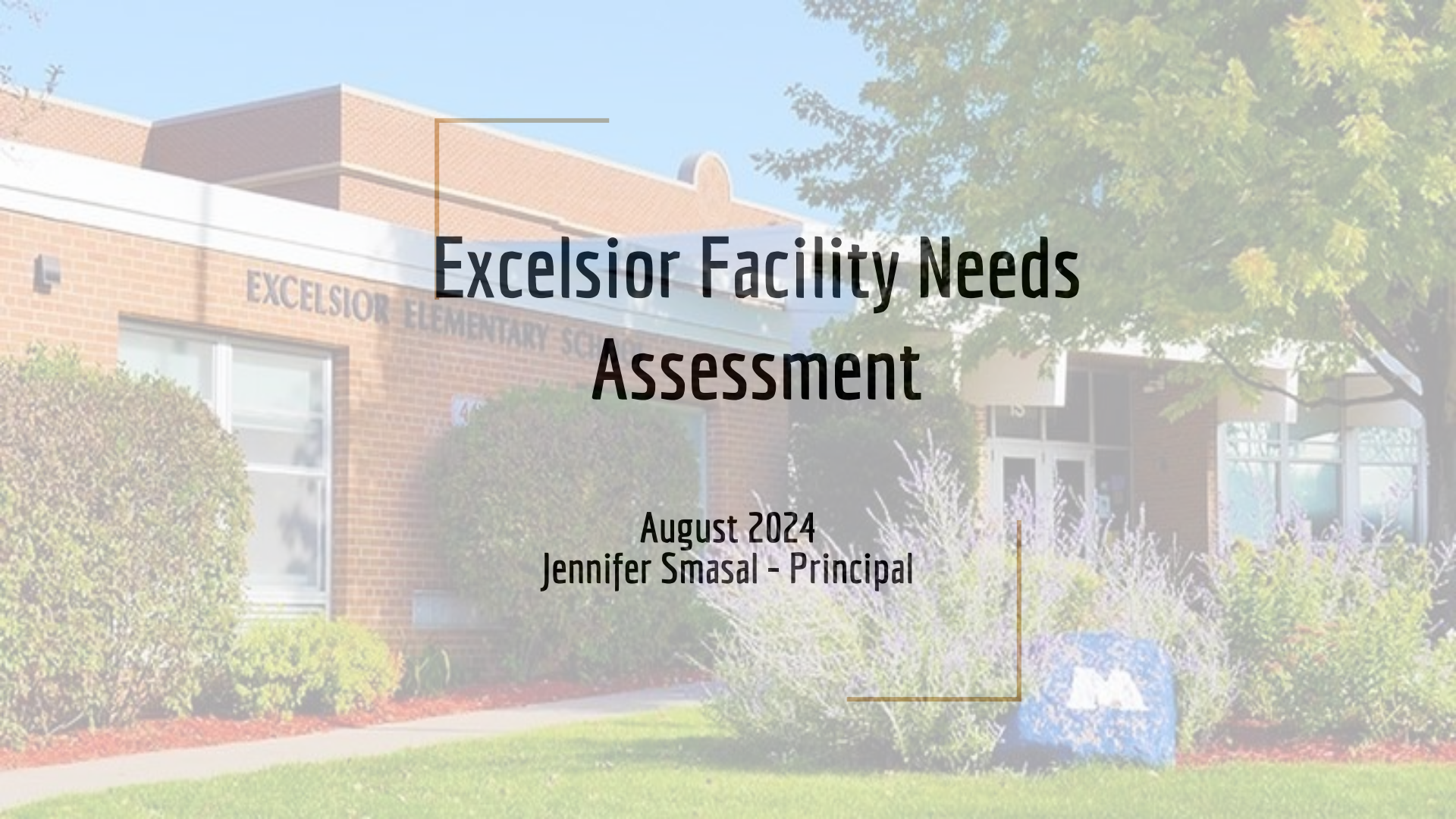
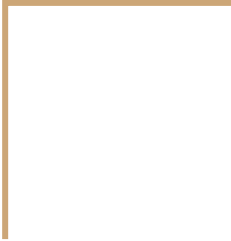


The background image shows the exterior of Excelsior Elementary School. It is a two-story brick building with large windows and a modern architectural style. The school's name is visible on the brickwork. There are green bushes and trees in the foreground, and a blue sky is visible above the building.

