



## Q & A Information for Washington Township Schools Community

**Question:** **What are the most significant facility concerns with secondary schools?**

**Answer:**

- *Safety and Security of the buildings*
  - Secured entries and security cameras in the buildings
  - Student lockers are frequently broken and are so outdated that parts are no longer available
  - Bleachers are broken, not handicapped accessible, and not as secure as desired
  - A significant number of areas of the buildings are not handicapped accessible
  - Corridors or hallways are too narrow as a result of classroom doors opening into the hallways and lockers loaded on each side of hallway
  - A lack of storage areas in certain buildings resulting in items being stored in hallways
- *Healthy Learning Environments*
  - Repurposed spaces that were not designed as traditional classroom spaces that are now being utilized as classrooms are not conducive to effective instruction
  - Performing arts spaces that do not meet industry standards
  - Inadequate sound systems in all large gathering spaces
  - Classrooms are significantly smaller than industry standards
  - The middle schools have not been renovated in 34 years resulting in a lot of the floor covering and wall covering needing to be replaced
  - Heating and cooling systems are insufficient and inefficient
  - Roofs in certain buildings are in need of significant repairs
- *Capacity*
  - Small group intervention or support areas are almost non-existent
  - Clinics are small size and do not have the necessary furniture to accommodate the number of students served
  - Student furniture needs to be updated to address small classroom sizes
  - Conference room space and teacher meeting space is limited
  - The small size of our cafeterias presents significant challenges
  - Parking is not sufficient for extracurricular activities and traffic flow at drop off and dismissal is inadequate

### **Links to Support Resources:**

Safe and Secure Entries: <http://www.campussafetymagazine.com/article/11-components-of-a-secure-school-front-entrance>

General Building Design Considerations for Middle Schools: <http://www.nea.org/tools/school-buildings.html>

Classroom Furniture: <https://p.widencdn.net/okpmz3>

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