

# Warren Local Schools Newsletter

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## Board of Education to Consider Facilities Project in 2010

This fall, the Warren Local School District Board of Education will begin a planning process required by the Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC) to plan for the possible construction of new facilities. The District last addressed this issue in 2003, with a bond issue that failed by a wide margin. It is expected that the state share for a facilities project will now top 55%, with the local community needing to pass a Bond for approximately 40-45% of the total cost for new construction. This represents a 10% increase in funding since the original plan was put before voters nearly six years ago. Over the next few months, the Board of Education and District Administration will be working with the community to discuss the possibilities for new buildings and guide community members through the process of deciding the grade level make-up, student population, and location of potential new facilities. However, prior to starting that process, it is important to determine the challenges associated with our current facilities in an effort to identify the true need for new construction.

**Poor Electrical Infrastructure:** Nearly every building in the district suffers from having electrical service to the building that was never designed for the increased demand seen by the schools today. When first constructed between 1930 and 1960, much of the technology used today was not yet considered. The additional pull on the electrical service has caused serious concern at each building. While efforts have been made through the years to improve the electrical service, original wiring in each building acts as an additional impediment.

**Heating/Cooling Systems:** The current facilities are heated with hot-water boiler units that circulate to individual blower units in each classroom. Several of the boiler units themselves have been upgraded in recent years; however, the pipes and classroom units throughout the building have not been replaced. Some areas of Warren High School are still heated with boilers installed in 1960. Warren Elementary is heated entirely with boiler units originally installed in the early 1950's. Additionally, the installation of air conditioning or cooling units is problematic in that there is no existing ductwork for forced-air cooling systems. Window air conditioners and modular air conditioning units are generally less efficient and draw more power, which is problematic given the overall challenge with electrical service.

**Building "Envelopes":** In construction terminology, the envelope is the outside of the building consisting of the walls, windows, doorways, and roofs. Newer construction methods are significantly more developed in regards to creating a more airtight and efficient envelope. Our current facilities have envelopes that consist of single pane glass that allows the escape of air from the building, as well as the introduction of outside elements into the building. Building roofs have all been replaced as recently as 1990-1997, but recent breakdowns of the roof system at Warren High School have brought into question the long-term durability of the current roof systems.

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## Looking Ahead

Aug 27	Students' First Day
Sept 7	Holiday ( <b>No School</b> )
Sept 9	1 Hr Delay-Teacher Prof Dev
Sept 25	Interim Reports
Oct 14	1 Hr Delay-Teacher Prof Dev
Nov 6	Report Cards
Nov 11	Holiday ( <b>No School</b> )
Nov 26-30	Thanksgiving Break ( <b>No School</b> )
Dec 4	Interim Reports
Dec 21-Jan 1	Christmas Break ( <b>No School</b> )

## School Day

Barlow-Vincent	7:50 - 2:20
Little Hocking	9:05 - 3:35
Warren Elementary	9:00 - 3:30
Warren High	7:58 - 3:12

## First Day Menu

<u>Elementary</u>	<u>High School</u>
Chicken Patty/Bun	Chicken Patty/Bun
Green Beans	Green Beans
Fruit Choice	Fruit Choice
Milk	Milk

Breakfast: Super Bun, Yogurt and Milk

## Lunch Prices

Elementary	\$1.75
High School	\$2.00

## Breakfast Prices

Elementary	\$.60
High School	\$1.00

## Elementary Fees

Kindergarten	\$25
Grades 1, 2, 3	\$45
Grades 4, 5, 6	\$30
Grades 7, 8	\$35

# Facilities Project (cont)

Unfortunately, the original manufacturer of those roofing products has filed for bankruptcy protection, leaving the district on its own to fund repairs and replacements of hundreds of square feet of roofing at Warren High School. While there have not yet been signs of similar breakdown at our other district facilities, the potential certainly exists given that all of the roofs were replaced in the same time-frame with similar systems.

**Accessibility/American with Disabilities Act:** When originally constructed, the district's facilities were not required to meet standards for accessibility by persons who are disabled. Due to the age of the facilities, they are "grandfathered" in and have not been updated to current code. However, there are guidelines that require school buildings to be upgraded to current standards if a comprehensive renovation project is being implemented. For this reason, significant additional expense is added to any major renovation project.

