



# 10 Challenges

## Valley Middle School

**Air Quality:** The lack of fresh air circulation has decreased the air quality of the building.

**Electrical and Heating System:** Electrical system is at capacity and cannot support the additional capacity needed for modern learning technology. The heating (boiler) system is past its life expectancy.

**Restroom Maintenance:** Restrooms often need maintenance due to outdated plumbing.

**ADA Compliance:** Several areas such as doorway width, restrooms, and locker rooms throughout the building do not comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.

**Undersized Spaces:** The cafeteria, general classrooms, and specialized classrooms such as science, career and technical education (CTE), music, art, and special education are undersized according to the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (DPI). In total, the school is over 48,000 square feet smaller than what is recommended by the DPI.

**Valley Middle School Outdated Spaces:** Valley Middle School lacks the appropriate learning spaces. Lacks learning spaces to accommodate today's learning curriculum. Special Education Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) was passed in 1975 adding 13 additional programming categories & medically fragile students.

**District Kitchen Location:** The location in a residential setting is inefficient for the loading & delivery needs of the District Kitchen. The current student pick up/drop off location and food truck access create a traffic safety issue.

**District Kitchen Systems:** Many systems need to be upgraded while other recently updated systems can be relocated to a new facility.

**Secure Entrances:** District schools lack physical controlled access secure entrances.

**Safety and Security:** There is need for updated mass notification systems, fire panels, and security cameras. All schools need ongoing emergency response plan updating and training.

