



Planning For Growth

A Strategic Vision for Buckeye Valley Local Schools

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Welcome and Thank You

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Every decision is guided by our commitment to students and our community.

These principles drive every decision we make for our growing District.



Safety & Security for all Stakeholders

Ensuring a secure and protected environment for all students, staff, and community members, prioritizing their well-being in every aspect of our operations.



Academic Excellence for all Students

Committing to rigorous, innovative, and high-quality education for every student, fostering critical thinking, creativity, and lifelong learning.



Opportunities for all Learners

Providing diverse pathways and inclusive programs that cater to the unique needs, interests, and aspirations of every learner, unlocking their full potential.



Fiscal Responsibility

Managing resources with transparency, integrity, and accountability to ensure long-term financial health and sustainability for the benefit of our district and community.



Facilities Committee Meeting 2 Goals

THE VISION

Lifelong Learning and Wellness for all BVLS Stakeholders

K-12 Students

Seniors & Alumni

Industry Partners

THE FACILITIES

Specialized Wellness Centers & Vocational Centers

Key Takeaways & Understanding From 1st Meeting

The Community Pulse: Three Strategic Imperatives



1. The Urgency of Space

Residents feel acute overcrowding, particularly at the Elementary level. The sentiment is clear: "We can't wait years and years for relief." Waiting puts educational quality at risk.



2. Fiscal Prudence & ROI

Taxpayers demand assurance that "dollars were spent wisely." There is a strong preference for repurposing and "making small tweaks, not custom" designs to maximize value.



3. The Contingency Fear

A pervasive anxiety regarding the bond vote exists. The community is asking: "What is the plan if Bonds get turned down?" They need a "Plan B" defined before committing.

Building Our Future: Key Feedback on the District Facilities Plan

CORE FACILITY NEEDS & IDEAS

Modernize the High School with Future-Ready Spaces



Suggestions include innovation labs, community rooms, and trade school partnerships.



Build Elementary Schools to Alleviate Overcrowding



Key requests include more classrooms, dedicated STEM/library spaces, and performance areas.



Upgrade Arts & Athletics Facilities District-Wide



Includes requests for a 1,000-seat auditorium, acoustic shells, and new athletic complexes.



KEY CONCERNS & STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS

Diversify Funding Beyond a Bond Levy



Ideas include grants



naming rights



alumni donations



corporate partnerships

Plan for a "What If" Scenario if the Bond Fails



Community members are concerned about the levy not passing and want a contingency plan.

Prioritize Transparent & Proactive Community Engagement



Suggestions include town halls, social media campaigns, and door-to-door outreach to build support.

Our answer is a data-driven, three-phase plan designed to address our needs sequentially.



“Student Enrollment data will drive every phase for our growing District.”



A Hub for Community Wellness

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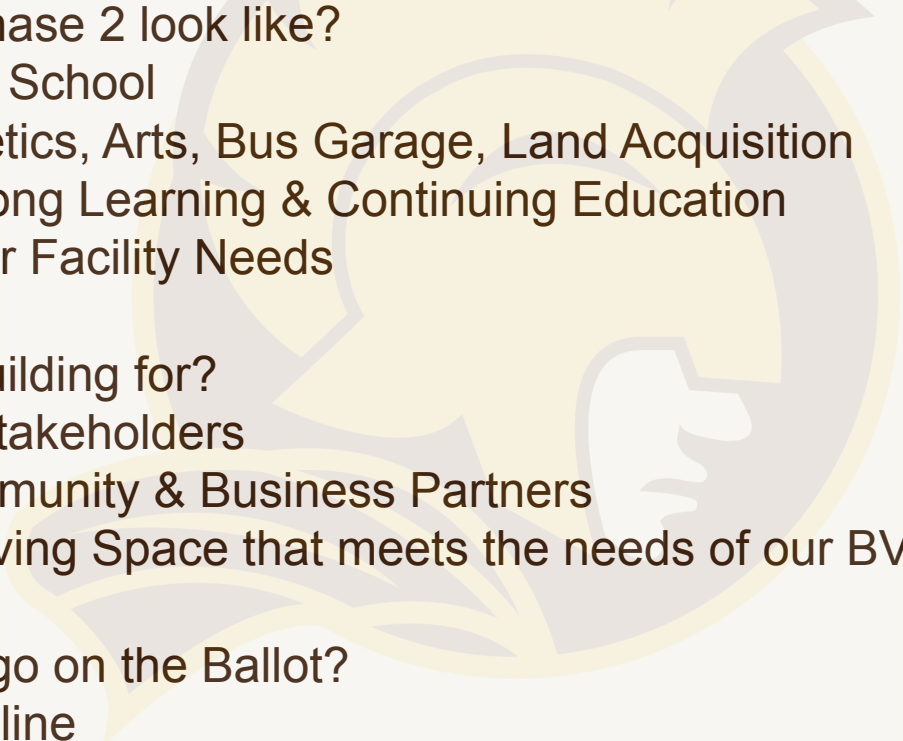
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Specialized Career Pathways & Learning Centers

Our Work & The Road Ahead

We have established the *what* and the *why* of our capacity challenge.

Next Steps:

- What does Phase 2 look like?
 - High School
 - Athletics, Arts, Bus Garage, Land Acquisition
 - Lifelong Learning & Continuing Education
 - Other Facility Needs
 - Who is this building for?
 - All Stakeholders
 - Community & Business Partners
 - Evolving Space that meets the needs of our BVLS Community
 - When do we go on the Ballot?
 - Timeline
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From Recommendation to Ballot

Committee Recommendation



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The Facilities Committee submits its formal recommendation to the Superintendent.

Superintendent Briefing



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The Superintendent provides necessary updates and proposal details to the Board of Education.

Board Determination



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The Board of Education evaluates the information to make a final decision.

The Public Ballot



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The approved bond issue is officially placed on the ballot for community voting.

The 15-Minute Feedback Framework

Your Voice Matters Today



Step 1: Review

Plan 2 Needs



Step 2: Feedback

“One Big Idea”



Step 3: Ask

Questions

We value your insights. Join us in shaping the future through collaborative dialogue.

Critical Questions



1. What went wrong with the previous bond issue and how do we pass this bond issue?

2. What items need to be included in this bond issue to meet the needs of our growing district?

★ Land acquisition, bus garage, athletics, arts, Elementary building, etc.



3. What other information would you need to make a recommendation about Phase 2 moving forward with a bond issue for a new High School?



Conclusion: Pride, Practicality, and Partnership

Next Meeting: February, 26th at 6:30 pm

Survey Follow Up



**Building Our Future Together:
Lifelong Learning & Wellness For All Stakeholders**