PCSD Facilities Projects

The Pulaski Community School District is growing. The Board of Education and district administrators have gathered information from architects and demographers while looking ahead to meet future needs. They are presenting that information to the community prior to collecting community feedback from a survey to be conducted this spring.

A peek inside

Consultants hired by the district have made recommendations regarding how to meet facility and programming needs well into the future. Here are photos with some context that show where the PCSD is in 2022. Included are photos from Hillcrest and Sunnyside Elementary Schools as well as the Pulaski High School Technology Education Wing and the PCMS pool. While all seven schools have needs, this slide show is focusing on these particular areas. More information can be found at: www.pulaskischools.org/business/facilities-projects.

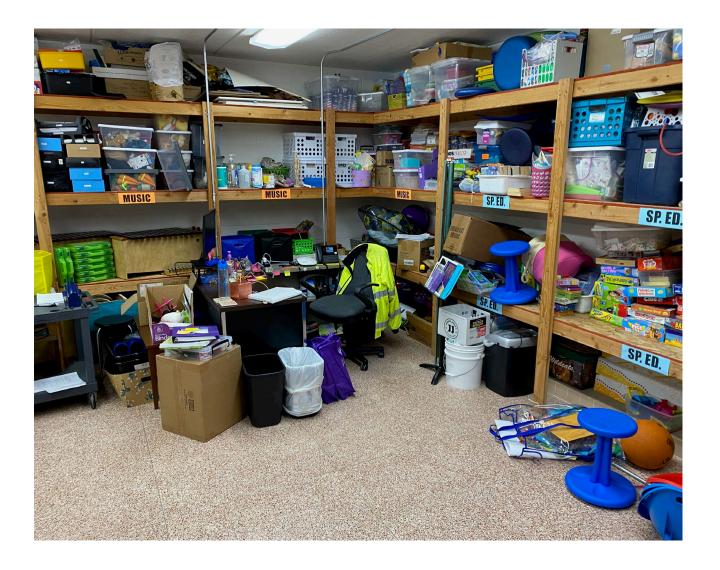
OVERVIEW: Hillcrest Elementary is already overcrowded as the surrounding area has been and will continue to be developed and more families move into the area. September 2021 4K-5 enrollment at Hillcrest Elementary was 387 students, which is well above its capacity range of 303 to 332 students.



The gymnasium is used for music instruction. The former music room is used as a grade school classroom.



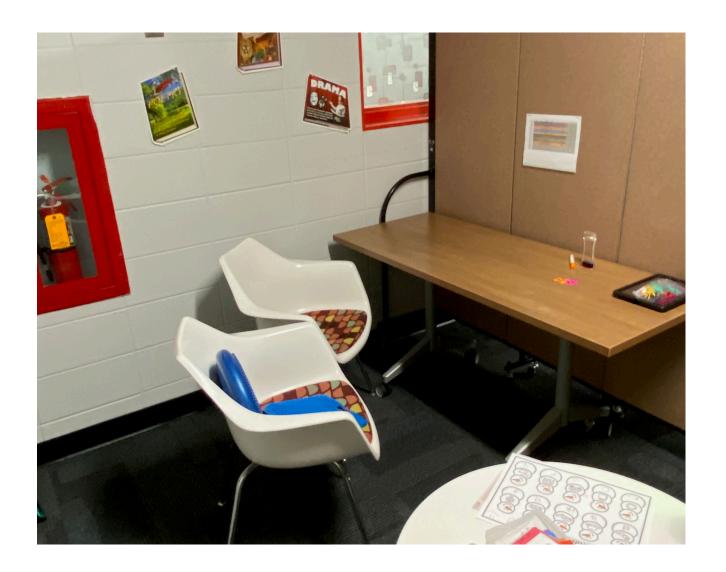
The music teacher uses a former locker room as her office along with storage for various departments.



This Hillcrest staff member has an office in the electrical room.



