Bond Advisory Committee Question of the Week #2 Summary

- **How do you see Puyallup School District buildings evolving to meet the future needs of our students, educators, and community?** *What types of infrastructure improvements or new facilities should we prioritize to align with changing educational standards and community growth?*

Survey Responses (attached below)

For the second question in this series, community members were asked, "How do you see Puyallup School District buildings evolving to meet the future needs of our students, educators, and community?" The feedback focused on improvements that align with changing educational standards and community growth.

The top three topics identified in the responses were **Safety and security, Space and expansion**, and **HVAC Systems and infrastructure**. Respondents discussed the importance of upgrading security measures, ensuring sufficient space in buildings, and improving the comfort and efficiency of HVAC systems. In identifying these priorities, respondents indicated a desire for safer, more adaptable, and more comfortable learning environments for students and staff alike.

Here are the main themes that emerged:

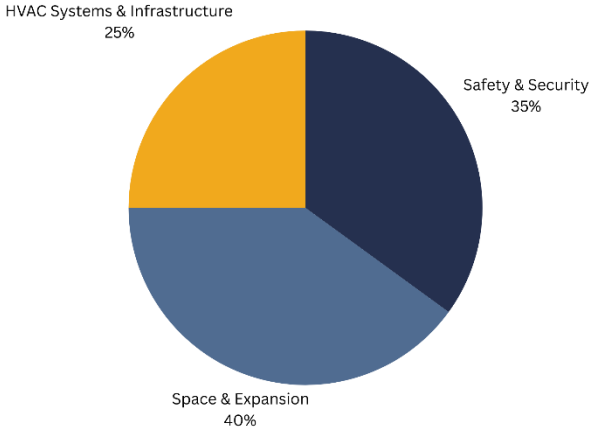
1. **Safety and Security**: Many respondents emphasized the need for better safety measures, including automatic locking doors, metal detectors, and advanced security systems. Concerns over the safety of separate portable buildings and exterior walking spaces were raised, and a call was made to build integrated, secure structures.

2. **Space and Expansion**: Survey respondents stated that the district's current buildings need to be improved to accommodate the growing population. Many responses suggested multi-story buildings to replace portables and accommodate more students. Expanding current facilities or building new ones, especially high schools, was recommended, with some advocating for a fourth high school and a shift to a 9-12 high school and 6-8 middle school structure.
3. **Infrastructure and HVAC Systems**: HVAC upgrades are a significant concern. Many stressed the importance of better heating, air conditioning, and air quality systems, as respondents believe this directly impacts student comfort and learning.
4. **Outdoor and Playground Improvements**: Respondents indicated a need for better playgrounds and more outdoor education spaces. Some suggested community fundraisers to improve playground equipment. One specific idea involves using school fundraisers for environmentally friendly, reusable resources.
5. **Technology**: Both students and staff consider reliable Wi-Fi essential. Technology upgrades, especially in special education classrooms and additional charging stations for elementary students, were also emphasized.
6. **Community-Centered Facilities**: Many survey participants proposed creating community spaces, such as sports centers and pools, to foster connections among students, teachers, and families. The Rogers Aquatic Center expansion and building of a central facility for sports and community events were suggested by multiple respondents.
7. **Environmental and Green Initiatives**: Some respondents hope for more environmentally conscious buildings and infrastructure that respond to the challenges of global warming. Future goals suggested energy-efficient upgrades and sustainable designs.
8. **Classroom Size and Educational Standards**: There were calls to improve the size and functionality of classrooms to meet modern educational needs. Respondents stated that teachers require more space for materials, and

students need more comfortable learning environments, especially with growing class sizes.

9. **Traffic and Accessibility**: Several respondents expressed concerns about traffic congestion and unsafe school drop-off zones. Improvements in parking and more accessible school entry points were requested.
10. **Equity and Modernization**: Many responses stressed the importance of ensuring all schools, particularly older ones, receive updates to meet modern standards. There was concern over inequality between schools regarding facilities and resources, which could affect the quality of education.

