### Student Engagement

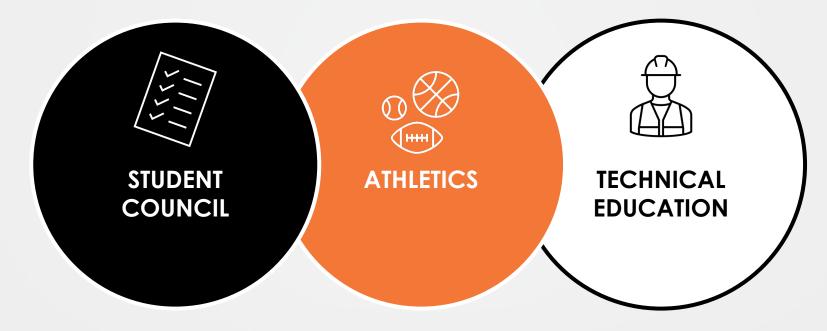
# Unified School District of Marshfield

## STUDENT ENGAGEMENT: SESSION OVERVIEW

On January 24, 2024, engagement sessions were conducted with high school students from 3 different groups to elicit their perspectives on:

#### $\checkmark\,$ the condition of school facilities

 $\checkmark\,$  ways in which their learning environment can be improved.



The students broke out into groups of five, discussed the questions, took notes on their answers, and then one student shared their answers with the group at large.



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#### Inadequate HVAC

systems create hot/cold spots and poor ventilation which causes discomfort and fatigue.

#### Difficult to see

Poor, inadequate lighting and lack of natural light make it difficult to see clearly.

#### Old furniture

Old equipment and furniture looks dated and tired.

#### **Undersized Spaces**

Many spaces are undersized and/or poorly designed which causes crowding, poor traffic flow, and safety problems.

#### Noise

Poor soundproofing between classrooms leads to distraction and disruption.

#### **Bathrooms are dated**

Bathrooms are dated and inadequately sized which causes congestion and delays between classes.



#### **Not Inviting**

Old, outdated spaces are not inviting nor inspirational and lead to a lack of pride.



Would you prioritize investment in maintenance projects like heating, cooling, bathrooms, etc., or educational upgrade projects like additional space, remodeled facilities, flexible learning spaces, athletics, career and technical education, or a combination? Why? A combination of building systems and learning space improvements need to be prioritized, such as:

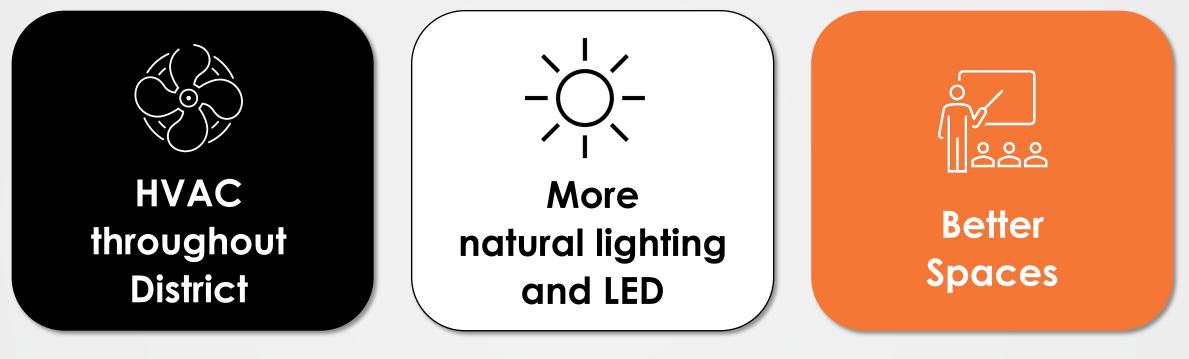
- 1. HVAC throughout District to resolve temperature and ventilation problems.
- 2. Bathrooms Larger and newer. Many are outdated, worn, and crowded which leads to traffic congestion and tardiness.
- 3. LED and natural lighting for vision and mood.
- 4. CTE more space and new equipment.
- 5. Weight room more space and new equipment.
- 6. Commons is too cramped.
- 7. Wrestling room is too small.
- 8. Gymnastics is not enclosed which leads to safety problems.



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HVAC systems create hot/cold spots and poor ventilation which causes discomfort and fatigue. "Fluorescent lighting creates poor light and consumes more energy."

"Skylights are covered with snow half of the school year." Many spaces need to be enlarged and/or better designed: Classrooms, CTE, Commons, bathrooms and athletic spaces such as wrestling and weight room.



## How would you recommend the District communicate facility needs to other students and the greater Marshfield community?



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Student community forums.

Picture signs in Pick up Drop off to show parents who rarely come inside.

Compare Marshfield with other area districts' renovated spaces.

**Building tours.** 

Student survey and publish results.

"Before/After" comparisons.

"A Day in the Life of a Student" to illustrates the facility challenges students face. Show the community the relationship between high school education and local job creation – hospital, manufacturing, and agriculture.