

Bond Advisory Committee Question of the Week, Week 1

- **In your opinion, what schools or areas of our schools require immediate attention to enhance student and staff experience?**
- **Please share the reasons why you selected the schools you did.**

Survey Responses (attached below)

This report analyzes feedback from various stakeholders regarding the conditions and infrastructure of multiple schools within the Puyallup School District (PSD). The responses reflect concerns and recommendations on critical issues that impact the safety, functionality, and overall learning environment for students and staff. Key focus areas include security measures, HVAC systems, aging facilities, overcrowding, playground conditions, and traffic safety. The data gathered underscores the urgency of addressing these concerns to create a safer, more conducive educational environment. This report aims to highlight the most pressing needs and suggest pathways for improvement.

Key areas of focus include **safety, facility maintenance,** and **infrastructure** updates.

Here's a summary analysis of the major themes:

1. Safety Concerns:

- **Spinning Elementary** and **Puyallup High School** repeatedly surfaced with safety-related concerns. Spinning Elementary is highlighted for the vulnerability of its portables, inadequate fencing, and aging infrastructure that includes potential asbestos and lead issues.
- Multiple respondents noted the need for better **security systems** across schools such as **Firgrove Elementary** and **Ballou Junior High**, suggesting enhancements like cameras, access systems, and fencing.
- Several submissions call for **increased security measures** in traffic-heavy areas, especially **Fruitland Elementary**, where road congestion poses risks to students walking near busy streets.

2. Facilities & Infrastructure:

- HVAC systems are a widespread issue, affecting **Puyallup High, Emerald Ridge High, Spinning Elementary**, and others. Complaints range from temperature inconsistencies to non-functional heating and cooling systems, impacting both teaching and learning environments.
- Several schools such as **Brouillet Elementary, Woodland Elementary, and Spinning Elementary** struggle with outdated and inadequate infrastructure, including **portable classrooms**, deteriorating roofs, playgrounds in disrepair, and lack of ADA compliance.
- **Classroom overcrowding** is another recurring concern, notably at **Wildwood Elementary**, where high student-teacher ratios and lack of space affect learning conditions.

3. Modernization and Equipment Needs:

- Schools like **Rogers High, Spinning Elementary, and Wildwood Elementary** require updates in technology and infrastructure to keep up with modern educational standards. Several reports highlight **aging classroom furniture, outdated technology, and poor building layouts**.
- Respondents advocate for the modernization of high school campuses, with a focus on ensuring buildings can handle increased student populations and educational needs.

4. Traffic & Accessibility:

- Many parents and staff mention traffic congestion, particularly at **Fruitland Elementary and Shaw Road Elementary**, where road safety during pick-up and drop-off times remain a concern. The need for **better signage, traffic management, and parking solutions** was emphasized to prevent accidents and road rage incidents.

5. Playground & Outdoor Spaces:

- **Hunt Elementary and Zeiger Elementary** were noted for having poorly maintained or unsafe playground areas. There's a call for **playground modernization**, ADA compliance, and proper maintenance to ensure student safety during outdoor activities.

6. General Maintenance & Upkeep:

- The condition of facilities across many schools reflects a **widespread need for renovation and upkeep**, as seen in complaints about **leaking roofs, faulty plumbing**, and deteriorating building materials, particularly at **Spinning Elementary** and **Puyallup High**.
- Additionally, **cleanliness and air quality** concerns were highlighted at **Meeker Elementary** and **Waller Road Elementary**, where water damage has negatively impacted the overall air quality.

Recommendations:

- **Immediate action** on HVAC repairs, structural upgrades, and addressing security concerns is critical.
- **Comprehensive modernization plans** for schools like **Spinning Elementary** and **Puyallup High** would ensure the safety and well-being of students and staff.
- Enhanced **traffic and road safety measures** should be implemented around schools experiencing high congestion.

This feedback from the community clearly indicates a pressing need for both **safety improvements** and **facility modernization** across various schools. Addressing these issues would significantly enhance the student and staff experience, fostering a safer and more conducive learning environment.

