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List of current known issues at Dexter Park School:

* Overcrowding
  + Small group instruction using a closet
  + Lacking separate rooms for Technology/Engineering, Music, Art
  + No space for Library
  + Lacking adequate space for meetings, private conferences, nursing.
  + Lacking adequate space for administration
  + Special needs classrooms lack security and privacy
  + School is performing in the 9th percentile in the State and struggles to do turnaround work due to space and facility constraints.
  + District is trying to expand daycare and pre-school programs but space restraints do not allow.
  + Nursing space insufficient to house sick/contagious children or have private meetings/consultations.
  + Building lack space to provide special ed services as requires by numerous IEPs.
* Asbestos – The management techniques have kept the building clean and safe, however asbestos is in the building and presents a potential problem.
* Heating and Ventilation – HVAC system is original to the building - hasn’t been upgraded since the 70s. Many rooms lack proper ventilation and temperatures are either hot of cold.
* Air conditioning is limited. Lack of AC negatively impacts the learning environment.
* Electrical system is outdated – hasn’t been updated since the 70s
* Windows are original to the building – drafty and inefficient.
* Basement and crawl spaces show sign of water infiltration.
* The four modular classrooms have been in service for 36 years. They were intended to be used temporarily for 15 years. Their condition is poor.
* Undersized kitchen and cafeteria need to have 4 lunch session per day. This is inefficient and expensive.
* There is only one set of bathrooms. This takes time away from instructional periods.
* Building lacks professional meeting and preparation space. This inhibits teacher’s ability to prepare and provide instructional materials.
* The building is completely unable to accommodate the 1:1 technology environment that is common in newer schools. Space needs, electrical restrictions and infrastructure prohibit this.
* Library and media service is severely limited.
* Playground area is bisected by the drive way which is a daily safety concern.

Current known issues at Dexter Park School – cont.:

* The main office lacks a line-of-sight view of the entrance to the school.
* Security is much more difficult to maintain in an older building.
* Phone system is antiquated and outside calls are difficult. Confidential communication with parents and staff is inhibited.
* Maintaining a single room Cafeteria/Gym/Multi-use space is challenging with reduced custodial staff.
* Financial resources to correct any of the above items are severely limited by a reduced operating budget.