

Proposed Facilities Plan for Burke School District 26-2
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Purpose

The following plan is based on preliminary assessments of useable space in Burke, as well as repairs that are scheduled based on the resources of Perfection Property Restoration. The main campus of the Burke School District was struck by a tornado on the night of Tuesday, August 6, 2019. All of the school structures received some damage, with some parts of the buildings damaged more heavily than others. All of the school buildings were damaged enough to make them unusable without at least some repair. All of the buildings received roof damage and water damage, while some received extensive damage from wind and flying debris. The visual assessment of lay people does not tell the complete story, and as is the case with any insurance claims, the assessment of the damage and viability of the structures must be conducted by professionals with expertise in the field, including adjusters and engineers. The following night, August 7 saw more heavy rains, causing additional damage to the compromised structures. Since that time, EMC Insurance has had an adjuster on site, a structural engineer on site, and Perfection Property Restoration with about fifty employees. In addition to those resources, Precision Roofing has been in with about two dozen more people and has gotten the roofs weather tight on the elementary building and the original 1937 high school building. From there, assessments have been made, based on the collective expertise of that group as to the viability of the buildings moving forward. This report is looking through the lens of what our classroom needs are and how those needs will be met. Most of our educational needs can be met in our own classroom spaces in Burke. One of the first things the Burke Board of Education did following the storm was to push back the first day of school two weeks to September 4, 2019. Everything in the plan below is subject to change if additional unexpected information comes to light, but structural assessments have been made, and resources have been reviewed as to the feasibility of scheduled repairs.

Elementary

Grades Pre K- 5 will be housed in the Burke Elementary building. The building has been secured and the existing roof has been made water tight. Power and running water have been restored to the entire elementary building. The humidity level in the building has been brought under control. With scheduled water cleanup and repairs, every instructional space in the building will be ready for the first day of school on September 4, 2019. The roof will be replaced as soon as possible, with the goal being by September 4, 2019, barring any unforeseen setbacks. The plan is that all elementary classes that were scheduled to be held in the elementary building will be located there by the first day of school. Band and choir will be held at the Catholic and Baptist Churches. Elementary PE will be held in the lunch room.

Middle School and High School

The steel structure that includes the 1977 middle school addition and the 1992 addition, including the gym, band room, stage, locker rooms, weight room, and four classrooms will not be ready to be occupied by September 4th. The original 1937 high school building will house much of the middle school and high school. Specifically addressing the 1937 building and the elevator area with the counselor's office, the following status applies. The building has been secured and the existing roof has been made water tight. Power and running water have been restored to the entire high school brick building. The humidity level in the building has been brought under control. With scheduled water cleanup and repairs, every instructional space in the building will be ready for the first day of school on September 4, 2019. The roof will be replaced as soon as possible, with the goal being by September 4, 2019, barring any unforeseen setbacks. Four classrooms in the old high school building were in use last school year for middle school and high school classes, and through some shuffling, we will have 9 classrooms available for middle school and high school.

- A classroom on the first floor that had been used for elementary music will now be dedicated to MS/HS classes.
- Two additional classrooms will be created within the old high school library on the second floor. The total space in the library exceeds 1600 ft².
- The library annex, along with the hallway area through the existing library, will house the high school library. Study spaces will be created in the library annex.

- One new mobile classroom will be placed in the south parking area. That space will be specifically designed as a high school science lab.
- The CTE mobile unit that is normally only used on B days will be utilized on A days.
- Band and choir for grades 6-12 will be held at the Catholic and Baptist Churches.

Athletics

All volleyball practices and home games will be held in Bonesteel, thank you to the generosity of the South Central School District. Basketball practices and games will also be held in Bonesteel, but if the situation changes, that item could be addressed at a later date. Football practices and games will be held at facilities in Burke. The football scoreboard received extensive damage; however, the existing scoreboard appears to be working. The existing scoreboard will be used until a replacement is in place. The crowd's nest received only very minor damage.