

**MANSFIELD RESIDENTS STILL
HAVE THE OPTION TO
RENOVATE THEIR SCHOOLS**

**We believe we
should!**

Why support the Renovation of Existing Schools?

- Our School Buildings are Structurally Sound.
- Renovation will preserve all three exceptional neighborhood schools.
- All schools will be brought up to code and improved.
- Lower cost to the Town and the Taxpayer over the next 20 years.
- Renovation is in line with Mansfield's focus on Sustainability.

Structurally Sound

Mansfield's 2006 Plan of Conservation and Development states:

“In general, Mansfield's educational facilities are in good physical condition and suitably located within the community. Although no major facility needs have been identified at this time, consideration should be given to expanding the existing athletic fields at Vinton School.”

Why Neighborhood Schools?

- People move into Mansfield for our small neighborhood schools.
- These schools anchor our neighborhoods.
- Less time spent traveling to school on the bus by our youngest students.
- Increase property and re-sale values.

Building Improvements in Option A Baseline for All 3 Elementary Schools

- New roof, windows, exterior doors, walls at transit walls, and plumbing fixtures
- Renovate classroom doors and replace gym floor and partitions
- American With Disabilities (ADA) upgrades
- Enhanced Technology Upgrades
- Fire Alarm System, Kitchen and Electrical Upgrades
- Install new Heating/Ventilation Systems including replacing boilers
- 3,000 square foot Play Area

Building Improvements in Option A Baseline – School Specific

- **New Septic Systems at Vinton and Goodwin**
- **New Playscapes at Vinton and Goodwin**
- **VCT Replacement at Southeast and Vinton**
- **Asbestos abatement allowance**

Building Improvements to the Middle School

- New roof, windows, plumbing fixtures, exterior doors, fire alarm systems and soffit panels
- New ADA compliant elevators and toilets
- Adjust grade for handicapped accessibility
- Technology Upgrades
- Asbestos removal

Lower Cost to the Taxpayer

	Option A Baseline	Option E (750)
Total Project Cost:	\$25.4 million	\$63.8 million
Net Cost To Mansfield:	\$20.3 million	\$34.9 million
Total Cost to Mansfield including bond interest:	\$31.4 million	\$52.8 million

Difference in Total Cost = \$21.4 million

Tax Increase 2014/2015	\$150.00	\$391.00 (avg. over 23 yrs)
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The tax numbers are based on 2010 Assessed House value of \$168,500 , however 2014 reassessment estimate will be approximately \$214,542

Sustainability

- Mansfield is proud of the fact that we protect and maintain our resources.
- We have built our facilities to last.
- The Buchanan Center is sound at 70 years old.
- Our Town Hall is a sound 80+ year old building.

We do not want to be a throw-away society focused on the fallacy that new is better.

In Summary...

- All our School Buildings are Structurally Sound
- Buildings have Deferred Maintenance needs
- Renovating keeps the tax burden lower
- Renovating keeps the debt service lower
- Renovating maintains property values in each neighborhood
- Renovating means less travel time on buses
- Renovating allows us to keep the feeling of community that our three schools provide and that parents have told us they do not want to lose

**Renovation makes more sense
than new construction.**