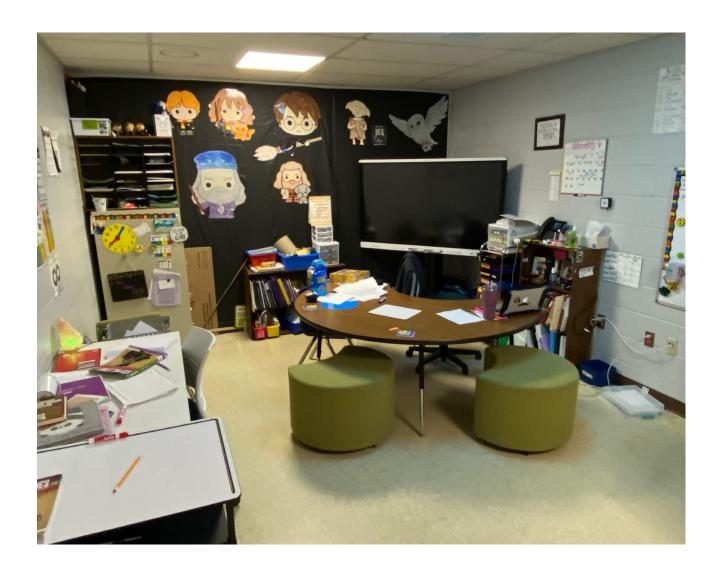
Room dividers are used in one corner of the the library so staff members can have a separate space to work with students.



A classroom area is in what was a remodeled storage area.



A small space formerly used for storage is used for instructional purposes.



The staff break room has been converted to include a business center as well.



Another former storage room used as a special education area.



School pick-up often leads to cars lining up on Brown County FF snarling traffic across from the school.



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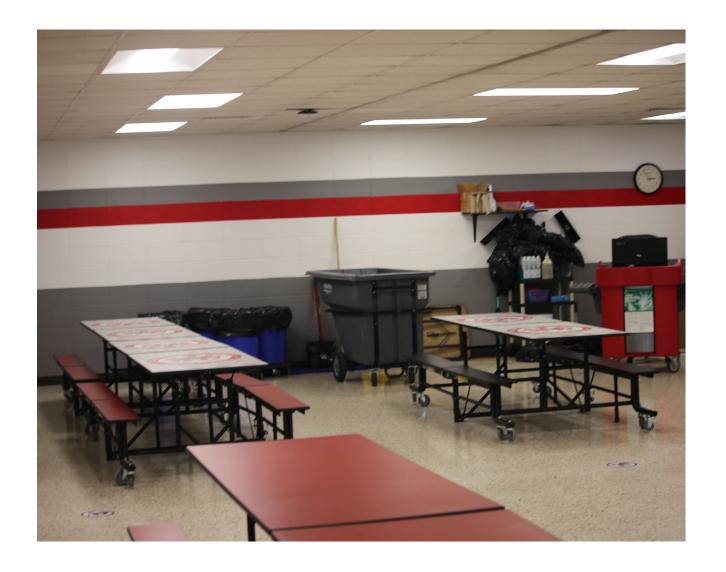
Sunnyside Elementary School was built in 1980. The school has not had any major additions, renovations, or remodels. Sunnyside's September 2021 grade 4K-5 enrollment was 476 students, which is between its capacity range of 452 to 484 students. In other words, the school is operating above its lower limit capacity.



Under a proposed plan for Sunnyside Elementary, student coat racks will be moved from halls into cubby areas to give more room in the halls.



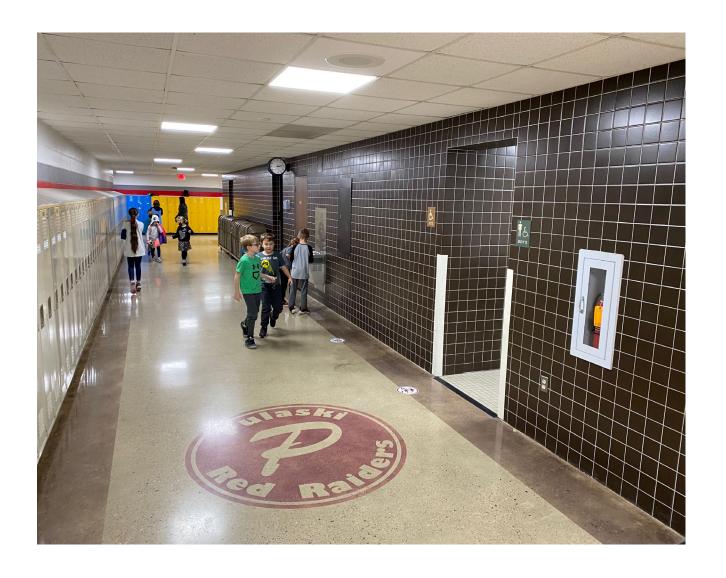
The current lunchroom added tables to handle increased student population.