ID	Date	In your opinion, what schools or areas of our schools require immediate attention to enhance student and staff experience?	Please share the reasons why you selected the schools you did.
4310	9/25/2024 17:18	Spinning Elementary	There's kids in portables. I'm not sure how this acceptable considering shootings at elementary schools across the US. There's no protection for the kids in the portables. I feel spinning should have a separate building or move portables an extend the school out then get rid of the portables. Something needs to happen to insure safety of the children.
4311	9/25/2024 17:18	Sunrise Elementary	Outdoor facilities -- this is a simple fix, but it would be great to have signs posted saying NO PETS or NO DOGS, something to that effect. I always see parents bringing their dogs along to pick up their kids (I'm not talking about seeing eye or seizure alert dogs, just pets). The dogs bark at each other and fight, and I'm worried a kindergartener will get knocked down to the hard pavement. Or, God forbid, bitten and disfigured like what happened to my uncle on his way home from school. It's a huge safety issue and a liability for the school to allow this to continue. Perhaps hire a security officer or ask police to assist if the principal and teachers are afraid to be the "bad guy."
4313	9/25/2024 18:01	Brouillet Elementary, Woodland Elementary, Stahl Junior High, Rogers High	I have visited these schools during patron tours and found them inadequate for proper education for students who want to excel.
4314	9/25/2024 18:20	Firgrove Elementary, Ballou Junior High	Security needs to be greatly enhanced at both schools. Cameras, access systems, fencing, and surveillance would all help make these schools safer.
4316	9/25/2024 20:31	Hunt Elementary, Spinning Elementary, Puyallup High	Hunt is one of the largest elementary schools (student count) and the playground there is non-existent, not ADA accessible and the field has large bare spots. It would also be beneficial to have younger student activities under the covered playshed. It's pathetic that this amazing school has such poor playground areas. I think it would also decrease the amount of issues on the playground because kids are bored. The school admin and staff have put a ton of effort in teaching the kids about playground behaviors and rules through the "sports academy". Now capital should help provide an accessible and fun/exciting playground! On the opposite end, Spinning is a small school tucked in the neighborhood. Is that beneficial to the district rather than rebuild and maintain a larger elementary school (hopefully on another larger site).
4317	9/25/2024 20:42	Spinning Elementary, Puyallup High	I support high school modernizations. Especially PHS - the campus no longer works for the student body. Students need to be safe and under one building. Phs seems to be falling apart. The heat/ac system is a joke.
4318	9/25/2024 21:05	Stahl Junior High	I think the school my kids attend, Stahl needs lockers. The amount of items that kids are expected to carry is ridiculous. Then add in the lack of bus service and the walking kids have to do. Let's talk about the commons...principal doesn't open up the courtyard so everyone is stuck inside the commons with no room to sit.

4319	9/25/2024 21:20	Emerald Ridge High	The lack of proper air conditioning when hot and heating when cool is appalling- improperly temperature controlled buildings are counterproductive to learning AND teaching- the teachers are suffering, too! Why aren't the HVAC systems working properly? Is this a budget issue?
4320	9/25/2024 21:32	Fruitland Elementary	The road by Fruitland is so busy and the car situation causes tremendous road rage and there are no other options for thru drivers or parents trying to do pick up. I know several schools need attention, but the traffic situation at Fruitland is an accident waiting to happen. I am worried about the children walking!
4321	9/25/2024 21:42	Maplewood Elementary, Mt. View Elementary, Spinning Elementary, Edgemont Junior High	Building age & status
4322	9/25/2024 21:44	Ridgecrest Elementary	Safety- lack of cameras
4324	9/25/2024 22:11	Shaw Road Elementary	The HVAC system does not support the whole school. Some class have no heat in the winter. Teachers have to trick the thermostat in order to get the room temperature to change.
4325	9/25/2024 22:13	Shaw Road Elementary	Shaw Road Elementary is situated on a very busy road that does not currently have any signage to slow traffic during the mornings or afternoons when children are coming/going to school. The speed limit in front of the school is 35mph but people travel at much higher speeds than that, and I feel they are endangering our students and staff by not slowing down in a school zone. I would like to see signage promoting school zone speed limits; to keep our kids and staff safe, slow traffic to prevent accidents during busy school times, and make it easier and safer for district busses and vehicles to enter and exit the property with children on board.
4326	9/25/2024 22:17	Mt. View Elementary, Spinning Elementary, Puyallup High	
4327	9/25/2024 22:20	Brouillet Elementary	Brouillet needs a parking lot improvement. There is no room for people to park for events. People end up parking on the streets and blocking sidewalks. The school needs another building to replace or add to the portables where kids don't have access to water and are overheated most months. The school needs updating for water pipes for drinking fountains and more space for eating so kids don't have to eat in their classrooms.
4328	9/25/2024 23:34	Other	My kids went to schools which were all newer, or had seen improvements made in the past 4-7 years so I can't point any one single school out. However, what needs to be talked about more, is the need for another high school and maybe junior high in the next 5-10 years. Also, do yourselves a favor.. and don't ever shutter any schools or sell property ever again. After the moves made to close Riverside and Hilltop 15 years ago, it's clear that giving away anything as far as schools and property is a mistake. You can never get that land back at an affordable price again, or build for as an affordable price as you could've in 2008. Think more long term please. Thank you.
4329	9/25/2024 23:49	Hunt Elementary, Glacier View Junior High, Emerald Ridge High	It's needed.
4330	9/26/2024 7:02	Spinning Elementary	I am not familiar with other school conditions but I know that spinning has a sagging roof line, probable asbestos and lead piping. A poor layout (people do not come into the office first, but enter into the building), and more. The building should have been replaced years ago.

