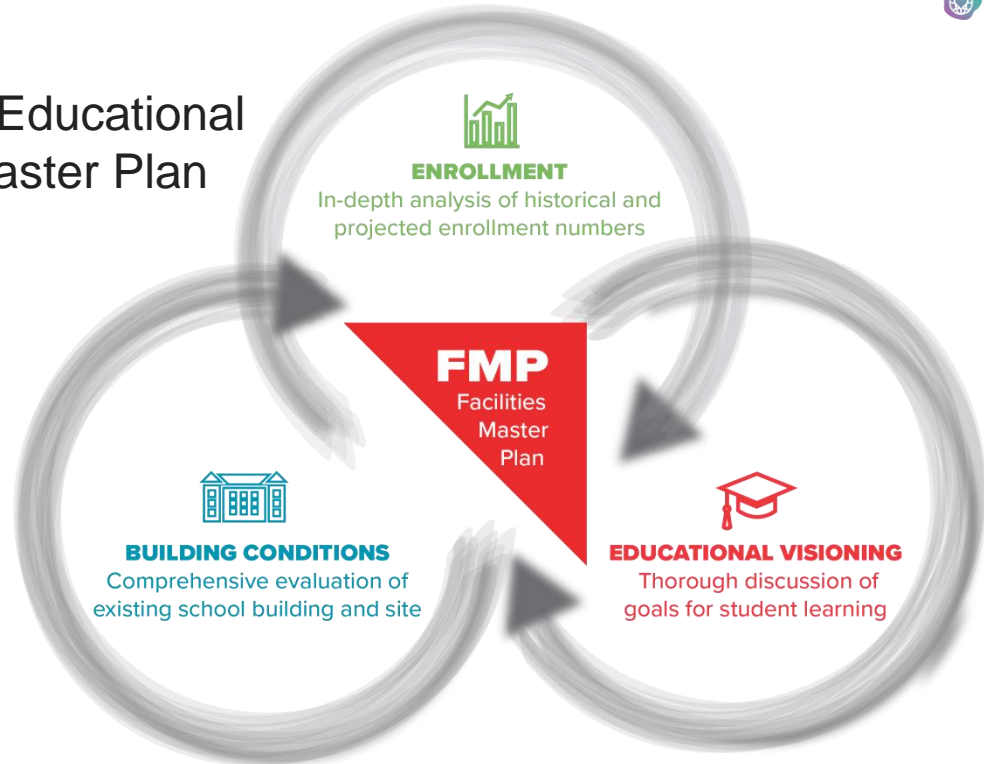
EMMY

Emmy Beeson
*Educational
Visioning/Coach*



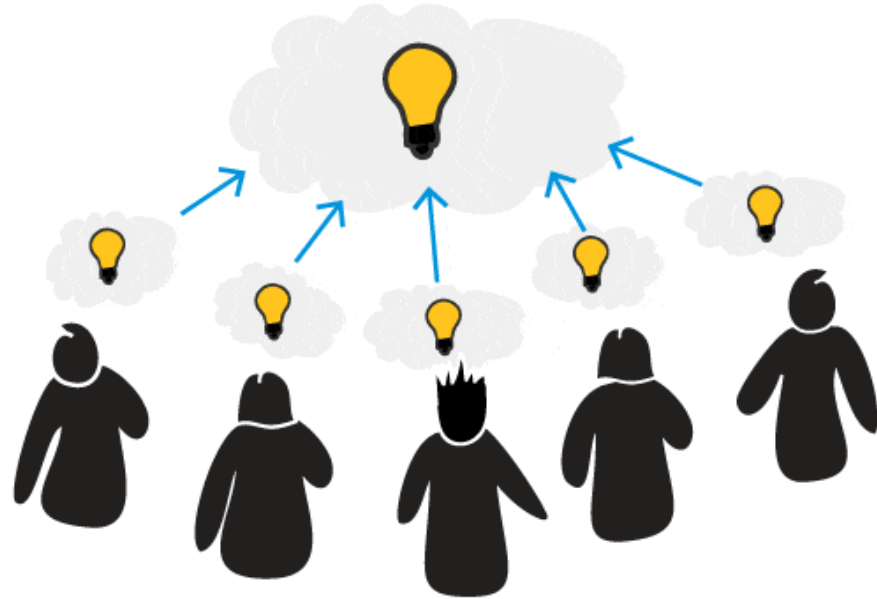
What will take place during our time together?

