

WHY NOW?

Ray Public Schools
VOTE JUNE 9
School Referendum



Ray Public School District has been studying the long-term needs of its school facilities to ensure students and staff have safe, functional, and modern learning environments.

The current school building is approaching **100 years old**, and many systems and learning spaces were designed for a different era of education. Over time, the district has made routine maintenance improvements, but several major facility challenges now require larger long-term solutions.

Key challenges include:



Aging Infrastructure

Many of the building's mechanical systems date back to the 1950s and are nearing or past the end of their service life.



Outdated Classroom Spaces

Several elementary classrooms are small and do not support modern instructional practices or current technology needs.



Limited Cafeteria and Gathering Space

The cafeteria is undersized, forcing lunch schedules to begin as early as 10:40 a.m. The space also cannot adequately accommodate assemblies or community events. Since 2012, the Ray School K-12 enrollment has increased from 288 to 458. That represents a 59% increase in students.



Limited Gym and Multi-Purpose Space

The gymnasium is heavily used and scheduled nearly all day, limiting flexibility for physical education, extracurricular activities, and school-wide events.



Locker Room and Accessibility Limitations

Some locker room and athletic areas are too small and do not fully meet ADA accessibility standards.

While the district continues to budget for routine maintenance each year, the scope of these issues makes them difficult to address through annual repairs alone. Planning for improvements now allows the district to create a long-term solution that supports students, staff, and the community for decades to come.



Residents are encouraged to contact the Ray Public School District Office for additional information or questions about the facility planning process.