

Wapakoneta City School District BOND ISSUE FACT SHEET 3

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What Educational Advantages will our Students Gain?

- **Feeling Safe and Secure** Building security needs are incorporated at all schools. All buildings will have secure front door access to safeguard students. Other access to the building will be better protected. The school offices will be on the bottom floor and at the front door. Video surveillance will be added or increased. All buildings will be brought up to current State safety codes.
- **Increased use of Science & Technology** Our elementary schools were certainly not built for today's science and technology requirements! Much needed Science Labs in the new elementaries will encourage learning at an early age. Adequate wiring in all buildings will allow each classroom to be equipped and designed with computers in mind. The benefit of "Smart boards"- used for interactive technology lessons with students - can be increased as electrical problems are solved.
- **Climate controlled facilities** This includes air conditioning in the 2 new elementary schools. During the heat of August for example, Northridge teachers had to choose between lights and computers on or running fans to keep everyone as comfortable as they could. Those on the top floor of Cridersville also struggle with the heat.
- **Properly sized classrooms** This will benefit all students. Many of our current classrooms are sized below the state's recommendations. They are too small to provide a variety of activities for students. Also, Centennial has times when up to 5 instructors are working with different students on different tasks in one room. Multiple instructors in one room concerns are at all elementaries. Special needs students will be provided with rooms set up just for them whether to accommodate wheelchairs or provide grab bars for balance. Gyms will be competition sized and not part of cafeterias!
- **Handicapped accessibility** It is a problem in our older buildings. Cridersville has the office upstairs. Children are limited to the first floor in Northridge if they can't handle stairs. New buildings will allow students to be in all parts of the building with their classmates.
- **Performing arts programming** With the addition of an auditorium, choir, band, and theater will have an appropriate facility for performances, rehearsals and storage. Theater, more Musical Theater and performance classes can be added. The district also hopes to book groups in the auditorium for community enjoyment!

\$31.6 million in state funds is at stake for our students!