

From The Desk of Superintendent Francesconi:

We are excited to report that, at the February 8th meeting of the Board of School Trustees, the School Board ruled in favor of adopting the Feasibility Study Action Plan. This plan resulted from needs identified in our recent Feasibility Study. In approving the adoption of the plan, the Board agreed that LPCSC administration should move forward with the next steps of implementation. The following diagram identifies the three initiatives that make up our action plan.

Action Plan



Building Project

The building project referenced above will make space available for our continuous improvement work, upgrading our facilities, and improving our college and career programs.

Since the school corporation will retire substantial debt over the next few years, we are in a position to undertake a major building project without asking for an increase in revenue/property taxes. The final cost of each project will determine which ones we will be able to complete while avoiding any tax increase.

The components of the building project are listed below. In the event that unforeseen costs or expenses surface, items on the list that are marked “low priority” will be taken out of the project and entered into the capital improvement plan.

Project	Priority
1. New "Handley" Elementary School	High
2. New "Boston" Middle School	High
3. High School Auditorium	High
4. High School Renovated Fieldhouse	High
5. Renovate Kiwanis Stadium Restrooms and Concessions	High
6. New Kiwanis Locker Facility	High
7. Renovate Boston for Offices and Programs	High
8. Renovate Administrative Building	Low
9. Renovate Transportation Garage and Parking Area	High
10. Riley Elementary - Student Pick-Up/Drop-Off	Low
11. Crichfield Elementary - Student Pick-Up/Drop-Off	Low
12. Kingsford Heights - Student Pick-Up/Drop-Off	Low
13. Hailmann Elementary - Student Pick-Up/Drop-Off	Low
14. Kesling Middle School - Student Pick-Up/Drop-Off	High

At our March School Board meeting, we will hold a public hearing where the projects will be presented to the public and discussed. After the public hearing, we will develop a timeline to identify steps required to begin work on the projects.

Strategic Plan 2017 – 2022

In reviewing the Feasibility Study findings, areas of improvement have been identified. Our strategic planning team will focus on this information in the development of a five-year strategic plan.

The strategic planning team will convene in the fall of 2016. Its goal will be to develop a plan ensuring that LPCSC demonstrates improvement in each of our continuous-improvement domains, as recognized in the Feasibility Study findings. Action Plans and Smart Goals will be identified by teams comprised of staff, students, parents, community members, and administration.

Capital Improvement Plan

The final element of our Action Plan involves the design and implementation of a five-year schedule for building maintenance, technology, and improvements. The Feasibility Study data identified clear needs for each LPCSC building and department.

The implementation of the Feasibility Study Action Plan will ensure that all of our buildings are on a schedule to be improved and maintained. This, in turn, will promote an atmosphere conducive to delivering the programs our students need to succeed.

On the Move

It is an exciting time of growth in La Porte. We are eager to improve both our facilities and our college and career programs to prepare our students for future success. We will embrace the opportunities created by these improvements to collaborate with our local businesses and industry. Only with your support and participation can we ensure the success of our schools, our students, and our future.

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