

Valley View Building Project: Commonly Asked Questions

March 2022

Q: When are we expected to break ground?

A: End of May or June of this year. This will be an event open to the community.

Q: When do we plan to move into the new building?

A: Fall of 2024

Q: Wouldn't we save LFI funds by putting 6-8 in the current HS like the original plan?

A: The board last spring voted to do the entire K-12 project. The main reason behind this was that the state agreed to increase their contributions to inflationary cost if we did that. If we would have maintained the original plan, our district would be fully responsible for inflationary cost increases. No funds would be available for Locally Funded Initiatives.

Q: What are the plans for the current high school?

A: It will be used for pre-school, performing arts, the district office, and other athletic purposes. The total plan is still being formulated, and cost estimates are being generated.

Q: What is happening to the current buildings in Germantown and Farmersville?

A: The state of Ohio has co-funded the budget to help us abate and demolish the buildings if we so choose. The decision must be made no later than construction completion. The district's preference is to sell the buildings to a responsible buyer which would add value to our community. If the buildings are sold, local funds currently allocated for abatement and demolition could be used for other projects.

Q: How will we pay for other items not included in the project (current HS renovations, athletic improvements), without the extra LFI funds?

A: With new buildings, there is a reduced need for maintenance and repairs. This frees up our current Permanent Improvement (PI) fund that can be leveraged to finance other projects.

Q: What athletic improvements will be made?

A: The athletic improvement project is still in the planning stage. While we are hopeful that some upgrades will be able to happen quickly, some portions of the projects will need to be considered future projects.

Q: What will the traffic be like at the new building?

A: Ensuring a smooth and orderly traffic flow has been paramount in the site planning. Choice One Engineering is conducting traffic studies in cooperation with the Montgomery County engineer's office. Early results indicate a northbound left turn lane into the complex from Germantown Pike will be necessary. The district will be responsible for construction costs of this improvement. Some funds have been allocated for this but additional costs will be the responsibility of the district. Additionally, the district is working to try to bring flashing school zone lights to the campus.

Q: What about other intersections (such as Manning and Diamond Mill) that might see an increase of traffic?

A: Montgomery County is aware of the construction timeline and location of the new building. Montgomery County will determine if any other improvements are needed to the area.

Q: What is happening with the house between the current high school and the new building?

A: German Township recently asked for us to consolidate the parcels we acquired around our current high school. Following that consolidation, we applied for a zoning variance to allow the house to be located in front of the new building. The variance was granted with the condition the district work with Township zoning to ensure the exterior of the house and garage is complementary in style to the new building. We will explore the cost impact of this requirement prior to making any decisions on future plans for those buildings.