The current lunchroom is used as a staging area for students getting onto buses after school.



Sunnyside Elementary currently has one set of bathrooms on each floor, which can cause problems when demand is high.



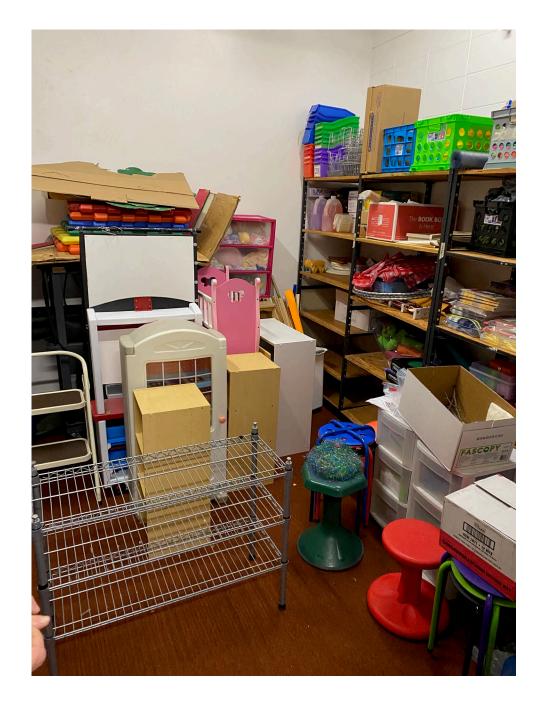
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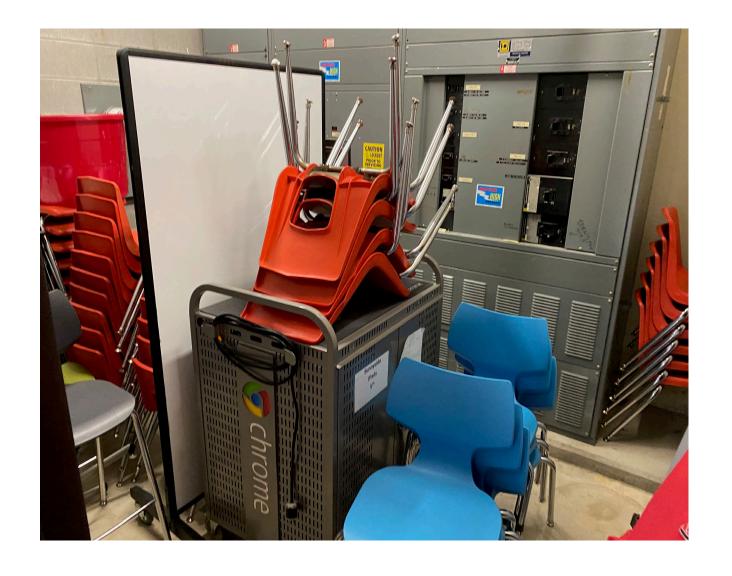
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A crowded closet used for storage.



The room with electrical panels is used to store chairs.



Students play on the Sunnyside playground. If a proposal to renovate Sunnyside is presented to voters and is approved, the playground will be moved to another part of the Sunnyside property. A proposed courtyard to create natural light for classrooms could be used for an enclosed play area for younger students.



Students prepare to enter a bus after school. Should a proposal be enacted, a new plan for buses and parents picking up students will help make for smoother pickup.