4331	9/26/2024 7:13	Puyallup High	The closure of the Library/Science/Art Building. Lack of classrooms. The aging systems. The over crowding, the fact that there are signs on all water faucets that you must run for 30 seconds before consuming. The Gym building classrooms are not ADA accessible. The bleachers need handrails or replacements. The HVAC system has it 60 degrees in one room and 98 in another. The staff copier room is not ADA accessible unless you go through an Art classroom (not convenient and disrupts the class).
4332	9/26/2024 8:33	Other	We need to reconfigure our schools to allow 9th grade in high school and 6th grade in middle school for SO many reasons!! Please put money into this and stop holding them back from opportunities the next level of school offers.
4335	9/26/2024 10:28	Karshner Elementary, Waller Road Elementary, Puyallup High	Too many classrooms in portables at the schools. I'm sure there are others in the district that use portables for classrooms. Waller has all of their upper grades outside.
4338	9/26/2024 11:54	Puyallup High	
4340	9/26/2024 13:31	Fruitland Elementary	Fruitland Elementary school has a significant problem with traffic blocking the street during drop-off and pickup. I believe a second lane in the south-bound portion of Fruitland Ave. has been planned, and I wanted to express concern about the trees that may be cut to create space for this extra lane. There is a beautiful stand of trees between Fruitland Ave. and Fruitland Elementary school, that shield the school, and especially protect the field. I would like to express my strong opinion that it is very important to retain as many of these trees as possible to maintain the privacy screen and noise blocking they provide from the busy and constant traffic from the street. Their presence makes Fruitland a calmer and more peaceful place, and they provide welcome shade and privacy to the children. I hope the planners will consider only removing the trees closest to Fruitland Ave. (if even this is necessary) and will leave the majority of the trees. Thank you for considering this issue!
4343	9/26/2024 16:44	Hunt Elementary, Ridgecrest Elementary	I work at both schools. The HVAC systems need updating badly.
4346	9/26/2024 17:06	Puyallup High	The bathroom situation at Puyallup HS needs to be improved. The bathrooms are damaged, sinks do not function properly, and bathrooms are locked preventing students from using them. Also, the heating and air conditioning needs to be addressed. It is extremely hot in the classrooms at some points in the school year and freezing in the winter.
4347	9/26/2024 17:08	Walker High	I wish we had a staff room. We have such a great team there.
4348	9/26/2024 17:09	Zeiger Elementary	Fully fencing off the play area to enhance the safety of Zeiger Elementary. As of right now there's an area by the front office where a student could go straight towards the very busy 5 lane road out front. Especially having the DHH program with preschoolers and young students who can't hear cars or people yelling, it's a big concern to my family. There's a yellow fence to stop cars, but anyone could walk out (or in) without stopping.
4349	9/26/2024 17:21	Spinning Elementary, Zeiger Elementary	The health rooms are not functional
4350	9/26/2024 17:24	Fruitland Elementary	Pick up and drop off area. God bless America!! Do what you promised voters you would do! It's not hard!!
4351	9/26/2024 17:26	Brouillet Elementary, Stahl Junior High, Rogers High	Old buildings with very poor HVAC systems, undrinkable water, lack of security cameras in all areas of the school grounds, poor rain water management causing flooding from over loaded gutters contributing to potential mold growth in the walls, lack of adequate parking or staging of vehicles for

