

EDUCATIONAL SPECIFICATIONS

Holland Hill Elementary School

Fairfield Public Schools

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RATIONALE FOR THE PROJECT

BACKGROUND:

On June 23, 2015, the Fairfield Board of Education adopted the “Fairfield Public Schools Facilities Plan 2013-2024.” The primary purpose of this plan was to produce a blueprint for meeting the facilities needs of the school district over the next eleven years. These facilities needs were identified in the “Fairfield Public Schools Enrollment Projects and Elementary School Capacity Study” by MGT of America dated December 14, 2010. The extension and alteration project for Holland Hill Elementary School is a major recommendation for meeting these identified facilities needs by the installation of an addition to eliminate portable classrooms; implementing all building code, life safety code and fire code requirements; upgrading the core facilities; installation of new fire sprinkler system; installation of new HVAC fresh air and air-conditioning system and the installation of new lockers.

ENROLLMENT:

Between 2005 and 2015 the enrollment at Holland Hill has increased from 341 students to 405 students. On May 1, 2014, MGT of America issued an updated report on the district’s 10-year enrollment projections. This report shows a continued increase in enrollment for Holland Hill to a peak of 438 students. This continued enrollment increase is a significant change in the demographic pattern.

CAPACITY:

The Fairfield Public Schools currently has eleven elementary schools and ten relocatable classrooms. Presently, Holland Hill School has a capacity of 315 students without relocatable classrooms. The enrollment for Holland Hill Elementary School in the 2015-16 school year is 405 students with a continued enrollment increase projected.

In developing elementary capacity we use a “24 classroom” model. This model is based upon four classrooms per grade level K -5 with an average class size of 21 students for a capacity of 504 students. In addition to these primary classroom spaces, appropriate additional full size classrooms are dedicated to art, music, science and special education, as required.

To support the building capacity, appropriately sized “core” spaces are required. These include a gymnasium, a media center with an integrated or directly adjacent computer lab, and cafeteria with a full kitchen and two serving lines.

LONG RANGE EDUCATIONAL PLAN:

On March 11, 2014 the Fairfield Board of Education approved the following policies which outline the long range educational plan of the district.

MISSION

Policy Number 0100

The mission of the Fairfield Public Schools, in partnership with families and community, is to ensure that every student acquires the knowledge and skills needed to be a lifelong learner, responsible citizen, and successful participant in an ever changing global society through a comprehensive educational program.

LONG-TERM GOAL

Policy Number 0110

Fairfield Public Schools will ensure that every student is engaged in a rigorous learning experience that recognizes and values the individual and challenges each student to achieve academic progress including expressive, personal, physical, civic, and social development. Students will be respectful, ethical, and responsible citizens with an appreciation and understanding of global issues. Student achievement and performance shall rank among the best in the state and the nation.

On July 9, 2015, the Board of Education approved a District Improvement Plan that details the specific actions to be implemented over the next five years to achieve the Mission.

THE PROJECT

In conjunction with the Fairfield Board of Education’s Long Range Facilities Plan, the Board proposes a construction project at Holland Hill Elementary School to alleviate overcrowding of the facility due to continuing enrollment increases and to address long-term facility needs. The essential elements of this proposed construction project is to bring Holland Hill to a 504 capacity and is to include the following elements:

- Elimination of relocatable classrooms
- Update facility to current building and fire code requirements
- Install a new fire sprinkler system throughout the facility
- Install new HVAC fresh air and air conditioning system throughout the facility
- Addition of:
 - one general music classroom
 - one instrumental music classroom
 - five general classrooms
 - sufficient space for one computer lab
 - sufficient space for one shared classroom for gifted program instruction and math/science program
 - one special education classroom
 - a conference room
 - a copy room
 - an office for the Spanish teacher and the Social Worker
- Expansion of the cafeteria/kitchen to accommodate an enrollment of 504 (including a second serving line)
- Addition of storage, custodial work spaces and toilet facilities as required by the expanded facility layout
- Expansion/reconfiguration of the parking lots for staff and visitors
- Addition of a secure entry vestibule and increased security measures
- Addition of a new server room (MDF/IDF)
- Replacement/addition of lockers to accommodate increasing enrollment

ENROLLMENT DATA AND PROPOSED PROJECT CAPACITY

HOLLAND HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	YEAR								
	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23	23-24
Enrollment	405*	438	431	425	424	419	414	410	411
Capacity	315	315	315	504	504	504	504	504	504

*October 1, 2015 actual enrollment

The following specifications apply to the new and renovated spaces only, not to the entire building.