Cars wind into the parking lot from Hilbert Road.



Cars line up down Hilbert Road waiting to swing into the Sunnyside parking lot to pick up students.



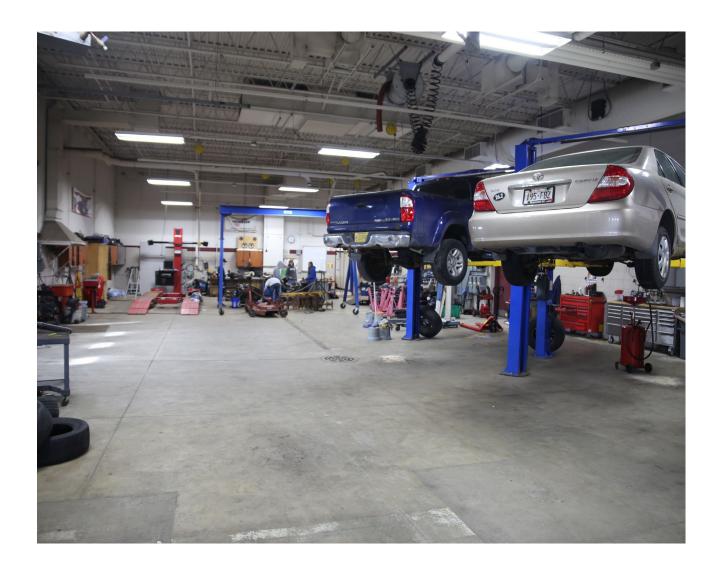
PHS Technology Education is growing. It offers students practical education that will get them into a workforce desperate for trained employees. Students learn woodworking, basic electronics, welding, metal fabrication, small-engine repair and auto mechanics, among other topics. Pictured is the residential wiring room, which could use more storage space for supplies and tools.



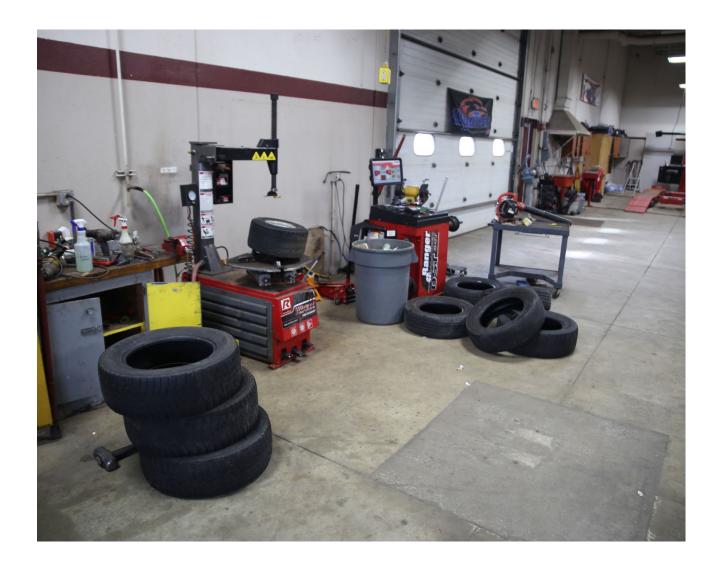
With more space, tools and equipment could be better organized.



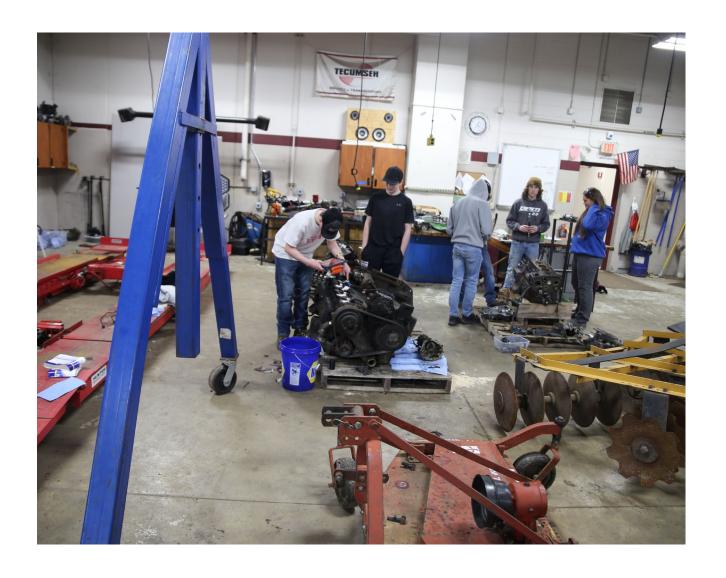
The auto mechanics area is also used for small-engine repair and more.



