

District Enrollment Growth Plan

Upon completion of the additions and renovations, the district school configurations will be:

Clayton Elementary (K-3)

Sunnyside Elementary (K-3)

New School (4-5)

Clayton Middle School (6-8)

North Smyrna (PK – 3)

Smyrna Elementary (K-3)

JBM Intermediate (4 – 5)

Smyrna Middle School (6 – 8)

Smyrna High School (9 – 12)



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

District Programs to Support Students and Families:

K-12 Emotional Support & Pk-12 Comprehensive Learning Classrooms with Plan to Include 18–21 YO's.

Social-Emotional Learning Programs.

Trauma-Informed & Restorative Practices Programs.

Take Care Delaware Pilot District.

English Language Learners Supports.

PAWS for People Therapy Dogs.

Technology Improvements:

Increased Building Bandwidth & Expanded Wireless Connectivity Inside and Outside the Buildings.

Technology Help Line for Students and Families.

Provided Families with MiFi & Internet Solutions.

Safety and Security Improvements:

Established Secure Building Entrances.

Updated Sprinklers & other Life, Health Safety Systems.

Maintained School Resource Officers through Agreement with Local Law Enforcement Agencies.

Community Outreach & Supports:

District Annual Report & *Smyrna Messenger*.

Updates via Text, Email, Phonecalls & Other Apps.

Online CNP Menus.

Online Home Access.

Graduation & Athletics Livestreaming.

Food Pantry Partnership & Summer Food Program.

After-School Snack Shack & Weekly Meal Service.

USDA Farm-to-Families Meal Kits.

Donations to Code Purple.

Smyrna School District Referendum for Capital Projects and Current Expenses

When:

Tuesday, March 23, 2021,
7AM to 8PM

Where:

Smyrna Elementary School
Smyrna Middle School
Kenton Ruritan Club



CAPITAL PROJECTS:

Purchase of a 15-acre Parcel across from Sunnyside Elementary–July 2021.

Construction of a New Elementary School–July 2022 (3-year funding).

Clayton Intermediate Addition and Renovation–July 2023 (3-year funding).

North Smyrna Elementary Addition and Renovation–July 2023 (3-year funding).

CURRENT EXPENSE CHALLENGES:

At risk of losing nearly \$1.3 million in state funding if legislation “freezing” the equalization formula is not continued in the annual state budget.

Absorb annual reduction in excess of \$1.0 million in state discretionary funding.

Increase in property taxes from growth is not keeping pace with rising costs.

Additional cost of operating new and expanded facilities.

Maintain existing and implement new programs for our students.



CURRENT EXPENSE REFERENDUM BENEFITS

- Implementation of a 1-to-1 technology initiative in which each student receives an individual Chromebook in grades 1, 5 and 9.
- Operating expenses associated with enrollment growth and building expansion, including, but not limited to, the local portion of staff salaries, software and supplies, facility maintenance and supplies, utilities, transportation costs, technology support, equipment and supplies for the arts, and athletic equipment and supplies.
- Continued staff retention and recruitment to support the growth of the district.
- Continued safety and security enhancements.
- Sustained funding for student programs and services affected by state funding cuts, including, but not limited to, curriculum supplies, textbooks and classroom technology replacements and upgrades.

CURRENT EXPENSES:

Did You Know?

In 2014, the community approved an increase in our tax rate intended to provide for district expenses for 3 years.

*The district has managed to make that increase last more than **twice as long (7 years)** through prudent financial management.*

*The district maintains a conservative fiscal approach and demonstrates that it is a **good steward** of the tax funds it receives.*

*In 2020/21, the district has the **fourth-lowest** total tax rate in the state.*

*In 2018/19, the district had the **fourth-lowest** revenue and expenditure amount per pupil in the state.*

*Current district enrollment is nearly **6,000 students** and is expected to reach nearly **7,000** by 2024.*

