

Findings of the Architectural Firm during the Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan Process

- Existing Elementary School Facilities are beyond their useful life.
- Average Age is 65 Years
- Last major improvements to the Elementary Schools were decades ago
- Renovation costs of the existing Elementary Schools exceed the SBA formula for funding when compared to new school replacement cost.
- Only \$75,000 in Total Site Acquisition Cost
- Hampshire County Voters will only pay 49% of the total Project Cost.

Bond Proceeds	\$	26,200,000	49%
SBA Funding		24,000,000	45%
ESCO Contract		<u>3,049,647</u>	<u>6%</u>
	\$	<u>53,249,647</u>	<u>100%</u>

- No guarantee SBA Funds will be available in the future if the Bond fails

What will be available in the new schools.....

- Can offer more curriculum and services (including nurses & improved special education programs)
- 21st Technology that will greatly aid teachers with instruction
- Academic Classrooms, Art & Music, Media Center, PE/Gym, Cafeteria & Kitchens
- Improve Safety & Security to today's standards with secured access.
- Eliminate all portable building so students don't leave the school during the day
- New Schools will be ADA compliant
- Technology will be available to students and staff throughout the buildings
- New Schools will be Energy Efficient and provide better air quality for students
- Eliminate unsafe water supply