

# ELEMENTARY BOND RECOMMENDATION

February 10, 2014

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# Discussion Items

- **Academic Vision for Facilities**
- **Elementary Facility and Demographics**
- **Technology Centers**
- **“Right-Size” School and “4-3” School**
- **Timeline**
- **Recommendation**



# Vision

- **Academics**

- Student Centered
- Professional Learning Community

- **Finances**

- Budget to Operate Schools is Currently at the Maximum
- Current Needs:
  - Curriculum Needs
  - Instructional Needs
  - Technology
  - Support Staff

- **Facilities**

- Overcrowding
- Decaying Infrastructure
- Changing Demographics



# Elementary School -- Facility Snapshot

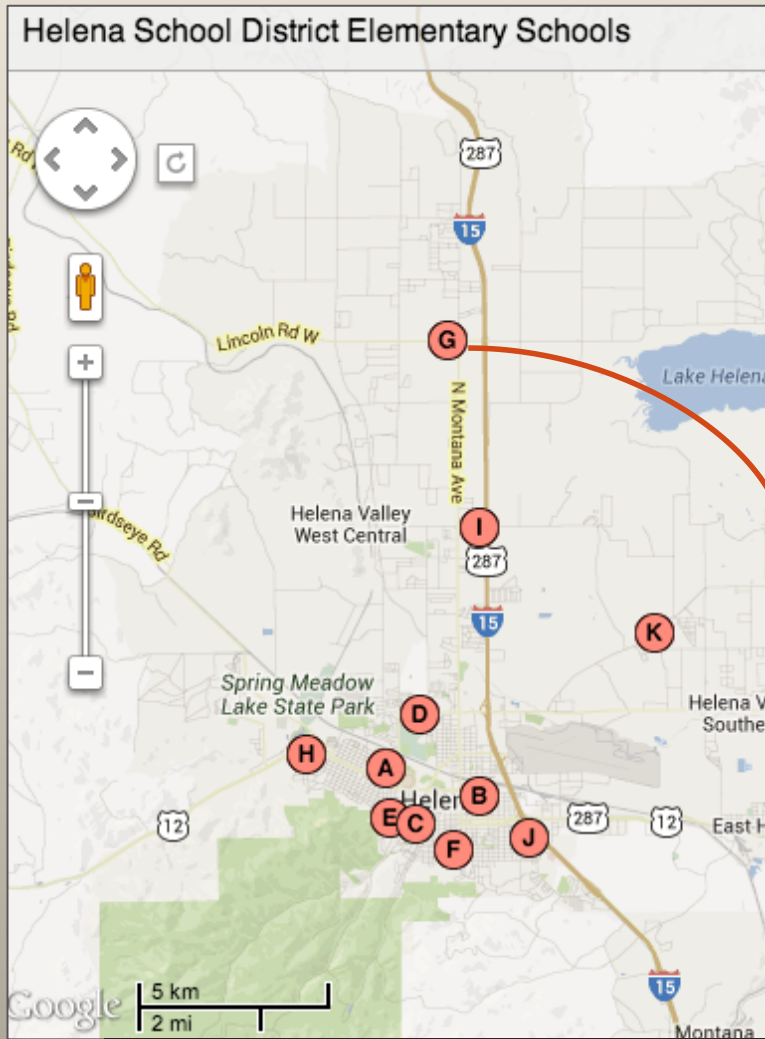
SCHOOL	Annexed	Site Size Acres	Year Built	Additions	Facility Sq. Ft.
Broadwater		2.46	1942	1949, 1970	37,487
Bryant		1.93	1938	1973, 1977	25,658
Central		3.56	1914	1921	41,268
Four Georgians		8.63	1977		56,948
Hawthorne		2.11	1921		30,745
Jefferson		3.85	1948	1977, 2013	34,965
Jim Darcy	July 1, 1985	6.82	1965	1969, 1977	24,365
Kessler	July 1, 1995	5.98	1936	48, 56, 58, 67, 90	28,498
Rossiter		31.5	1966	1977	43,793
Smith		11.66	1966	1977	47,498
Warren	July 1, 1985	10.59	1968	1977, 1993	29,138