Topics Highlighted by Respondents



Safety & Security	Emphasis on automatic door locks, metal detectors, and improved security systems.
Space & Expansion	Need for larger buildings, multi-story schools, and fewer portables.
HVAC Systems & Infrastructure	Strong demand for better HVAC systems, air conditioning, and climate control.

The community prioritizes safety, space, modernization, and sustainability, with many calls for improved infrastructure, better learning environments, and increased safety and security measures.

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ID	Date	How do you see Puyallup School District buildings evolving to meet the future needs of our students, educators, and community?	What types of infrastructure improvements or new facilities should we prioritize to align with changing educational standards and community growth?	Submitted By
4467	10/2/2024 17:11	I think we need to prioritize outside play and equipment as well as making sure maintenance on the buildings are taken care of.	Playground equipment improvements and healthier lunches and breakfasts. Dye free and low sugar please. This will help with children being able to focus and obtain higher test scores.	Anonymous User
4468	10/2/2024 17:15	Multi story instead of portables. The remodels are not forecasting the growth properly. Buildings that are targeted for remodeling should consider adding floors.	Safety improvements for automatic locking doors to classrooms for lock downs and other safety enhancements to protect children and staff/teachers.	Anonymous User
4469	10/2/2024 17:24	Hopefully buildings evolve into something more green conscious but still provide more than adequate safety for the people within it.	The district should focus on the security improvements of the High Schools. I'm concerned for the safety of both staff and students due to lack of safety measures	Anonymous User
4470	10/2/2024 17:26	Strong, fast, dependable Wi-Fi	Whatever is needed to achieve Strong, fast, dependable Wi-Fi	Anonymous User
4472	10/2/2024 18:36	Teaming up with industry or community colleges, a partnership per say to teach skills that are not college centric that are just as good, if not better.	See previous answer.	Anonymous User
4473	10/2/2024 19:06		Hello, I'm Lonnie Peterson, Coriela Petersons father. She goes to Spinning Elementary. I was curious if we could set up a fundraiser to improve/ renovate the playground,it's really in need for new basketball nets and backboards. Maybe re paint the lines and map on the asphalt. Also update the monkey bars. I think a fundraiser and possibly volunteers to help paint? Including myself and wife. This was Coriela Petersons idea. Thanks for reading. Please call me with any questions or answers! Lonnie Peterson - (253)-364-8804 Thank you.	Anonymous User
4474	10/2/2024 19:57	Needed upgrades on current older school buildings	Heating and Air conditioning upgrades.	Anonymous User
4475	10/2/2024 21:33	New HVAC systems!!!	Replace portables with on-site new construction.	Anonymous User
4479	10/3/2024 6:19	*Installation of metal detectors at all main entrances at every school. *Installation of state of the art security systems like the panic buttons by the company Centegix that all teachers wear. This system saved lives at Apalachee HS shooting. *More recess time and add structured PE like recess at least once per week. * Social/Emotional recess coaches. Perhaps additional training for the current recess duty attendants? Kids need in real time teaching	*When building new schools, please account for the next decade of growth. It makes no sense to build a brand new school with portables. Portables should be reserved for unplanned student growth. Portables are less secure, more buildings to maintain and separates the student body. Plus, they look terrible and it looks like poor planning. We should not be needing a new school every 3 years because 'it just keeps growing'.	Anonymous User