**Educational Impact of the Current Facilities:** Students today are expected to learn much more, and at lower grade levels, than what has been expected of students in the past. Current elementary and middle school Mathematics and Science Curriculum requires students to complete experiments and use technologies that were previously not introduced to students until entering high school. Additionally, High School Curriculum requires students to perform tasks in a lab setting that might not have been imagined in 1960 when Warren High School was constructed. Our current facilities do not provide up-to-date laboratory facilities at any level. Some labs at the High School have suffered from inadequate gas service due to failing infrastructure, and elementary buildings consist primarily of make-shift lab environments. These are just a small sampling of challenges are students face that are not faced by students at similar districts across the state where new facilities have been constructed to address these and other educationally related facilities concerns.

The Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC) uses updated cost estimates to determine the overall price-tag for renovating a school versus the overall cost for demolition and new construction. If the cost to renovate is more than two-thirds the cost to construct new, the OSFC recommends that districts build new facilities. As of the most recent cost estimate update in spring 2009, the OSFC would recommend that the Warren Local Schools consider constructing new facilities.

This list of concerns is not meant to be comprehensive, but to give our residents a general picture of the need for updated or new facilities. If you would like to further review the specific concerns at each building, please access our website at [www.warrenlocal.k12.oh.us](http://www.warrenlocal.k12.oh.us) and click on the link on the homepage titled "2010 Bond Issue Information." Once you reach the bond issue page, there will be a link to each building's assessment. Hard copies of this information can be obtained by contacting the Warren Local School District Board Office at 678-2366, ext. 12.

A schedule of community meetings will be advertised in the coming weeks, with those meetings to occur in September, October, and November 2009. Any interested community members are invited to attend these informational sessions that will also be used to garner community input into the configuration of any proposed facilities plan.

*Thomas J. Gibbs, Superintendent of Schools*

## Important Phone Numbers

<u>Administration Office</u>	678-2366
<b>Tom Gibbs, Supt</b> <b>Melcie Wells, Treas</b>	
<u>Barlow-Vincent</u>	678-2395
<b>Stephanie Starcher, Prin</b> <b>Rebecca Johnson, Asst Prin</b>	
<u>Bus Garage</u>	678-2368
<b>Lisa Spence, Trans Supv</b>	
<u>Little Hocking</u>	989-2000
<b>Barbara Augustine, Prin</b>	
<u>Warren Elementary</u>	373-4937
<b>Monica Cueto, Prin</b>	
<u>Warren High School</u>	678-2393
<b>Dan Leffingwell, Prin</b> <b>Tony Huffman, Asst Prin</b> <b>Jim Pifer, Athletic Director</b>	

## Big Blue Picnic Meet the Teams

**August 20**  
**6:00 p.m.**

### Warrior Pavilion

### All Fall Sport Teams and Coaches Introduced

**Food provided by Warrior  
Athletic Boosters  
for all current and prospective  
members**

*The boosters are looking for new  
members and volunteers to help  
promote the sports programs in  
Warren Local School District.*

# Immunization Requirements and Medication Procedure

With the beginning of the new school year fast approaching Lee Church, the district nurse, wants to remind parents of kindergarteners that immunizations are now available at the Washington County Health Department in Marietta.

## Kindergarten students need the following immunizations to attend school:

- **5 DPT or DTAP or DT (protection against diphtheria, tetanus, and whooping cough)**
- **4 OPV or IPV (protection against polio)**
- **2 MMR (protection against measles, mumps, and German measles)**
- **3 HBV (protection against hepatitis B virus)**
- **1 Varicella (chickenpox)**

If your child needs any of these immunizations, please see that they receive them before school starts. Send a copy of the dates they were received to your child's school to the attention of Lee Church, school nurse. She will have no way of knowing the dates they were received unless you do this.

Health screenings will begin soon after school resumes. Vision screenings will be done on all students in kindergarten and grades 1, 3, 5, 7 and 8. Hearing screenings will be given to all students in kindergarten and grades 1, 3, 5 and 8.

Postural screenings for spinal curvatures will be done on all in grades 6 and 7. Screenings are done to comply with mandates from the Ohio Departments of Health and Education. Any parent or teacher may also refer a child for screening. They take place throughout the school year and, if results are below normal limits, parents will be notified by the school nurse.

