



## Facilities Visioning Process

The Junction City School District is undertaking a process to identify needed future improvements for its facilities. The District is considering asking voters to approve bond measure this November to help pay for selected improvements. This process will continue to be a collaborative effort with citizens in the District to ensure that proposed improvements meet District and community needs and priorities, are cost-effective and are supported by District patrons and other citizens. The District is being assisted in these efforts by Angelo Planning Group, a long-range planning and facilitation firm and gLAs Architects, LLC. The process builds on work previously conducted by District staff and gLAs Architects in 2007 and 2008 to assess the condition of the District's facilities and identify needed improvements to them.



### Key goals for improving the District's schools include:

- Improving safety and security for all students
- Enhancing classrooms and other instructional spaces
- Reducing future operating and maintenance costs by updating aging heating, plumbing, ventilation and electrical systems
- Using school district and taxpayer money in a fiscally responsible manner.

A Facilities Steering Committee (FSC) has helped guide the process, including weighing different improvement priorities and helping District staff connect with other community members through meetings with a variety

of community and school groups. The FSC includes District staff, patrons and other community members representing a variety of perspectives. The committee and District staff, with help from Angelo Planning and gLAs, have identified a preliminary list of high priority improvements and associated cost estimates. It is essential for other members of the community to weigh in on these proposed facility improvements. In the next two months, the District and FSC will undertake several activities to encourage community members to tell us how they feel.

### Get Involved!

#### Attend a community meeting on March 11, 6-8 p.m.

at the Junction City High School cafeteria to learn more about the process and talk about priorities for future improvements. This meeting will include a presentation, displays and roundtable discussions.

### Can't attend the meeting?

- **Participate in a phone survey** to provide feedback on potential support for or concerns about improvements. The polling firm of Davis Hibbitts and Midghall will conduct a telephone survey of District residents in early April. Residents are strongly encouraged to participate in this survey.
- **Attend a community group or school meeting.** FSC members will be talking about facility





improvements at a variety of meetings with parent and community groups over the next two months. If you are a member of a school parent group, the Junction City Chamber of Commerce or other groups, please attend the next meeting of that group to take advantage of this opportunity.

- Obtain more information about the project via the District's Web site. The District Web site includes additional information about this project, including access to a community survey.

### **The top five priority improvements identified by the FSC include the following:**

- **Replacement of Laurel Elementary School.** Replacing the school will be a more cost-effective option than major renovations and that improves instructional spaces, enhances safety and security, reduces operation and maintenance costs, and better meets current building code requirements. *Estimated cost: \$22 million*
- **Grandstand and field replacements at Junction City High School.** Safety features are needed in the grandstands. New lighting, a new modern synthetic turf field, and new concession building also could significantly enhance these facilities and reduce long-term operating costs. A lower cost option would be to replace only the grandstand and lighting. *Estimated cost: \$3.2 million; lower cost option: \$1.2 million*
- **Partial west wing replacement at Junction City High School.** This represents the first phase of a longer term plan to consolidate classroom and administration functions in one building, significantly improving the future use and security of the school. *Estimated cost: \$11.2 million*
- **Targeted heating and cooling system upgrades at Junction City High School.** Improvements would replace outmoded systems that are beyond their useful life and would significantly reduce operating costs. Improvements to the ventilation system would improve the supply of fresh air to classrooms and enhance student performance. *Estimated cost: \$3.8 million*

- **Information, technology and communication system upgrades at all schools.** These improvements to telephone, intercom, wiring and other systems would provide better educational opportunities and improve safety and security for students and staff. *Estimated cost: \$1.3 million*

### **Other high priority improvements include:**

- **Heating and cooling system upgrades at Oaklea Middle School.** Improvements to these systems have been deferred for a number of years and are needed to reduce operating and maintenance costs, better regulate temperature and improve air quality within the school. Ceiling and lighting replacements would be completed at the same time for cost-effectiveness. *Estimated cost: \$5.1 million*
- **Construction of a covered breezeway at Territorial Elementary School.** This project would significantly improve security by enclosing the breezeways and connecting them to the existing hallways. This would ensure that students can reach all classrooms within a secured building. *Estimated cost: \$312,300*
- **Heating and cooling system upgrades at Territorial Elementary School.** This project would replace outdated equipment, resulting in long-term cost savings to the district. It also would increase the supply of fresh, outdoor air and make the school more energy efficient. *Estimated cost: \$476,700*

**It probably will not be possible to fund all of these projects and more community feedback will be needed to decide on which ones should be included in a potential bond measure.**

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