

-Facilities Overview for Halifax Elementary School-

Halifax Elementary School is situated on approximately 4.66 acres. The land was purchased in June of 1967 from the State Public School Building Authority for \$1.00. The school building, constructed of brick and mortar, was dedicated in 1968. Its rated capacity is 475; the current enrollment is 315-grades 2 through 5.

Facility History

- 1968: Building opened; wins Electric Award from PPL.
- 1987-88: Additional pod (two floors-classroom area) added.
- 1995-1996: Shingle roof replaced.
- 2001-2002: Mold remediation; limited areas.
- 2002-2003: New metal roof added.
- 2004: Second round of mold remediation. Students moved out of building.
- 2005/2006: ESCO project upgraded lighting system.
- 2014: Trees removed from the front of the building; tree roots caused interior water damage; ground floor classroom was refinished.
- 2015: Security Cameras upgraded (recycled from MS/HS project); exterior doors removed from original kindergarten classrooms; original carpet (torn and tattered) replaced in library and several classrooms.

Facility Concerns

EXTERIOR:

- Doors and doorframes are deteriorating; gaps and hardware issues.
- Sonitrol system (security) past its life cycle.
- Window frames and seals have exceeded their life cycle.
- Inadequate parking for busses, parent drop off, and staff.
- Paving is beyond repair in locations.
- Outside storage is inadequate; humidity destroys items.
- Concrete steps and walkways need repaired.
- Property lacks walkway from street parking to front door.
- Repointing needed; deteriorating concrete at loading dock. Handrails need replaced.
- Parking lot lighting is inadequate and outdated. Light pole deteriorating-scheduled for removal; reattaching light to another pole.

INTERIOR:

- Lacks secure entrance; office area not secure.
- HVAC system is one pipe system-can only heat or cool; condensation issues cause rust in pipes; \$3,000.00 to rebuild circulating pump.
- Original electrical capacity; inadequate for program needs. Lots of power but not in the right places.
- Original asbestos floor tiles broken in numerous places.
- Original cafeteria tables; quick fix for tables that fold into wall.
- Inadequate space for programming-"audicafegymatorium"
- Cafeteria lunch line (students on steps).
- Inadequate storage; items stored in stairwells.
- Domestic plumbing is rusted in many locations due to condensation. Pipes must be reinsulated.
- Bathrooms need renovated; original tile, plumbing, and fixtures; parts no longer available.
- Original stage curtain-tattered and torn.
- Interior doors are delaminating.
- Cafeteria kitchen-primarily original equipment.
- Walk in freezer is located outside. Needs a \$6,000.00 repair to pass inspection.
- Walk in cooler-refrigeration unit has failed; \$3,000.00 to repair.

Facility's Impact on Programming

- Physical education drives the lunch schedule because of the "audicafegymatorium."
- Specials drive the daily schedule because of travel time between elementary buildings and the need to schedule each teacher a lunch.
- Fifth grade team is separated; opposite ends of ground floor.
- Ground floor is similar to a finished basement from the 1960s; dark and "bunkerish."
- Morning arrival is challenging: cafeteria and library areas used for supervision.