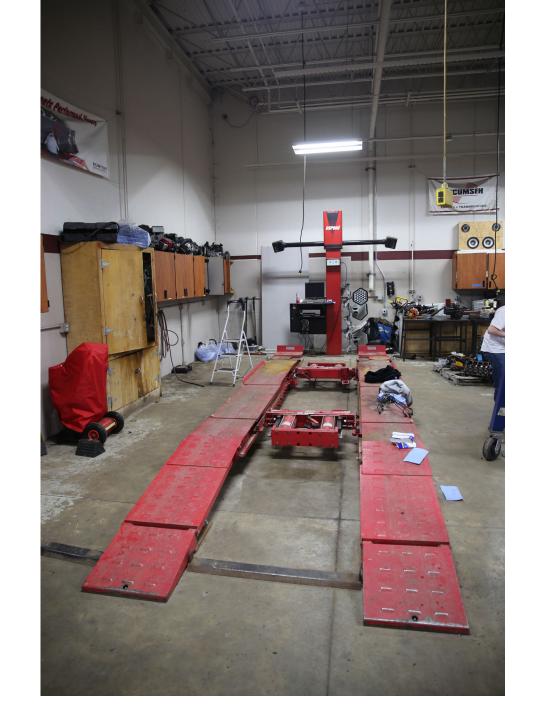
Tires are piled by the tire changing stations. More room is needed to organize the area.



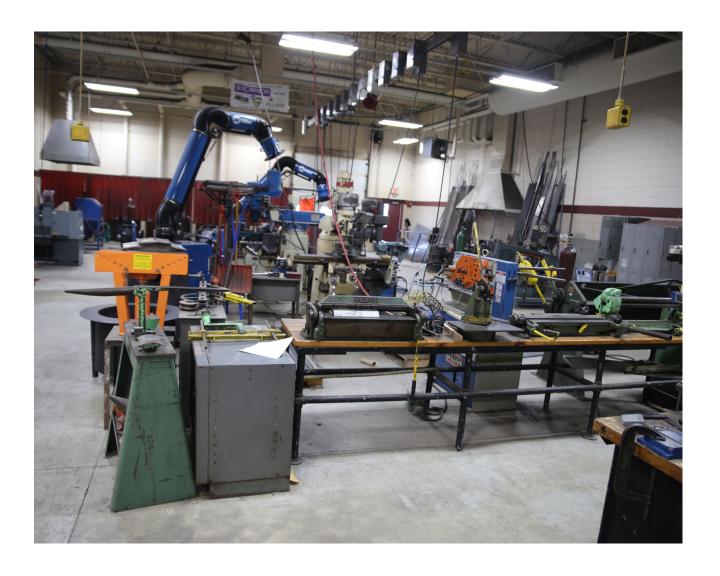
Students work on small-engine projects in a cramped quarters.



