

I want to update you on the projects completed and upcoming for the money generated by the 1 mill for 5 years plan implemented two years ago.

The renovations to our BHS and BMS science rooms were completed in the summer of 2017. The BHS gym renovation was completed this summer. The improvements that have been made in these areas are truly remarkable. The feedback we have received on these facilities has been very positive.

The science room renovations were \$1,512,605.82, and the gym renovation was \$539,512; a total of \$2,052,117.82. We were very fortunate that there wasn't any foundation damage from a roof leak situation when the new wrestling gym was built. Before we did the renovations in the gym, we made sure that our roof situation was taken care of. We monitored the roof for two years to make sure we didn't have any issues.

One mill generates approximately \$487,385 a year. Over 5 years, we anticipate receiving approximately \$2,436,925 in taxes for these projects. (This amount will vary depending on assessed valuation of property in the district.) Based on these numbers, we will have \$384,807 that can be used for future projects.

The board of education discussed what to do with this money at the November meeting. We agreed that our most pressing need is the 1st grade wing at BES that was built in 1959. These classrooms need new plumbing, electrical, heating/cooling, and other issues that need to be addressed in a 60+ year old building. This is vital to give our 1st graders the best place to learn and our teachers the best place to teach. This is the top priority identified by our administrators and board of education from our board retreat this September. The board of education is looking to utilize the \$384,807 toward the 1st grade renovation project. Feel free to talk to board members or me if you have any questions about our proposed plan. We want to be transparent with the public.

We are very fortunate in USD 244 that we are not in need of a bond issue for new schools. Our schools were built well and are holding up so that we can renovate. We have been very good stewards of the tax dollars we receive to operate our school district. This 1 mill for 5 years plan has allowed us to be able to impact BHS and BMS positively for our students and staff. It has also allowed us to improve all of our facilities since we have the funds to take care of them with our standard 4 mills of capital outlay that all school districts are allowed to levy. If we utilize the \$384,807 on the 1st grade wing, we can continue to improve other areas of our facilities with capital outlay as needs arise. We can't thank the public enough for their continued support of our school system.

If you ever have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me at your convenience. My e-mail is cmarshall@usd244ks.org and my number is 620-364-8478 EXT. 3040.

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