- Connecting Avon Lakes Educational Vision to the Facilities Master Plan



What Drives Educational Vision?

- The Changing World
- Advice from Our Experts



Employers' Views

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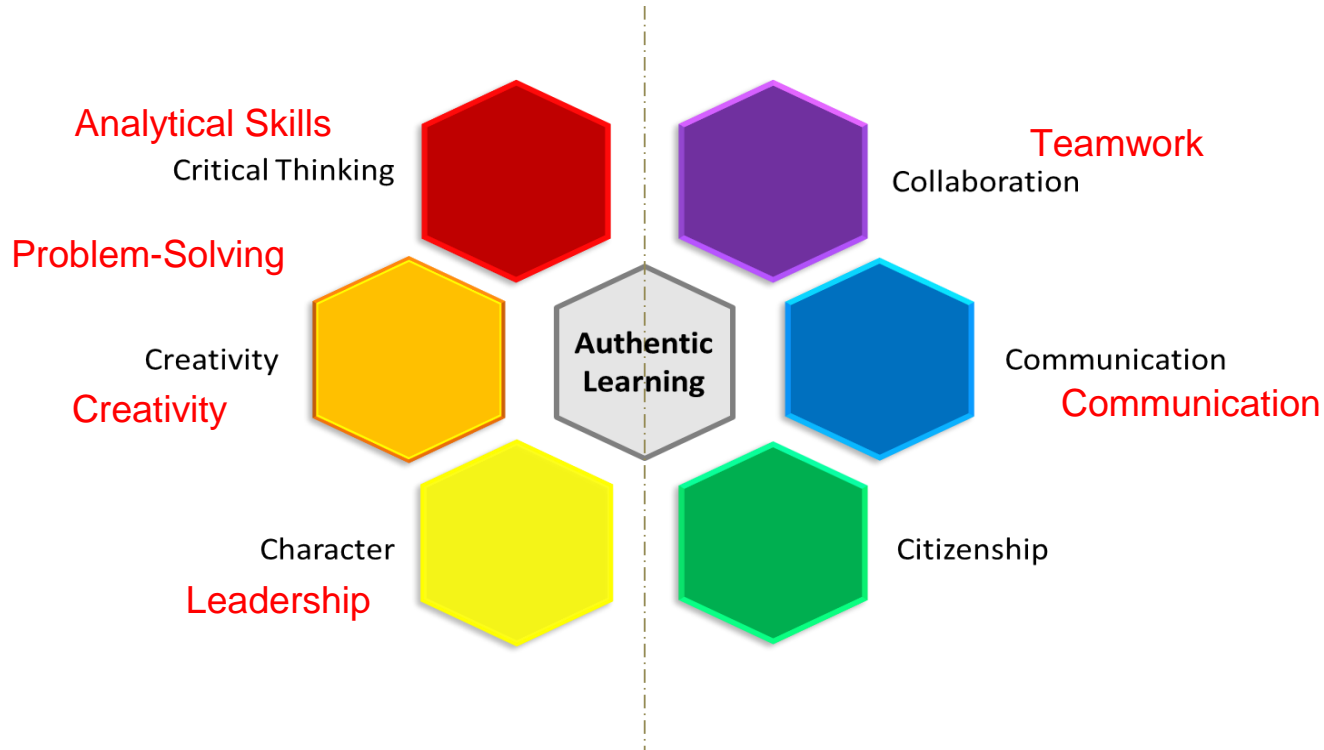
TOP 10 Most Important Hard Skills as chosen by recruiters and hiring managers