BUILDING SYSTEMS:

Envelope

- Roofing systems shall be multi-ply systems (no single membrane systems) 20 year warranty (no dollar limit/edge to edge)
- Exterior envelope materials shall be consistent and compatible with the existing building façade materials in size, shape, color and texture
- Construction details of exterior elements shall be consistent and compatible with the existing building façade details

Security/Safety

- Reliable internal and external communication should be available between/among all areas of the facility to the degree consistent with safety and security plans
- Electronic security shall be provided which will include color video cameras (interior and exterior) integrated into the existing IP security camera system..
- Door hardware – District Standards – Schlage/Von Duprin/LCN
- Exterior doors to have continuous hinges
- Locks – Everest ‘D’ Keyway (interior), Primus Keyway (exterior) – Key into existing building system – Master key facility (new and old locks)
- All spaces to be capable of interior lockdown (without re-entry into the corridor)
- Doors – Narrow vision lites (for restricted line of sight into classroom during lockdowns)
- Exterior doors used by staff and students for exterior functions shall have Prox card access integrated into the existing card access system.
- Tactile signage (new spaces) for room identification (including room numbers) and directions
- Evacuation signage with directional maps
- Exterior signage (for directions and site identification)
- Provide adequate site lighting
- Tight weave room darkening shades on all exterior windows (new and existing)

Code

- Abate any hazardous material – encapsulation is not acceptable
- ILSM – Interim Life Safety Measures for working in an occupied building

(Also see SCG Filing Requirements)

INTERIOR BUILDING ENVIRONMENT:

Mechanical Systems

- Separate independent commissioning of Mechanical/Electrical/Plumbing (MEP) systems to include an air flow balancing contractor hired directly by the building committee (not the construction manager or design team) and reporting directly to the building committee and the Fairfield Public Schools Central Office
- Lighting fixtures – standard type(s), ease of maintenance, coordinated with presentation stations (projectors & projection surfaces)
- Low voltage systems to be designed to district standards
- Proper shutoff and backflow valves located to provide easy and quick access
- Upgrade telephone system as appropriate for the new additional space
- Wall clocks in all spaces. Clocks to battery operated and synchronized via radio signal with U.S. Atomic Clock.

Interior Spaces - General

- Kitchen update appropriate for enrollment– Review equipment (size, condition, etc.), storage space, serving lines, etc including but not limited to:
 - Storage for dry goods
 - Walk-in Refrigerator
 - Walk-in Freezer
 - Washer & Dryer
 - Serving lines with power and network access
- Ceiling systems – standard sizes 2x2 or 2x4, standard tiles, wide grids 9/16”, no strange patterns, consistent choices
- Millwork – solid surface countertops/plastic laminate cabinets/wire pull handles/euro-hinges
- Flooring –VCT or other easily mopped finish in classrooms, corridors, etc.
- Student lavatories and staff toilet rooms meeting district standards to be located at convenient locations for students and staff
- MDF/IDF room (in new addition) to be:
 - large enough to allow front and rear access to all racked equipment
 - located in non-classroom spaces
 - provided sufficient ventilation, cooling and power to support equipment growth
 - provided with security alarms
- Built in shelving, cabinets and countertops sufficient for instructional material storage
- Built in shelving, cabinets and countertops sufficient for office material storage (lockable)
- FF&E – New Spaces – Appropriate furniture and equipment to accommodate the intended use of the room/space inclusive of student desks and/or tables, chairs bookcases, storage, teacher desks and chairs, learning centers for individual and/or group instruction, computer tables and chairs, area carpets, room darkening shades, appropriate projection surface for use with multimedia projector, wall pads, basketball hoops, fire resistant file cabinets, tackboards, tackstrips, whiteboards, flags, clocks, pencil sharpeners, paper towel dispensers, soap dispensers, etc.

TECHNOLOGY:

- An essential component of this project is to provide electronic network access to every segment of the new building (addition). All instructional areas and support facilities shall be provided with:
 - local and wide-area wired and wireless networks
 - digitally delivered TV connectivity
 - digitally integrated internal broadcast capability
 - wiring for interactive whiteboard technology
- Each teaching space shall be provided with connectivity to multimedia projection systems with amplification and speaker systems to support audio as per current district standards.
- All wiring to be CAT 6 or better and certified. Each patch panel shall be labeled with the room number, and jack number and each jack labeled with MDF/IDF closet number, panel and punch down location.
- Charging stations for mobile computer labs
- Technology Network Space – server room, wiring closets, dedicated area for head-end equipment including extended demarcation points provided by the suppliers to the server room for all external connections.

(Also see INTERIOR BUILDING ENVIRONMENT – Interior Spaces)

CDAS DCS-SCG FILING REQUIREMENTS (for Reimbursement):

This project shall be designed so that it can be filed with the Connecticut Department of Administrative Services – Division of Construction - Office of School Construction Grants under at least the following project types:

- Extension of Facility
- Alteration of Existing Facility
- Code Violation (Hazardous Material abatement)

As required by C.G.S. 10-291 a Phase I environmental site assessment in accordance with ASTM Standard #1527 shall be conducted prior to the approval of architectural plans.

COMMUNITY USES:

Holland Hill Elementary School does not contain or host space(s) for other town departments or outside firms. The building is used exclusively as a elementary school. The building facilities are available to the public on a reservation basis when the building is not in use (nights and weekends). Some of these uses include among others:

- Parent Teacher Association (PTA) meetings and events
- Cub Scouts
- Girl Scouts
- Various school clubs
- Civic group meetings

Holland Hill Elementary School is used as a polling place.