



School Operations Facilities Will Move for Agriculture Education Expansion

As part of the ongoing efforts to re-establish the Mooreville High School Agriculture program and create additional educational areas, Mooreville Schools has announced a change in the use of facilities and the acquisition of a new property.

The existing Facilities and Maintenance Department will move to a property recently acquired by the schools, a former manufacturing and warehouse facility at 518 South Park Drive which includes buildings and acreage. The lot sits on the south side of State Road 67 between State Road 144 and the railroad tracks.

“We are thrilled to be able to more adequately equip our operations while also creating a better educational area for our students,” said Superintendent Dr. David Marcotte. “This purchase allows us to be good stewards of our taxpayer funds by re-tooling the agriculture building for its original purpose and providing more adequate space for operations and storage for existing equipment.”

The property includes just over 12 acres along with a 15,000 square foot steel frame building, a 10,000 square foot wood frame pole barn, and a 1,600 square foot garage. The school district received appraisals prior to the purchase and was able to get the property at auction for \$500,000, well under the appraised value.

“This was a great opportunity for our schools, to be able to acquire land within the town limits,” said Assistant Superintendent Randy Taylor. “We will be able to make this purchase with our rainy day funds and there will be no impact on our citizens’ taxes.”

In addition to housing the Facilities and Maintenance Department, the warehouse space will also be able to house several vehicles and pieces of equipment which are currently stored outdoors at various school properties. Warehouse space will also be available for surplus items which may move from school to school or larger items which are only used seasonally.

The transition of the existing Agriculture Building will take place over the next few months in preparation for the beginning of the new MHS agriculture program this August. The program has already had a large enrollment response from MHS students.