



Safe and Modern Classrooms for Pittsburg Students

Pittsburg Unified School District (PUSD) strives to provide a quality education for more than 10,700 local students in preschool through high school and adult education that prepares them for life beyond the classroom.









AGING AND OUTDATED CLASSROOMS NEED REPAIRS

While some schools are newer, other classrooms are 45 to 90 years old and need repairs and upgrades. For example, many students attend class in old portable classrooms that are past their useful age and need to be replaced with permanent classrooms. Some classrooms and science labs are outdated and need upgrades to meet today's standards for science, technology, engineering, math, and job and career readiness programs. Other schools have leaky roofs and deteriorating heating, cooling, electrical, and plumbing systems. To continue to keep students safe, fencing, alarms, modern door locks, and security systems need to be upgraded and maintained. With student enrollment growing and schools reaching capacity, new classrooms are needed to prevent overcrowding.



LOCAL FUNDING FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

The State does not provide dedicated funding for school facility improvements, so repairs and upgrades must be funded locally. The PUSD Board of Trustees is currently considering placing a \$140 million school facilities improvement bond measure on the November 5, 2024 ballot for local voters to consider. Locally controlled funding from the measure could be used to:

-  Update classrooms and labs for math, science, reading, and writing instruction
-  Fix leaky roofs
-  Improve school safety and security
-  Replace aging portables with permanent classrooms
-  Replace outdated and inefficient heating, cooling, electrical, and plumbing systems
-  Provide classrooms and school facilities to prevent student overcrowding
-  Provide up-to-date learning technology
-  Improve accessibility for students with disabilities

STRICT FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND LOCAL CONTROL

A local school facilities improvement bond measure would require strict fiscal accountability protections, including:

- ➔ No funds could be taken away by the State or used for any purpose other than upgrading local Pittsburg schools
- ➔ A detailed project list indicating projects that could be funded by the measure
- ➔ A Citizens' Oversight Committee and independent audits to ensure funds are spent as promised
- ➔ Required public disclosure of all spending

Share Your Input!

PUSD is finalizing plans for upgrades to our aging local schools and we want to hear your priorities. Complete our survey to tell us what improvements you would like to see in Pittsburg schools: tinyurl.com/PittsburgSurvey



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