TOP 10 Most Important Soft Skills as chosen by recruiters and hiring managers

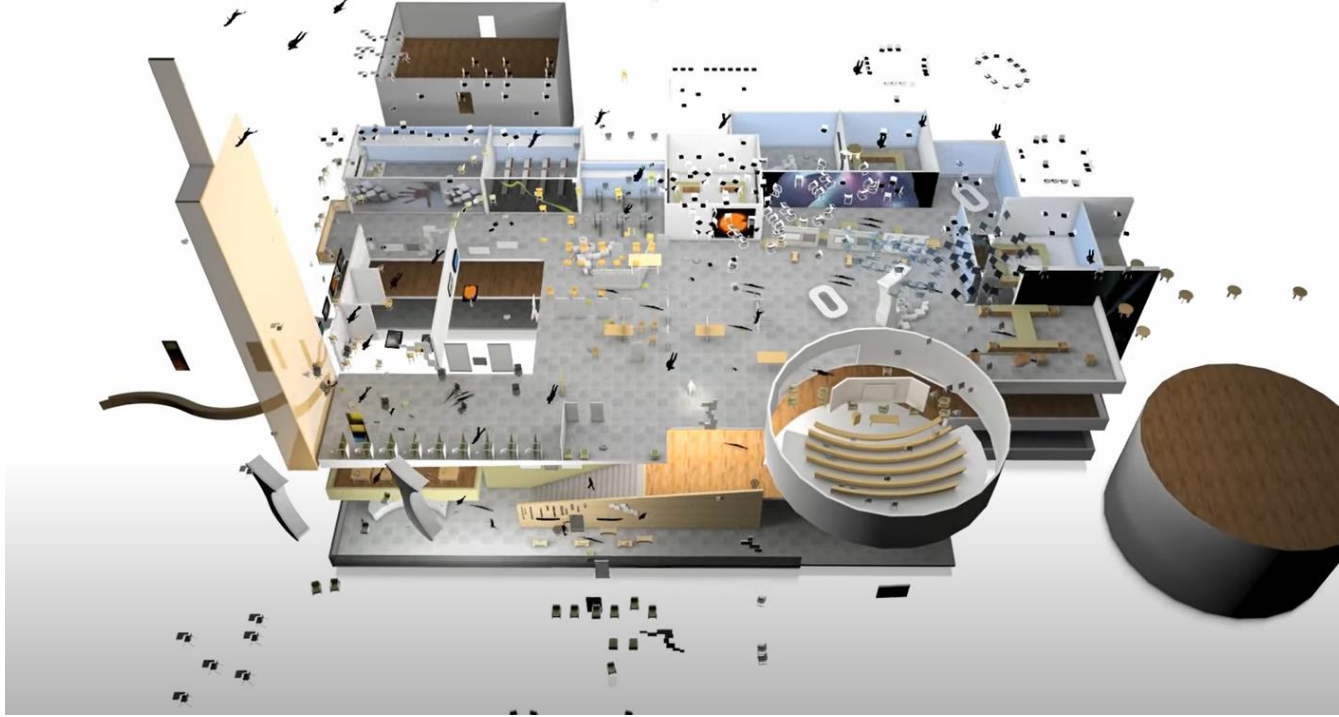


BEST DAYS for Authentic Learning



Our goal is to align Avon Lakes Best Days with Facilities Design

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Expert Advice – Staff Insights and Input



Avon Lake Building Tours



Stakeholder Feedback

BUILDING TOURS

- Daylighting
- Welcoming, warm spaces - colors - family room feel
- Collaboration spaces
- Flexible options
- Connecting sensory and intervention space to main learning area
- Consider storage needs
- Incorporate historical aspects

