

FEMA (Storm) Shelter Information

The Board is exploring the possibility of building FEMA (storm) shelters at the K-8 building and at the high school. We have officially notified the state of Missouri that we are interested in obtaining approximately \$3,000,000 of federal funds for the construction of two shelters. Funds are distributed with the agreement that the district pays 25% of the costs associated with construction. Once the district has been notified that we are eligible for funds, we have three years to spend the money.

The FEMA shelter at the K-8 building will likely be either an additional facility located in the location of the old junior high building or a facility constructed in the location of the current MS gymnasium. The FEMA shelter to be located at the high school would likely be a band/choir room located on the backside of the campus.

In order for the district to provide its share (25%) of the costs, it will be necessary for us to put a bond issue on the ballot for voter approval.

Middle School Gymnasium Renovations

In order to determine the feasibility of keeping the MS gymnasium, we are in the process of analyzing the costs of renovating this facility (cost estimates below). The middle school gymnasium was constructed in 1956 and is in need of repairs if we plan to continue to maintain it as part of our campus. The board will make a decision if the costs of renovation are feasible or if those funds would be better spent on a new structure. The list of repairs listed below does not have to be completed at the same time; however, all of the items listed will need to be addressed at some point.

Additional Facility Needs

We are also in the process of analyzing the roofs on the buildings at the K-8 campus. Two additional roofs, specifically the 4th and 5th grade wing and the multipurpose gymnasium, are in need of repair. It is the board's hope that we will be able to pay for the costs of repairing these roofs with additional funds remaining from the FEMA shelter bond issue.

Bond Issue

A **no tax increase** bond issue could potentially pay for our portion of the FEMA shelters and also pay for the costs of repairing these roofs. An online survey completed by district patrons indicated that 93.5% of those responding would support a no tax increase bond issue for the purpose of constructing FEMA shelters at the K-8 and high school buildings. We will post additional information regarding this project as it becomes available. Until then, if you have any questions regarding any of the information listed above, please call my office at 417-258-7755 and I will answer your questions.

Sincerely,



Larry L. Brown, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Middle School Gymnasium Renovation Budget

Roof – 2 Options

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| 1. If moisture isn't too significant, then restore/recoat | \$70-74K |
| 2. Full tear off and replace | \$125,000 |

Windows – 2 Options

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| 1. Replace windows with thermal efficiency glass | \$22-25K |
| 2. Eliminate and fill with masonry product | \$15-18K |

Paint – Complete repaint of inside \$12-15K

Seat Refurbish – Remove seat boards & install plastic modules \$18-22K

Ceiling – Install new ceiling grid and tile \$18-20K

Fans – Demo windows and fans, replace with masonry product \$6-8K

Locker Rooms – Plumbing fixtures, toilet partitions, paint, lights & lockers \$35-40K

Stage – New ceiling, paint, lighting \$12-15K

<u>Totals</u>	Low	\$193K
	High	\$263K