				student drop off/pick up that ends up blocking streets and creating safety hazards, and inequitable distribution of technology amongst schools to name a few.
4352	9/26/2024 17:34	Spinning Elementary, Puyallup High, Walker High	Walker High is not safe being so open, Puyallup High has a condemned building, and Spinning is incredibly old	
4353	9/26/2024 17:37	Wildwood Elementary	Wildwood Park is very old and run down. The HVAC system there is extremely subpar to the point that teachers and students suffer any time there is hot weather; inequitably, some classrooms remain temperate while others have, just this year, risen to heats in the 80's and 90's and these fluctuations happen all year long during warm and cool weather. I have heard that there are other schools in the district with similar issues, but I have personally experienced it at Wildwood and it is not conducive to successful learning.	
4355	9/26/2024 17:55	Brouillet Elementary, Woodland Elementary	They are falling apart, doesn't have adequate air flow through the building, Woodland has had multiple water line issues.	
4356	9/26/2024 17:56	Fruitland Elementary	Traffic congestion issues and lack of parking for events	
4357	9/26/2024 18:00	Wildwood Elementary	Teacher to class ratio is too high, reaching 1:25 almost Building needs renovation No cafeteria to eat, kids eat in class	
4358	9/26/2024 18:09	Puyallup High, Rogers High	Both Rogers High School and Puyallup High School are open campuses, making them vulnerable to threats and weather. Puyallup High school students have to cross traffic. Both high schools have to deal with locked doors during school hours. Rogers high school band room has no way of know when there is a active lock down. The open campus situation should be addressed ASAP.	
4360	9/26/2024 18:23	Mt. View Elementary, Northwood Elementary, Edgemont Junior High	The North Hill needs to be addressed as they are the only schools in the district that have 6th graders in Middle School. This creates additional burden on all of these schools to adapt district wide programs to the appropriate grade levels. It also creates an anomaly with highly capable students as a student who will qualify for a PAGE class as a 7th grader but is not in QuEST, has to start at Edgemont for one year then move to Kalles or another school that offers PAGE classes in 7th grade. This is just one example of the complexities introduced from the uniqueness of the North Hill area.	
4361	9/26/2024 18:26	Brouillet Elementary, Fruitland Elementary, Waller Road Elementary, Wildwood Elementary		
4362	9/26/2024 18:47	Dessie Evans Elementary, Hunt Elementary, Pope Elementary, Glacier View Junior High, Kalles Junior High, Emerald Ridge High, Walker High	Reports of bullying and violence at GB and er. Overcrowded in some schools. Lack of lunchroom at hunt.	
4363	9/26/2024 19:15	Glacier View Junior High	HVAC upgrade desperately needed so we are not literally sweating in the classroom one month and freezing the next.	
4364	9/26/2024 19:40	Spinning Elementary	Spinning is in DESPERATE need of a massive remodel. As a teacher there last year, it is literally falling apart to the point where I can't even list everything that needs to be done. It needs to be taken down to the studs and be completely made over. Everything about the building is old and outdated.	

