

Student Questions Middle and High Schools April 23, 2019

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What do you like about the Mills Lawn buildings? What makes it good to be at school?

- Lots of parking
 - Sometimes have to park in grass
- Lots of microwaves, but not enough
- Teachers able to personalize the rooms – we like that
- Second and third floor classrooms have little room – very nice to have private time or take a test
- Size of classrooms good
- Schedules are good - not same class every day
- Can open and close windows
- Entrances are convenient – back entrance and front entrance
 - Note that the back entrance is not monitored in morning, then it is locked the rest of the day

What don't you like about Mills Lawn buildings? What makes it hard to be here?

- Lunch line too slow
- Café too small, not enough places to sit
- Too hot or too cold in classrooms
 - Individual rooms fluctuate greatly
 - Even spots in the rooms can be different – you can be hot on one side and cold on the other.
- Poor air handling – takes time to air out smell
- Insufficient power outlets
- Some power outlets will trip breaker – esp. with microwave
- Math class on second floor – wall is separating from floor
- Classes below in tower are very loud, we can hear too much
- In Mrs. Nickles room 204-205 – can hear everything outside and from inside
- Bats
- Student locker rooms and showers horrible
 - Don't use our showers – unusable
 - Termites in locker rooms
 - Change in bathroom not locker room
- AC does not work in gym, working in gym
- Layout of classrooms tough – hard to get from one class to another, esp. when you have to use the restroom.
 - Ground floor to upper floor
- Bathrooms are not great – one student said he will use them only when last resort and desperate
- Window screens have holes, wasps fly in

What would you like to change in the buildings? What changes would make this a better school?

- Change the layout – big donut, big tower, tough to get to classes which are all over
- Whish the grades were a bit more separated such as a floor for a class
- More bathrooms – there is as huge line today
- Only some restrooms used
- Have a gender neutral that is accessible to students
- 7th grade hallway is a trailer – needs to be fixed.

- More technology enabled
 - Wi-Fi crashes today because too much use
- Need a real theater space
- Better cafeteria – line shorter such as two cashiers
- More rooms like the kiva – not designated for a class – use for recreation, or teacher teaches in different environment, student hangout
- Real locker room with privacy for changing and showers
 - If we had decent locker rooms and privacy – we would use them
- Need student book lockers that are functional
- More lab space in science classes – in biology all one block
 - More lab space – have to do labs at desk
 - Mr. Lowry’s class is a bit close (chem and physics) – desks too close together
 - Note that Mr. Lowry noted this also
- Wish we had tennis courts here
- Safe
- Band room – set up well, but we need multiple soundproof areas – practice rooms for student use current band room is not ADA compliant
- Definitely theater space
 - The foundry works, but run down and leaky
 - Also too small
 - Dedicated auditorium – can’t use gym as a stage or meetings – too loud and with too much echo
- Middle school basketball players had to practice in a different building and we couldn’t use their bathroom. Very hard!
- Fence falling down getting attention now.
- Better water fountains

If you had just one wish...

Harvest – bigger lockers

Angie – better locker rooms and showers

Joaquin – practice rooms for music

Abby – more parking

Jane – better gym and new auditorium set up

Ian – better bathrooms – more strategic locations – easier to get to

Joseph – practice rooms for music

Ariel – theater space or auditorium

Discussion with Jack

- We have bats every day – but custodians clear out before students get here
- In general we have enough custodial help.
- Would be nice to have someone additional to do bigger projects
- No student restrooms on second and third floors of tower
- Only one toilet in the tower for staff and faculty
- Wish for staff locker room – staff members use exercise facility and shower here
- His other concern is the layout of admin offices to provide privacy
- Wish there were fewer hallways and more common areas
- Liked the 2018 proposed layout with three offshoots
- Need flexible spaces – to combine classes, etc.