

# BOONE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Middle School Feasibility Study FAQ



### **Q1. What is the purpose for the feasibility study regarding the middle school?**

A1. The purpose of the feasibility study is to obtain an objective analysis that will assist the Board in better understanding the costs of making necessary infrastructure repairs of aging building systems as well as modernizing classrooms to provide our children with 21<sup>st</sup> century educational experiences. The goal of the study is to provide the Board with an overall rate-of-return to county residents, businesses and other organizations in the county for the best use of taxpayer funds.

### **Q2. What is the current condition of the middle school?**

A2. An onsite evaluation of the current middle school will be conducted as part of the feasibility study. In addition, programing and utilization of the spaces and rooms within the building will be evaluated.

### **Q3. What will the feasibility study examine?**

A3. The feasibility study will examine the total cost for completely modernizing the existing middle school, as well as the costs associated with building a new middle school. The study will include related costs such as busing costs, real estate, and local socio-economic impacts of the options involved in providing a modern middle school facility.

### **Q4. Who is conducting the feasibility study?**

A4. Ernie Goss, PhD., the MacAllister Chair for Regional Economics, and a professor at Creighton University is conducting the study. Dr. Goss has worked closely with Nebraska's unicameral and is often sought out by other governmental and industrial officials to prepare studies and provide economic forecasting. In addition, information will be gathered from other experts to assist in evaluating the rehabilitation and new construction costs associated with the middle school. JEO Consulting Group, Inc. will be assisting in the community engagement part of the study.

### **Q6. Is the school board looking to close the middle school in Petersburg?**

A5. No decision has been made as to whether the district will pursue the closure of the middle school in Petersburg. The feasibility study will assist in determining the most practical option.

**Q6. How is the school district going to pay for either renovating the existing middle school or building a new one?**

A6. The feasibility study will identify the costs of various options. The school board is focused on evaluating and understanding all funding options. Their primary goal is to provide a quality education in the most cost efficient and effective way. This process will assist the board in strategically planning a solution that will best meet the needs of the students, the staff, and the district as a whole.

**Q7. Can the middle school be “absorbed” into the current Albion school building?**

A7. The study includes assessing all feasible options, considering the priority of preserving the middle school setting.

**Q8. What will happen to the middle school building in Petersburg if it is closed?**

A8. No determination has been made as to whether the district will pursue the closure of the middle school in Petersburg. Although, the feasibility study will examine this possible scenario.

**Q9. What is the timeline for the feasibility study?**

A9. The consultants working on the study have committed to collecting and distributing the information in a timely manner. The proposed tasks are expected to be completed by the end of March, 2019.

**Q10. How can the public stay informed?**

A10. Information pertaining to the feasibility study will be posted to the school's website as it becomes available. Feasibility study information can be found at:

<http://www.boonecentral.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/District%7CFeasibility%20Study>