				It does not serve staff in the way it should and it DEFINITELY doesn't serve students in the way that it should. Spinning is awesome! But it needs all the love! Especially before a new school is built. The students and staff use outdated technology in the classrooms compared to the newly built schools. Playground equipment is outdated, broken and not accessible to some students. Playground is extremely outdated and in poor condition. Way too small for the amount of students at Hunt
4366	9/26/2024 19:58	Woodland Elementary		All schools should have metal detectors at this point.
4368	9/26/2024 21:10	Hunt Elementary		There's a tall metal slide that is too hard to help students on & isn't safe. Also wood chips that cause splinters & are eaten by Developmental kids.
4370	9/27/2024 1:02	Other		both of them have leaks in the ceiling. and puyallup high school has a huge problem with the temperature inside especially 2nd and 3rd floors.
4371	9/27/2024 6:08	Zeiger Elementary		They are older buildings and the infrastructure is starting to fail in many ways. There are also not enough rooms/spaces for the number of students and staff. There are over 70 female staff members and only 2 female bathroom stalls. The CIS employee is working in the electrical closet.
4373	9/27/2024 6:28	Fruitland Elementary, Puyallup High		Working HVAC! Students are in rooms that are nearly 90F - teachers are moving classes to hallways.
4374	9/27/2024 7:21	Spinning Elementary, Waller Road Elementary, Woodland Elementary		Spinning is one of the oldest buildings in the district and has many needs for repairs to keep it safe for our students. Classes are nearly always either too hot or too cold. The roof is in serious need of replacement and gutter repair as there is standing water around the perimeter almost 24/7. The playground equipment is so old that the materials that protect children from hard, sharp edges is delaminated. Our student track, around a field that is in need of replanting, is so worn that there are always puddles for students to negotiate when it rains. The blacktop surface where students play is breaking apart with weeds growing in the cracks. The fence has been repaired in many places with lumber to keep animals from coming in and little students from crawling under it when they want to retrieve a ball which has gone over. Our intercom system is old with many areas of our building not able to hear emergency messages. These are only a few of the many needed repairs.
4376	9/27/2024 7:48	Puyallup High, Other		Spinning is one of the only spaces that hasn't been updated in recent years. Aging technology, lead in the water, faulty heating and cooling, and furniture that is several decades old...students deserve better.
4379	9/27/2024 12:13	Spinning Elementary		Please consider that these are both smaller schools with less adults providing input and feedback on these questions, and the represent significant need. Both of these schools have air quality concerns that do not require any fancy tools to identify----you know when you walk into a structure that has water damage, mold and mildew--and that is true about these two buildings. Additionally, both of these buildings have plumbing issues that produce water that is questionably healthy. Physical space for district resources/support staff in both buildings impacts service delivery and efficiency.
4380	9/27/2024 12:48	Spinning Elementary		
4386	9/27/2024 16:08	Meeker Elementary, Waller Road Elementary		
4389	9/27/2024 19:28	Spinning Elementary, Waller Road Elementary, Walker High		

4390	9/27/2024 20:34	Spinning Elementary	Outdated in all areas. Playground, classroom technology, classrooms, bathrooms and sinks.
4392	9/28/2024 8:15	Zeiger Elementary, Rogers High	Zeiger needs more handicaps spaces that are actually close to the entrances. If you are disabled and have to drop a student off the parking space is far away from the entrance. The play area, field and track are awful: full of ankle breaking divots, head injuries from kids playing basketball in the middle of the asphalt, hopscotch area is so faded. RHS parking lots need to be painted, the landscaping is sad and depressing.
4394	9/28/2024 19:30	Puyallup High	I'm concerned about the safety. Students can't go anywhere near portions of the school because it is not safe.
4399	9/29/2024 14:03	Rogers High	HVAC. Some of these classrooms are 85 degrees. Too hot to be able to concentrate on learning!
4408	9/30/2024 9:17	Spinning Elementary	HVAC is in need of repair, proximity to BNSF railroad, portables are decrepit, fascia sections in several places are rotting, floor is uneven causing tiles in gym and hallways and staff workout room to peel, roof on MPR needs attention, plumbing is ancient (lead possibly in pipes), last renovated in the 1960's. Please help!
4440	10/1/2024 10:04	Spinning Elementary	Spinning is one of the older schools in district that hasn't had any repairs or upgrades. We continuously have HVAC issues on the daily whether there is no heat or A/C or repairs to old doors, and classrooms that are too small for the amount of students in the class. Our students and staff deserve a healthy and well-functioning building because as we know this impacts the educational environment and the ability for students to be successful. It is time that Spinning received repairs and a new building to honor the students, staff, and community that work hard and deserve the best.