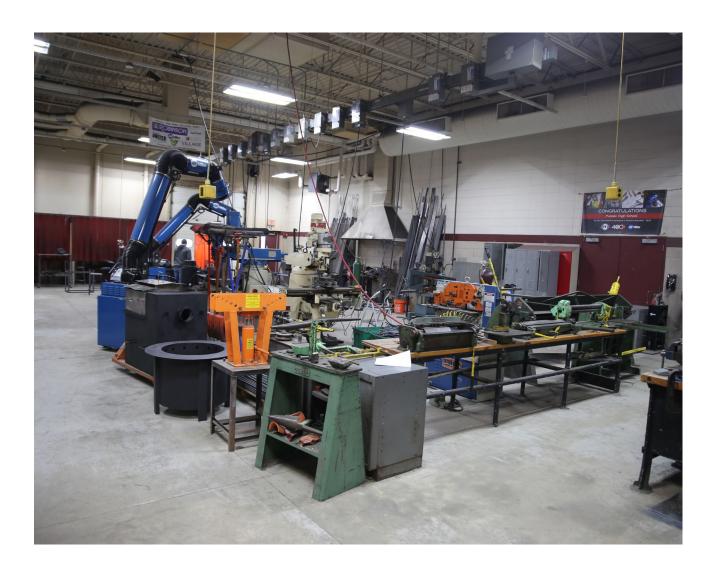
An auto repair area is located close by a small-engine repair area, which gets cramped when all areas are in use at the same time.



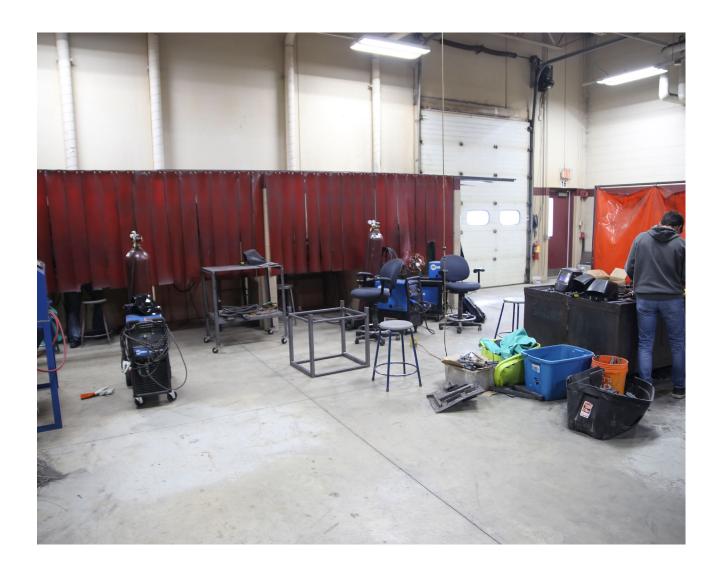
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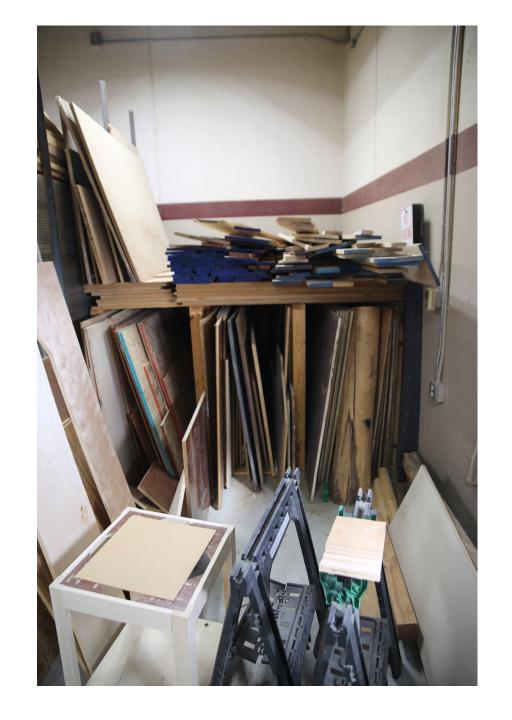
Welding stations are popular tools for students. More could be added with additional space.



Grinder equipment in the Metal Shop.



The current vertical storage would be replaced with horizontal storage, but additional space is needed to make this happen.



The current workflow for machines is OK as it stands. However, additional space is needed for material storage.