# Snapshot: Elementary School Demographic by High School Feeder

2/3/2014

School	West (CHS) or East (HHS) Feeder School	Enrolled Students	Students within Boundary	2022 Forecasted Enrollment Change Cropper Demographics
Broadwater*	West (CHS)	277	199	-5.10%
Four Georgians	West (CHS)	484	538	2.00%
Hawthorne	West (CHS)	215	185	-7.90%
Jim Darcy	West (CHS)	329	548	-0.03%
Kessler	West (CHS)	257	235	1.60%
Rossiter	West (CHS)	472	365	1.80%
Bryant	East (HHS)	214	232	-6.00%
Central*	East (HHS)	249	170	3.20%
Jefferson	East (HHS)	257	252	3.20%
Smith*	East (HHS)	294	236	-1.00%
Warren	East (HHS)	311	388	3.20%
* Includes Montessori				

# Helena School District Elementary Schools Map



**Jim Darcy**  
990 Lincoln Road, West (CHS)  
Helena, Montana 59601

Type: Elementary  
Year Built: 1965  
West (CHS) or East (HHS) Side Feeder School: West (CHS)  
Enrolled Students: 329  
Boundry Students: 548  
Displaced Students: 219  
2022 Projected Change: -0.03%

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# K-8 Technology Infrastructure Rationale

**Why?** Support 21<sup>st</sup> century learning and improve technology framework and resources in the district.  
The District needs to offer both mobile technology and technology centers.

## **Mobile Technology**

- Allows small group use within the classroom
- Provides the opportunity for individual research
- Enhances differentiated instruction

## **Tech Center**

- Provides the tools for whole class instruction
- Allows whole class assessment opportunities
- Higher standard of reliability for connectivity

**Who?** 5,100 K-8 students with Technology centers built into Warren, Jim Darcy and Central.

Portable centers in eight elementary schools: Bryant, Broadwater, Four Georgians, Hawthorne, Jefferson, Kessler, Rossiter, Smith. Middle Schools: C.R. Anderson will receive a portable and HMS will reconfigure an existing classroom.

**How?** Technology centers will be equipped with the electrical; connectivity infrastructure and furnishing; additionally ventilation; heating and cooling. Stand-alone center is approximately \$180,000.

**When?** Operational during the 2014-15 school year.

# Determining the Right Size School/Class Configurations

<b>4-3 Section School</b>						
Four K-2nd grade classrooms and three 3rd-5th grade classrooms						
	1st Class	2nd Class	3rd Class	4th Class	Total Class	Total Student
Kindergarten	20	20	20	20	4	80
1st Grade	20	20	20	20	4	80
2nd Grade	20	20	20	20	4	80
3rd Grade	28	28	28		3	84
4th Grade	28	28	28		3	84
5th Grade	30	30	30		3	90
<b>Total Enrollment</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>498</b>

<b>2- 2 Section School</b>				
Two K-2nd grade classrooms & two 3rd-5th grade classrooms				
	1st Class	2nd Class	Total Class	Total Student
Kindergarten	20	20	2	40
1st Grade	20	20	2	40
2nd Grade	20	20	2	40
3rd Grade	28	28	2	56
4th Grade	28	28	2	56
5th Grade	30	30	2	60
<b>Total Enrollment</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>292</b>

- 4-3 Sections:**
- Eases progression of student enrollment through the grades
  - Specialists are full time (42 sections)
  - Enhances teacher collaboration



# Next Steps to Determining “Right Size” School

## Criteria:

- **Best for Student Learning**
- **Best for Teaching**
- **Meets Community Needs**
- **Financially Responsible**
- **Flexible and Future Oriented**

## Board and Community Recommendation:

- **Define Triggers for Minimum and Maximum Enrollment for Elementary, Middle School and High School**
- **Determine Policy Solutions when Enrollment Triggers happen, (e.g. Consolidate, Build, Boundary Adjustments, etc.)**

# Recommendation

- **Address Urgent Needs of Displaced Students**
- **Move Forward Together (Board and Community)**
- **Create a Common Vision**

## Options:

- **Plan A: May 2014 Bond**
- **Plan B: November 2014 Bond**



# May 2014 Bond

- **Pros**

- Provides Ample Time for Construction with Schools Opening in Fall 2016
- Technology Capabilities would be Installed Sooner
- School Election Only

- **Cons**

- Not Enough Time to Answer Community Questions
- Same Date as Operational Levy Election





# November 2014 Bond

- **Pros**

- **Allows More Community Involvement on Elements of the Bond Including:**
  - **Right Size Schools**
  - **Boundary Discussions**
- **Students Could Still be in Schools by Fall 2016**
  - **District will Hire Design Team Prior to the Bond – Contracts will be Signed Contingent on Success of Bond**

- **Cons**

- **Creates a Tight Timeline for a Fall 2016 Completion Date**
- **Summer Months are Slow**
- **Competition with the General Election**