Excelsior Facility Needs Assessment

August 2024
Jennifer Smasal - Principal



Staff Feedback



Spaces Viewed Low Priority for Improvement

1. Auditorium
2. Library/Media Center
3. Gymnasium/Indoor Athletic Facilities
4. Cafeteria
5. Athletic Facilities/Fields

	HIGH PRIORITY	MEDIUM PRIORITY	LOW PRIORITY	I DO NOT KNOW	N/A	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Athletic Facilities/Fields	2.50% 1	20.00% 8	55.00% 22	10.00% 4	12.50% 5	40	3.10
Auditorium	2.50% 1	30.00% 12	57.50% 23	5.00% 2	5.00% 2	40	2.80
Band/Orchestra/Choral Spaces	5.13% 2	30.77% 12	38.46% 15	15.38% 6	10.26% 4	39	2.95
Building Security Enhancements	33.33% 14	35.71% 15	16.67% 7	9.52% 4	4.76% 2	42	2.17
Cafeteria	7.50% 3	25.00% 10	55.00% 22	10.00% 4	2.50% 1	40	2.75
Career/Tech Ed/Makers Spaces	12.50% 5	5.00% 2	40.00% 16	20.00% 8	22.50% 9	40	3.35
Classrooms/Flexible Learning Spaces	61.90% 26	14.29% 6	16.67% 7	2.38% 1	4.76% 2	42	1.74
Gymnasiums/Indoor Athletic Facilities	2.50% 1	17.50% 7	65.00% 26	12.50% 5	2.50% 1	40	2.95
Library/Media Center	15.00% 6	20.00% 8	55.00% 22	7.50% 3	2.50% 1	40	2.63
Meeting Space for Staff/Teachers	35.71% 15	28.57% 12	30.95% 13	2.38% 1	2.38% 1	42	2.07
Parking Lots	20.93% 9	39.53% 17	25.58% 11	9.30% 4	4.65% 2	43	2.37
Playground/Outdoor Rec Space	12.82% 5	30.77% 12	43.59% 17	7.69% 3	5.13% 2	39	2.62
Science Labs	0.00% 0	8.11% 3	35.14% 13	29.73% 11	27.03% 10	37	3.76

Staff Comments Regarding Challenges/Opportunities

<u>Classroom Space</u> Varied size of classrooms Semi-permanent wall b/w auditorium & gym More flexible space Not enough small-group classrooms Small group testing space Outdoor garden to sensory space	<u>Staff Space</u> Space not available for non-classroom teacher licensed staff Lack of storage space Adequate space for support staff (EL, ELT, Wings)	<u>Temperature</u> Heat and A/C are hit and miss Heat in west gym
<u>Parking</u> Parking difficult, especially at drop-off, pick-up and during events Traveling teacher parking	<u>Visual Cohesion</u> Hallways dark, too cluttered	

Staff Comments Regarding Amenities

<u>Classroom Space</u> More movable walls to create more classroom spaces More working space for students Warm water in all classrooms	<u>Staff Space</u> Communal office space for displaced teachers More storage space for specialists Bigger outdoor area with patio furniture for staff lunch/meetings Larger work room	<u>Security</u> More working cameras
<u>Parking</u> Parking difficult, especially at drop-off, pick-up and during events Traveling teacher parking	<u>Visual Cohesion</u> Hallways dark, too cluttered	

Needs according to administration

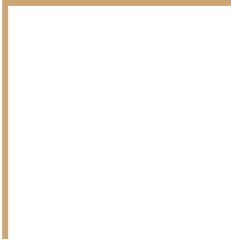
- Building security/vestibule
- Flexible learning spaces
- Visual cohesion
- New lockers: new lockers tower
- Parking lot
- Storage
- Staff bathrooms in tower
- Outdoor sensory space (current garden location)
- Larger nurses office

Ranked Needs According to the **Excelsior Staff** Survey

1. Classrooms/Flexible Learning Spaces: 76%
2. Building Security Enhancements: 69%
3. Meeting Space for Staff/Teachers: 64%
4. Parking Lots: 60%
5. Playground/Outdoor Rec Space: 43%

Ranked Needs According to **Excelsior Administration**

1. Building Security Enhancements
2. Collaborative/Flexible Learning Spaces
3. Parking
4. Visual Cohesion
5. Playground/Outdoor Rec Space



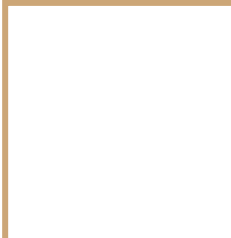
Security Enhancements



Security

- Lobby locked
- No window next to door- need blinds
- Door that swings and can be locked in the health office
- Front lobby locked - no parents enter building until we buzz them in
- Gym hot with little air flow
- After school - anyone can enter with Explorers and after school community ed classes





Flexible Learning Spaces



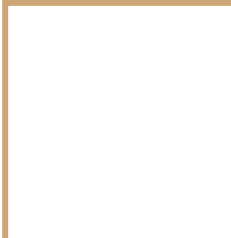
Flexible Learning Spaces

- Currently using busy hallways as learning space
- Limited space for collaboration
- Limited creative, exciting spaces for students to independently read or explore
- Lack of “exciting” learning stations



ideas...





Parking Lot



Parking Lot

- Limited number of parking spaces - difficult for traveling teachers, volunteers/event days
- Back/overflow lot co-owned by city, Wells Fargo and school district





Additional Areas
that could be
Improved



Nurses office

- Limited space during day
- Could utilize 1-2 additional beds
- Dark



Lockers

- Rust at the bottom of many
- Doors jamming is difficult for elementary students
- Not cohesive



Hallways

- A lot of clutter caused by needing the space as breakout or storage



Bathrooms

- Staff bathroom in the tower
- No bathroom on floors 2 and 3 of tower

Cohesion - Less Visual Chaos

- Uniform updating of hallways and common spaces would make space more visually appealing
- Where updates have occurred, finish detail around it to blend the old and new

Outdoor Learning/Meeting Space

- Teachers and support staff would love to have a place outside to bring their students, especially in our beautiful setting
- Staff would appreciate a location where they could eat lunch outside and perhaps even where we could hold staff meetings



Sensory Space

- Converting current garden to sensory space

