

## Morgan Hill Unified School District

## Fact Sheet

**MORGAN HILL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOLS SERVE AN ESSENTIAL COMMUNITY NEED.** As the local provider of pre-kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade and additional adult continuing education programs, we believe all students deserve to learn in quality classrooms and school facilities. We have <u>two key priorities</u>: first, to ensure <u>academic success for every</u> <u>student</u> attending one of our schools; and second, to make sure that our <u>school facilities and school grounds</u> are safe, secure, modern and equipped to provide the best educational environment possible.

**QUALITY SCHOOL FACILITIES ARE ESSENTIAL TO A QUALITY EDUCATION.** We are extremely proud of our 14 schools – 6 Elementary Schools (K-5), 2 Elementary/Middle School (K-8), 2 Middle Schools (6-8), 2 Comprehensive High Schools (9-12), 1 Continuation High School (10-12), 1 Community Adult School – and the amazing teaching and learning that is accomplished each school year. An important part of an excellent education is having great school facilities. Studies show that students and teachers perform better in safe, modern classrooms and school facilities.

**OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT VALUES FACILITIES MASTER PLANNING.** We completed our MHUSD Master Plan in September 2017. Nearly a billion dollars in need have been identified to repair and modernize our local schools serving more than 9,000 students each day. To fund identified needs, we are exploring all available options, including our own existing budget, state and Federal funding, private grants and other sources of support. We are also considering asking our community to support a school bond at some point in the future. **While NO decisions have been made yet,** this study process is a priority for us in the 2019-20 school year.

## **CRITICAL PROJECTS IDENTIFIED INCLUDE:**

- **Repair/Replace** deteriorated roofs, floors, insulation, plumbing, HVAC, electrical systems, wiring and restroom facilities.
- **Upgrade** aging science, technology, engineering, math, vocational and career education classrooms and labs to prepare students for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century economy.
- **Retain and attract** quality teachers by upgrading and modernizing our classrooms and facilities.
- **Upgrade** fire alarms, fire sprinklers, security systems and install security fencing and lighting for improved student safety and security.
- Modernize outdated electrical systems and wiring for computer technology and internet access.
- **Retrofit** classrooms and schools to meet earthquake safety standards.
- **Improve** physical education areas, outdoor spaces, fields, play equipment, multi-use facilities, pick-up/drop-off zones and parking areas for student health, safety and access for individuals with disabilities.
- **Replace** aging plumbing and electrical wiring systems to modernize infrastructure and increase energy efficiency and water conservation in all school facilities.

**EDUCATING STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS IN THE NEW GLOBAL ECONOMY.** Modern classrooms and technology will help ensure that our local K-12 school students are prepared to function at the highest technological level so they can achieve success as they continue in college, jobs and careers that will drive our future global economy.

**COMMUNITY INPUT IS WELCOME.** Morgan Hill Unified School District welcomes input from community stakeholders in our study process. We are working hard to educate our community on exactly what is at stake to ensure quality prekindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade schools for the future.

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