Proposed Building Improvements

The 89-year-old Maine East building lacks a secure front entrance. The floor plan is extremely dated and there are accessibility issues throughout the school. Reconfiguration of classrooms and labs will promote collaborative learning and leverage instructional technology. While the special education, fine arts, career and technical education, and athletics programs have evolved, the facility has not and the proposed plan addresses those needs.

Plan Highlights:

- Construct a new secure front entrance to prevent visitors from entering the high school before being cleared by personnel.
- Replace outdated plumbing, electrical and mechanical systems to extend the useful life of the existing building, reducing costly emergency repairs and improve energy efficiency.
- Update classrooms and labs to create flexible learning spaces that leverage instructional technology, allow for new teaching methods and promote collaboration.
- Relocate the offices of the counselors, deans, psychologists and other support personnel into one area of building. This will enhance student access to these important services while also maintaining student privacy/confidentiality.
- Right size and relocate the special education spaces to better meet the needs of students in these programs.
- Expand and update the undersized fine arts spaces.
- Create collaboration zones throughout the school for students to study individually and in small groups.
- Relocate and improve the Library Media Center to increase functionality and access by all students and staff.
- Add an elevator to the East section of the building to provide access to the second floor athletic areas.
- Provide a first-floor, handicapped-accessible hallway connecting west wing of the school to center court, improving students’ traffic flow and access throughout.
- Update dining and food service areas to ease congestion, as well as replace 50-year-old equipment.
- Relocate cardio and weight room equipment from access hallways to a more accessible and safe location.
- Relocate the outdated locker rooms to be adjacent to the fieldhouse.
- Update restrooms.
- Relocate dance program to more appropriately sized space.
- Increase pool depth to comply with current codes and regulations, and renovate pool locker rooms.
- Repurpose the old pool for an all-district Entrepreneurial/Professional Development Center.
- Add and expand tutoring space.
Proposed Building Improvements

**Maine West**, which opened in 1959, lacks a secure front entrance and it is the only District school without a fieldhouse. The building’s footprint is outdated. Renovation and reconfiguration of instructional spaces will increase efficiency and create a modern learning environment where students can work collaboratively and instructional technology can be utilized effectively. A commercial food lab, tutoring spaces and enhanced fine arts spaces are included in the proposed plan.

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- Relocate the offices of the counselors, deans, psychologists and other support personnel into one area of building. This will enhance student access to these important services while also maintaining student privacy/confidentiality.
- Right size and relocate the special education spaces to better meet the needs of students in these programs.
- Expand and update undersized fine arts spaces.
- Create collaboration zones throughout the school for students to study individually and in small groups.
- Improve the Library Media Center to increase functionality and access by all students and staff.
- Eliminate the need for students to walk outside to access Career Technology Department from the main building.
- Update restrooms and locker rooms.
- Construct a new fieldhouse to consolidate athletics/physical education space in one location. This will allow greater resource sharing and an ability to secure the rest of the building during after-hours events.
- Add a commercial foods lab.
- Add and expand tutoring space.
- Expand dining to the lower level and provide a more efficient connection to student services and support programs.
- Update food service areas to ease congestion, as well as replace 50-year-old equipment.
- Increase pool depth to comply with current code and regulations, and renovate pool locker rooms.
Proposed Building Improvements

Maine South was built 54 years ago. The last major addition was completed in 1998. The building lacks a secure, visible and welcoming front entrance. Renovation and reconfiguration will promote collaborative learning and the use of instructional technology, while improving circulation and security—students currently go outside during passing periods. The proposed plan also provides adequate space for the growing special education, fine arts and athletics programs.

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- Update classrooms and labs to create flexible learning spaces that leverage instructional technology, allow for new teaching methods and promote collaboration.
- Relocate the offices of the counselors, deans, psychologists and other support personnel into one area of building. This will enhance student access to these important services while also maintaining student privacy/confidentiality.
- Right size and relocate the special education spaces to better meet the needs of students in these programs.
- Expand and update undersized fine arts spaces.
- Eliminate the need for students to walk outside to access the A-wing of the school, improving safety and security.
- Consolidate the cardio and weight areas.
- Create a dedicated space for gymnastics equipment to free up space in the fieldhouse.
- Add competition basketball courts to the fieldhouse to address athletic programming needs.
- Add business presentation rooms for Career and Technical Education.
- Provide new performing arts storage to free up space in existing rehearsal rooms for performers.
- Increase pool depth to comply with current codes and regulations, and renovate locker rooms.
- Relocate and expand dining area and renovate food service area to ease congestion, as well as replace 50-year-old equipment.
- Renovate locker rooms.
- Expand and add tutoring space.
YOUR VOICE MATTERS.

Please join us to learn more about District 207’s needs and proposed solutions. Each session will include a presentation, tour and opportunities to provide feedback on the plans.

Maine Township High School District 207 will be hosting community open houses and tours at each of our three high schools. Come learn more about District 207’s highest priority facility needs, proposed improvements and anticipated benefits, including:

- Enhanced safety and security
- Improved ADA accessibility
- Updated classrooms and labs that leverage instructional technology
- Improved student access to support personnel
- Creation of collaborative spaces
- Equity across all three school buildings

Dates, times and locations for the community meetings follow. Please attend the one(s) most convenient for you. The presentations will be similar, but not identical.

Please visit Maine207.org to indicate which meeting you will attend. Responses are not required, but they will help us with planning. Thanks for your interest!

**Maine West High School**
1755 S Wolf Rd.
Des Plaines, IL 60018
- Saturday, April 28, 10:00 am
- Wednesday, May 9, 6:30 pm

**Maine South High School**
1111 S Dee Rd.
Park Ridge, IL 60068
- Tuesday, May 1, 6:30 pm
- Saturday, May 12, 10:00 am

**Maine East High School**
2601 E Dempster St.
Park Ridge, IL 60068
- Thursday, May 3, 6:30 pm
- Saturday, May 5, 10:00 am