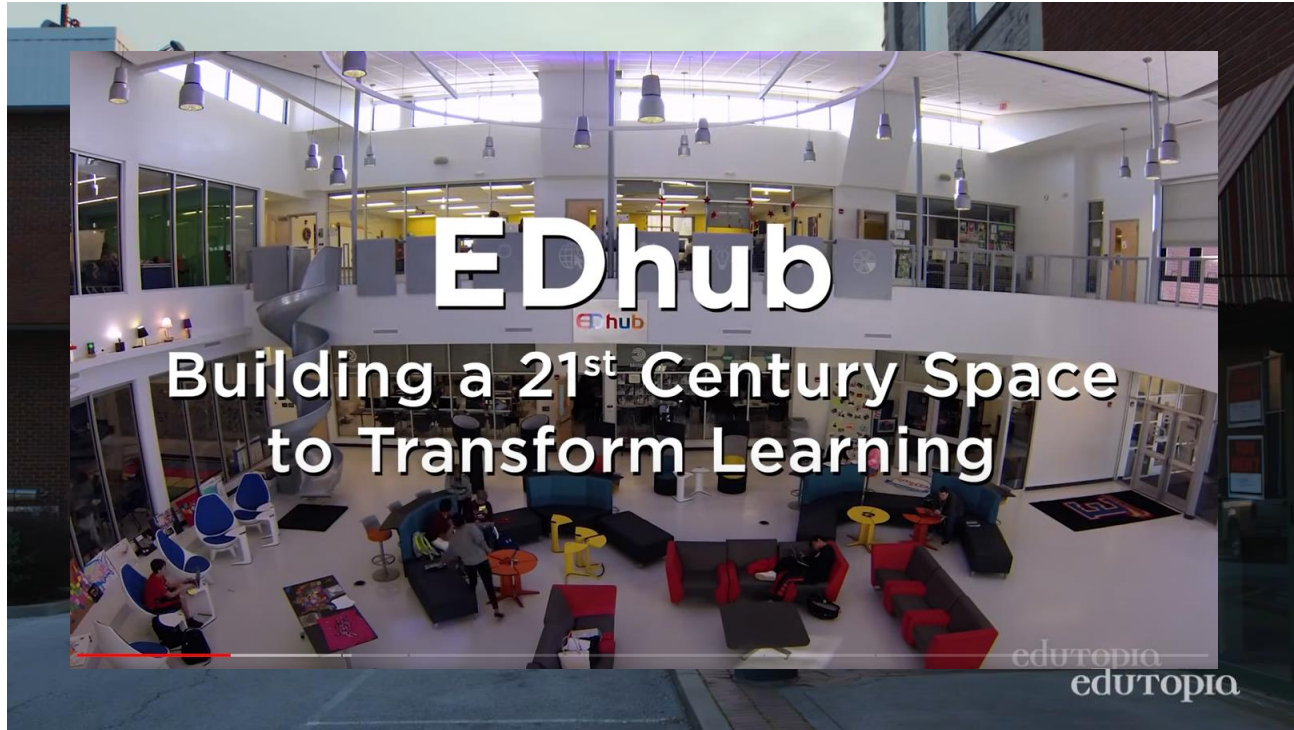
VISIONING INPUT

- Movement
- Collaboration
- Teamwork
- Project-based learning
- Real-world experiences
- Purposeful / Intentional
- Warm, safe, dry
- Student-led instruction
- Outside experiences

BEST DAYS

- Engaged
- Happiness and joy
- Problem-solving
- Feeling known, included, valued
- Pride
- Fun
- Confidence
- Collaboration




Where do you see staff input coming to life in this video?



Group Discussion

At your table come to a consensus and then write down your responses

- We need to know more about?
- We want you to know....?



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Group Discussion

Your input is important to us! After listening to the information presented tonight, please discuss the following 2 topics and record your comments:

We need to know more about:

We want you to know:

Next Steps

- Building Tour, Staff Visioning, and Community Input
- Continuing to review building and site conditions and developing Master Plan options
- Next Community Meeting
 - will be after the 1st of the New Year – stay tuned!
- Share more feedback at: feedback@avonlakecityschools.org
- Learn more at:
<https://www.avonlakecityschools.org/district/community/facilities>