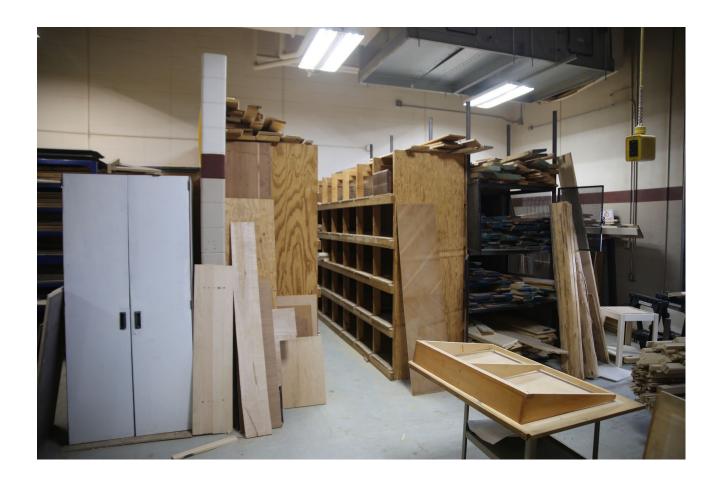
Horizontal storage of wood could be expanded with more space.



Donated wood is stacked on tables instead of a separate storage area.



More storage space is needed for student projects.



More space is needed for solid material storage in the wood shop.



Proposed PHS wing

A proposed plan would add a wing onto Pulaski High School that would house wrestling, fitness, a 60-yard indoor practice facility, a natatorium (pool) and Pulaski Community Education offices. This would allow convenient access to the pool, fitness center and PACE for the public.



The current swimming pool at the Pulaski Community Middle School is extensively used by PHS swim teams, community open swim, community classes and even annual regatta competition by eighth-grade students. An engineering study of the pool by Raymaker & Associates said replacing the existing pool with a SPS 390 compliant pool would be a preferable option to renovating existing pool. Work done to existing pool will be costly and require renovating most of the pool basin.



On the surface, the pool looks normal.



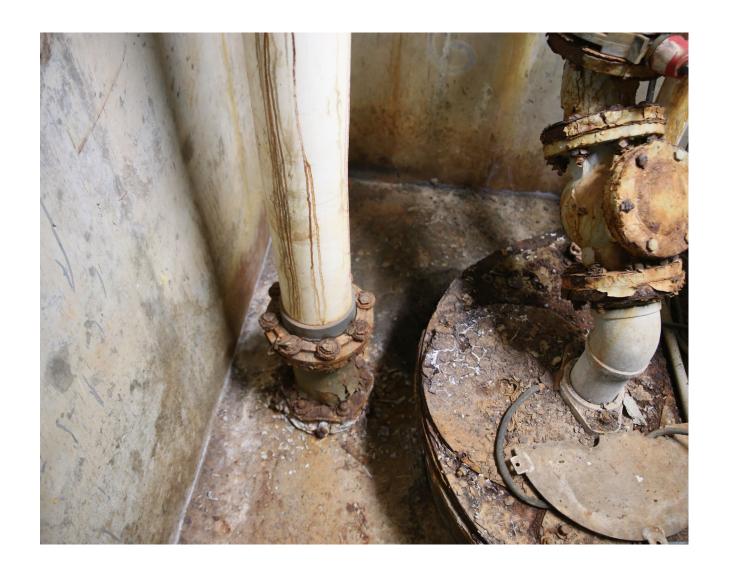
But there is rust forming around the pool.



And the mechanicals underneath the pool are in danger of failure, which could force permanent closure of the pool should that occur.



Several rusted cast-iron pipes have swollen to be much larger than they were originally and are considerably weakened. Should the pipes burst, water from the pool would flood the mechanical area.