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		when learning opportunities present themselves in peer interactions at recess. This is where bullying can be addressed and nipped in the bud at onset. Kids don't need to be told 'dont tattle, go play' when they are trying to learn how to effectively navigate peer interactions and build positive relationships. *Social/emotional coaching groups that include peer interactions, role playing, communication techniques/conversation skills.....more interactive than sitting around a table like a group therapy session.	*New facility: a sports center downtown Puyallup. Something nice like the Kessler center where practices and games can take place. Central location, one stop shop, community center like (central kitchen and lounging area) also to build community.	
4485	10/3/2024 8:57	I work in FWPS, and new schools are built with smaller classrooms than 30-40 years ago. Students need more space to feel comfortable, and teachers need storage for materials. Air conditioning is a necessity, not a luxury. I guarantee learning is not happening when it's 76 in a classroom, and everyone is falling asleep.		Anonymous User
4497	10/3/2024 11:07	Currently our buildings are not large enough for the population of our area. As our population increases through additional housing and the infrastructure of our city does not (IE roads and schools) it feels as though we cramming students into our schools. We need larger school buildings and more parking for those schools, as well as more efficient ways of dropping our kids off at school and picking them up safely.	We either need to build additional schools or add more space to our schools. My Kids go to Karshner Elemetary, our school is becoming to small for the number of students. I also believe we need to provide a better space for school drop off and pickups to make it more safe for students.	Anonymous User
4502	10/3/2024 12:01	Let's talk about Puyallup HS. The building no longer meets the educational environment for today's students. Back when it was built the separate buildings was the style. And in today's world, it is NOT safe nor beneficial to our students. While the school spirit is high, I think the building and students would be even more awesome if they had a new building that brought the study body together. (For reference I'm on the other side of the district and I think PHS students have the greatest need for a new high school.) PHS used to be a top-tier school and the learning environment / building is so out dated.	Safe buildings. Stop building portables and exterior/separate buildings students have to walk to from the main building. These are points anyone (thinking scary / dangerous) can get too. It limits the visibility and security to students and staff.	Anonymous User
4505	10/3/2024 16:11	I struggle to understand why we are considering a bond so very close to passing a levy. I understand our schools have needs and projects but you haven't won the trust of the community yet with the money we just gave you. Also, I don't understand why we aren't taking the time to consider what it would take to move 9th grade to the high schools, move 6th	Like I said earlier, spend the time and energy with moving 9th grade to high schools and moving 6th grade at the junior highs.	Anonymous User

		grade to the junior highs. Then the investment would be only at the high schools needing to expand. This evolution would increase capacity where it is needed, freeing resources at the elementary schools where it is suffering and focus the efforts of our future.		
4511	10/3/2024 17:18	Need to build on North Hill. It's only continuing to grow	Either rebuild mountain view elementary or expand it	Anonymous User
4512	10/3/2024 17:21	I see newer elementary schools being built as two story buildings to accommodate larger student populations and mitigate the need for portables. I see HVAC systems being upgraded or replaced.	Larger classrooms when building new schools to accommodate larger class sizes. Multiple story elementary schools to accommodate growing student population.	Anonymous User
4521	10/3/2024 18:43		4 year high schools	Anonymous User
4528	10/3/2024 19:18	Expand the Rogers Aquatic Center to be able to host not only athletic events, but also expand the ability to serve the community with programs.	We need more pools! Seven teams practice out of just two pools in the Fall. This means we can't serve the public with life-saving programs, such as swim lessons, or even rehabilitation through Aqua Aerobics. Our pools are greatly used whenever they are open, and it would be a huge service to our community to expand the Rogers Aquatic Center. OR build a pool at Emeral Ridge so each school has a truly 'home' pool.	Anonymous User
4535	10/3/2024 20:34	My child is in elementary and I would love to see more outdoor education spaces, gardens specifically. With the fundraiser currently happening, this has been on my mind....instead of selling sugar and mostly plastic, made in China, low quality rubbish, why are the children not involved in growing something easy like tulip bulbs that could then be cut and sold by the stem every day in the spring? Life science + earth friendly + outdoor time, and the one time investment results in yearly profit.	I'm not sure if this is a school decision but our school does not have any kind of electronic or flashing "school zone" sign and cops usually do only one or two speed check mornings per year. Safety inside of the school I believe to be adequate (but that can always be improved on), however the safety of entering and leaving the grounds is lacking	Anonymous User
4540	10/3/2024 21:51	Having space for students & staff	Enough space for students and staff	Anonymous User
4549	10/4/2024 8:23	More space for special education classrooms and programs. Technology upgrades for use with audiovisual curriculum offerings.	Staff bathrooms throughout the building instead of a small bathroom in the office area as is the case in many of the older buildings.	Anonymous User
4557	10/4/2024 11:19	In this increasingly virtual world, we still need physical spots in our community to come together and learn and celebrate learning, maintain a sense of community, learn to talk through things. These learning spaces must be safe, secure and healthy.	Anything that aligns with decreasing global warming and responding to global warming in our structures.	Anonymous User
4561	10/4/2024 12:17	The schools need more space. Parking is an issue at all schools.	Fruitland Elementary is overwhelmed and old. The portables have 33 students per 6th grade class.	Anonymous User
4570	10/4/2024 22:18	Better equipped elementary kitchens	New Elementary schools need cafeterias and better equipped kitchens for cooking	Anonymous User

