



WCS Newsletter

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Need help with Schoology?

All schools, beginning Sept. 8 will have a help desk open from 3:30-5:30 p.m. every weekday. Parents can call their school's main number to reach the help desk.

IMPORTANT LINKS

[Wood County Schools Website](#)

[iPad/Schoology Support](#)

[WV Dept of Ed Re-entry Map](#)

"Our vision is to work as a community to inspire a passion for learning, pursue excellence and empower students to reach their potential."

- Wood County Schools

Planning for the Future

Wood County Schools is completing its new 10-year Comprehensive Education Facilities Plan, also known as the CEF, a living document which will help guide facility decisions and projects from now through the year 2030.

Among the major goals outlined in the plan:

- Constructing a new Fairplains/Franklin elementary school.
- Constructing a new Vienna/Neale elementary school.
- Constructing a new Criss/Emerson elementary school.
- Constructing a new Lubeck Elementary School. The new building would be located south of the current school to help shorten bus routes.
- Close Van Devender Middle School and move students to Hamilton and Jackson middle schools.
- Renovate Madison Elementary School for a change in district, which would increase enrollment numbers for the school.

The changes would reduce the total number of schools from 24 to 20, but five of those 20 buildings would be new, including the new Williamstown Elementary School which opened this fall.

A Power Point overview of the proposed CEF can be found online at www.woodcountyschoolswv.com under Menu: CEF Presentation.



A summary of Wood County Schools instruction levels can be found [here](#). The district's re-entry plan can be found [here](#), and a list of Frequently Asked Questions concerning COVID-19 precautions can be found [here](#).

**"At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success
is the positive involvement of parents."**

Jane Dee Hull



Important Dates

Oct. 27 - Wood BOE Meeting

Oct. 31 – Halloween

Nov. 1 – Daylight Savings Ends

Nov. 3 – Election Day (No School)

Nov. 6 – 1st 9 Weeks Ends

Nov. 10 – Wood BOE Meeting

Nov. 11 – Veteran's Day

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Other projects for 2020-30

Building new schools is only part of the CEFP. The plan covers all sorts of large maintenance projects as well as projects from the previous CEFP which were not completed.

The proposed plan includes: air conditioning systems for the Parkersburg High School Field House and Parkersburg South High School as well as replacing the HVAC system at Edison Middle School; enclosing the open areas of Jackson Middle School; structural repairs at Blennerhassett Elementary/Middle; and window replacements throughout the district.

The Plan for the Plan

It is important to remember, the CEFP is a guidance document which gives Wood County Schools a roadmap for the next 10 years. Like any map, the actual route can vary with twists and turns and detours along the way. Each individual item in the CEFP will be discussed and must be approved by the Wood County Board of Education before the school system moves forward with that project. In several cases those projects will be brought to the public for approval in the form of a bond call. The plan also can be changed if needed during those 10 years.

The purpose of the CEFP is to help the school system achieve a goal: To make sure facilities are serving the needs of the students and community during the next 10 years and beyond. Reducing costs while providing new and improved facilities helps ensure the best opportunities for our students now and in the future.



Do you have feedback on the parent newsletter? Any questions or suggestions can be emailed to the Wood County Schools Communications Department at merb@woodcountyschoolswv.net and all parents and community members are encouraged to download the Wood County Schools app for news and announcements from the district's Central Office.