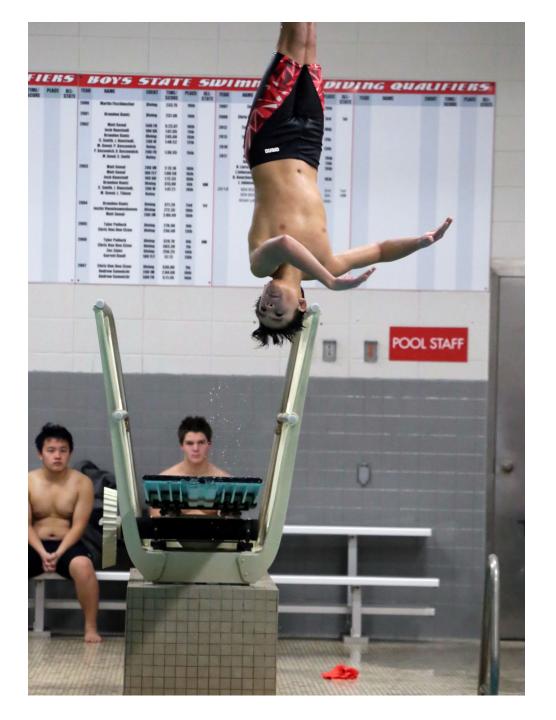
The ceiling above the surge tank is crumbling into the tank.



Several cast iron pipe assemblies are rusting.



Diving is not allowed at the pool as the pool depth does not met current safety requirements.



The 60-yard indoor athletic facility would allow space for the PHS football team to practice in during inclement weather.



The PHS marching band could use the 60-yard indoor facility to practice routines when the football team is practicing at Saputo Stadium instead of waiting until after 6 p.m. to practice. It could also allow a more temperate place for the annual week-long band camp during which band members learn the current year's routine sometimes in sweltering temperatures.



An indoor practice facility would have many community uses besides PHS athletics. For instance, an indoor facility built in Rhinelander is used for voting, community education classes such as the introduction to golf class pictured here and more. The additional playing surfaces will alleviate crowding in school gyms, fields, and hallways which will let students practice earlier and avoid being out late on school nights.

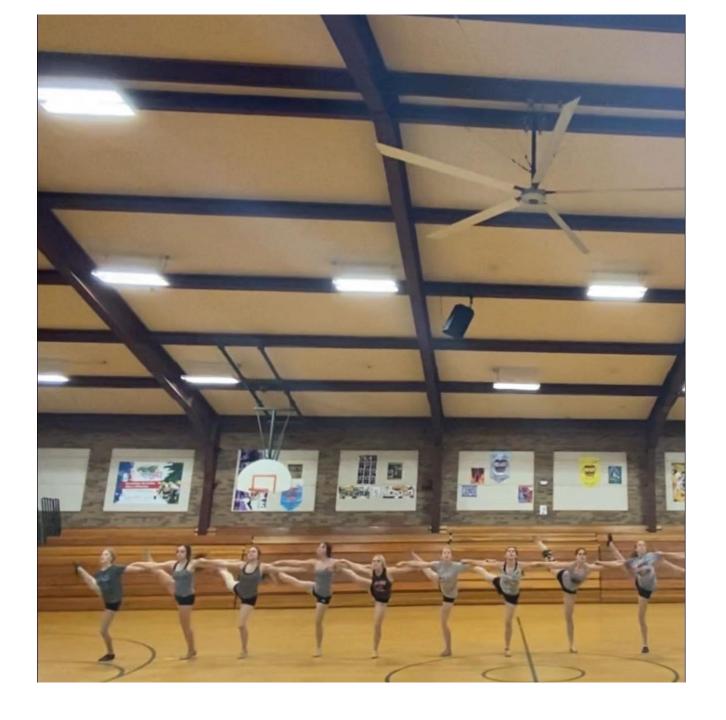


Wrestling room

The current wrestling room has inadequate space for the number of wrestlers involved in the popular program to use at one time. Youth camps must use mats meant for an individual match for multiple wrestlers.



The PHS girls dance team practices in the Glenbrook gymnasium or the PHS Commons, both of which sometimes have slippery footing. It also takes the PHS dancers 20 minutes or more to get to Glenbrook due to after-school traffic. A practice facility would give the team and more permanent and safer place to practice either in the new facility or possibly in space leftover when the fitness center and wrestling rooms are vacated.



Fitness center

The current Fitness Center is located on the second floor of PHS. Moving the fitness center into the new wing would allow that building to be secured from the main school building providing security. Also, it would allow more space for those working out.

