



# Canton South Wildcat Pride!

## Construction & Renovation Frequently Asked Questions

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**Q. How many classrooms will be in the new school?**

A. There will be 38 classrooms in the new school building to be used for teaching academic, Career Tech, and arts classes. This number does not include existing classrooms in the annex. We are excited about the innovative design of the rooms and how it will improve the way in which we teach and our students learn.

**Q. Will the Red Ash Gym have a walking track?**

A. Updated plans include a walking track located in the upper level of the gym.

**Q. Will the new building have locker rooms available for visiting teams?**

A. There will be space allocated for officials and visiting teams.

**Q. Will the Wildcat Café be included in the new design?**

A. As we look to prepare our students to be college and career ready, a curricular decision was made to phase out the Culinary Arts program and develop new career based programs including small animal care, video production and a public safety focus.

**Q. Is the project still on budget?**

A. Final designs are continually being adjusted to ensure the project stays on time and on budget.

**Q. What about concessions and restrooms for the stadium?**

A. The stadium will include a new concession stand and restrooms. They will be built in approximately the same location as the current weight room, so construction on this project will not begin until the current high school has been demolished. Projected completion fall of 2018.

**Q. How will you handle parking during the project?**

A. We know that parking is going to be a challenge during the project. We will use every space we can and adjust throughout the project to make it as painless as possible. We have already added a new bus drop off and parking area in front of the school in order to make drop off and pick up times smoother.

**Q. Rumor has it we may lose the baseball batting cages is this true?**

A. There are no plans at this time to move the baseball batting cages.

**Q. Is it possible to save bricks from the current high school to sell or use in sidewalks or new signage? Alumni may be interested in buying bricks.**

A. That is a great suggestion that the Honoring Traditions committee is working on.

**Q. What are your plans to keep up with the new facility? I do not want initial money wasted.**

A. The cost to maintain the new facility should be about the same cost as it is now minus the needed repairs we currently have.

**Q. Where is the library? Why a separate gym and cafeteria?**

A. The library will be called the Design Center as that fits the overall purpose of the space. There will be two separate gyms and a cafeteria.

**Q. Will the high school be built using local labor?**

A. Public schools are required by law to solicit bids as part of a competitive bid process. The structure of the bidding process is defined by the Ohio Revised Code statute. The process begins with the public advertisement for bidders. After the bid opening, the apparent low bidders are evaluated to determine whether they are responsible according to criteria set forth in law.

**Q. How big will class sizes be? What is being done to reduce noise from room to room?**

A. Based on current enrollment projections, we are planning on class sizes of 25 students. Lighting and noise reduction will be addressed utilizing the latest state of the art materials.

**Q. Will the football stadium stay where it is?**

A. Yes it will!

**Q. Can you put money back for a wrestling room?**

A. The wrestling room will be bid as an alternate, as well as several other areas in the building. Alternate bidding allows us to bid the "must have spaces" and add additional spaces as the budget allows.

**Q. Will maintenance costs be lower with a new building?**

A. It is projected that the cost to maintain the new building will be about the same even with air conditioning the 175,000 sq ft building. A new facility will save us money in our repair budget.

**Q. Have you considered using the original Wildcat rather than the "Perry Panther look"?**

A. There will be discussion about this as the discussion has continued over the course of the years. The students, for whom the school is intended, indicate they like the new design. I think you will see at least one of the older versions of the wildcat within the building.