If your child will require medication during the school day, please stop by the school office to pick up forms. Over the counter medication may be given if the proper form is filled out by the parent. Prescription medication may be given if a form is signed by the parent **AND PRESCRIBING DOCTOR**. The school district policy is very clear on the matter of medication given by school staff. It cannot be done without these forms being current and on file. For your child's protection, we can make no exceptions.

## Open House & Orientation Dates

Aug 20	HS 9th Grade Orientation	6:30
Aug 24	WE Grades 1-4	6:30-8:00
Aug 25	WE Grades 5-8	6:30-8:00
Aug 24	BV Open House KG-8	6:00-7:30
Aug 26	LH Grades 1-8	4:30-6:00

The elementary kindergarten students will attend school one-half day in two groups for orientation on August 27. If you have not received a letter from your child's school regarding the orientation, you should receive one soon. A parent is expected to attend the orientation with the child.

## Staff Assignment Changes

**Barbara Augustine** - LH Principal  
**Scott Cleland** - WE Intervention Spec  
**Shirley Cox** - HS English  
**Monica Cueto** - WE Principal  
**Marsha Fuchs** - BV Grade 1  
**Julie Hall** - WE Grade 8  
**Tony Huffman** - HS Asst Prin  
**Rebecca Johnson** - BV Asst Prin  
**Ann King** - BV Grade 1  
**Linda Korn** - BV/LH Counselor  
**Melissa Morris** - BV Intervention Spec  
**Jennifer Newberry** - BV Interv Spec  
**Marilyn Potash** - WE Grade 1  
**Terry Reiter** - BV Grade 8  
**Lance Schwartz** - HS Band/Music  
**Melinda Stabler** - WE Grade 3  
**Chris VanNoy** - BV Grade 4  
**Tom Wheeler** - WE Grade 7

*(New employees - bold print)*

## Retirees

The administrative staff and members of the Board of Education wish to thank and commend the following retirees for their many years of service and commitment to the students of Warren Local Schools.

**Sid Brackenridge** - Treasurer  
**Warren Carter** - HS Asst Prin  
**Lois Cline** - BV Intervention Spec  
**Jane Crumrine** - LH Counselor  
**Tom Ellsworth** - LH Principal  
**Brenda Evans** - BV Grade 1  
**Sue Kesterson** - Central Office Secretary  
**Steve Lyons** - Asst Supt  
**Rita Rodgers** - BV Grade 8

In addition to the retirees, the following left the district for other employment opportunities or interests:

**Harry Johnson**-BV Teacher  
**Brett Robinson**-HS Teacher  
**Kathy Swatzel**-Central Office Secretary

## Activity Passes

Activity passes and reserved seats for football will be sold beginning August 19 from 8:00 - 3:00 in the high school office. Reserved seats that were purchased last year will be held until August 28, at which time they will be released to the general public.

Family passes are for immediate family members (parents and students in grades K-12).

➤ Reserved Seats (5 games)	<b>\$25</b>
➤ Activity Passes	
<b>Students</b>	<b>\$40</b>
<b>Adults</b>	<b>\$65</b>
<b>Family (4 or more)</b>	<b>\$180</b>
➤ Varsity Events	<b>\$5</b>
➤ Junior Varsity Events	
<b>Students</b>	<b>\$3</b>
<b>Adults</b>	<b>\$4</b>
➤ Freshman	
<b>Students</b>	<b>\$2</b>
<b>Adults</b>	<b>\$3</b>

## Anticipated 2008-09 Local Report Card Ratings

Preliminary testing data indicates that all buildings in the Warren Local School District have met the requirements to be rated "Effective" or "Excellent" for the 2008-2009 school year. The overall rating for the district has yet to be determined, as there is some question regarding the implementation of rules under the No Child Left Behind Act in regards to students in subgroups and Adequate Yearly Progress. Based upon test results and performance indicators alone, the District meets the requirements to maintain an "Effective" rating at this time.

Barlow Vincent Elementary	Effective
Little Hocking Elementary	Effective
Warren Elementary	Effective
Warren High School	Excellent
Warren Local School District	To Be Determined

The Ohio Department of Education will be mailing the 2008-2009 Local Report Cards to district residents in early September.

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