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4572	10/5/2024 11:10	Build a traditional high school	Having more than 20 Elementary schools and less than 4 traditional high schools makes the system lopsided and creates a bottleneck at the top grades.	Anonymous User
4573	10/5/2024 11:39	I am glad to see secured entry and safety improvements in many schools.	HVAC systems need to be updated to reflect the impact of climate change on our school buildings, and teachers need to have access to adjust the temperature in their own classrooms within a given range.	Anonymous User
4574	10/5/2024 11:58	We NEED bigger HS facilities or a new high school. We need to align our students to the 9-12 model most of the state and country follow. Then make the shift of putting 6th graders into a middle school setting. Making elementary a k-5 structure	A new high school school or significant size increases to the 3 current schools should be priority number 1.	Anonymous User
4576	10/5/2024 13:40	Equality is essential in the buildings. Ensuring that ALL of the schools are up to date with both facilities and necessary elements to support kids, must happen.	Up to date buildings attract the best administrators and teachers. When there are schools with inadequate space for instruction as well as play, it usually a disservice to all.	Anonymous User
4577	10/5/2024 13:46	The expansion and rebuilding of elementary and junior high schools.	A 4th high school. Re drawing the boundary lines. I live on shaw Rd and my son will have to go to kalles. Across town. Charging stations for elementary laptops. They're too little to be carrying laptops at such a young age. Better traffic infrastructure going in and out of shaw Rd elementary. Too many accidents/near accidents in that area.	Anonymous User
4578	10/5/2024 14:32	New transportation building to accommodate the current needs and growth of the department. Transportation has been removed from the last 2 bonds after revamping due to the failed passings.	The transportation department is operating in 2 locations. One being a very old building downtown that has has numerous heating and electrical issues. The other is in an old small portable that has been remodeled a few times to accommodate the changes. The department has had a lot of growth and one location would make sense for the needs required for the department to be more successful for staff, drivers, and mechanics.	Anonymous User
4580	10/5/2024 18:01	The system we have now is not working. Kids are crying that they can't take the classes they want to. They do not like to learn because they don't have a voice they need more flexibility in their schedule and their interests to be the priority. We are killing the love of learning	We need to make a switch to a 7 period day, which is recommended by the state under core 24. Other districts are successful with it and we can be too if we believe in excellence	Anonymous User
4581	10/5/2024 21:18	Proper HVAC installed in all buildings.	Moving 6th grade to a middle school model . Again , importance of HVAC systems that support the building, whether it a new one or older one .	Anonymous User
4582	10/5/2024 21:46	A 4th high school and switch to middle school model.	High school students should have more class choices that focus on a trade of some sort.	Anonymous User

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4619	10/7/2024 18:51	I would like to see wheelchair accessibility in the PHS gym second floor.	Adding an elevator to the PHS gym and providing adequate space and resources for the PHS ceramics program, which has been put on hold by the closure of the library science building.	Anonymous User
4620	10/7/2024 22:43	Schools are going to need to expand and brought up to date in many areas. Bathrooms, computer labs, gyms and athletic fields. PHS for example is old, needs lots of updates.	Classrooms, gyms and athletic fields/ stadiums and facilities	Anonymous User