



THE FUTURE OF QUAKER VALLEY: A NEW HIGH SCHOOL

The Quaker Valley High School was originally built in 1926 as Leetsdale High School.

The Quaker Valley School District was formed in 1956 as a voluntary merger of 10 smaller school districts representing 11 municipalities. At the time of the merger, there were two high schools: Leetsdale High School and Sewickley High School, which served the students in the area. Upon this the merger of these 10 school districts, Leetsdale High School became the only high school in the consolidated school district and became known as Quaker Valley High School. Sewickley High School would become Quaker Valley Middle School.

The current high school has been the home of Quaker Valley students and staff for many decades. The facility has been expanded and renovated many times since its original construction. While many efforts

have been made to modernize the existing facility, the original facility was designed and constructed in an era before modern construction technologies were developed and widely used. The nature of the early design of this facility has significantly limited the feasibility of the internal structural modifications.

Upon her arrival to Quaker Valley in August of 2018, Dr. Tammy Andreyko shared her plans for a new high school. In her message to the community, Dr. Andreyko said, "Quaker Valley needs a new high school to fully realize our District's promise. Building a new high school will require the power of partnerships upon which Quaker Valley was originally founded." The District has made great progress with Edgeworth and Osborne elementary schools and

in our middle school, but there is one major piece left. The construction of the new high school will provide generations of students with a modern and up-to-date facility where all students will be educated and empowered to design their best future.

The new high school will offer future generations of students an inclusive and hands-on learning experience in an updated facility with the newest technology and resources that will prepare our students for their careers.

This new school and campus will meet all requirements of the Americans with Disability Act (ADA), including flexible learning spaces to enhance the learning environment and support the needs of all students for years come.



High School Project Update Cont.

High School Project Themes

In September of 2021, QVSD gathered feedback and input on the new high school from the community through surveys and virtual and in-person engagement sessions. These sessions were facilitated by BrainSpaces, Inc. and architects from BSHM and Bohlin Cywinski Jackson. Both the survey and the engagement sessions focused on four themes of the high school design:

Campus: The design of the campus will inspire enthusiasm and pride for the community by providing a location for community programs. The campus will also provide opportunities for

outdoor teaching spaces and leaving as much of the site as possible in its natural state.

Community: The new high school will provide meeting spaces for community collaboration through after-hours access to the campus. The addition of sidewalks will allow ease of access.

Sustainability: The desire is for the new high school to be a model for sustainability in the region by utilizing healthy building materials, and reducing negative impacts on the environment.

Teaching and Learning: The new high school will include expansion of a media center/library which would include green rooms, maker spaces, and other collaborative spaces for students to use technology and other innovative tools.

The community survey collected over 500 responses, and the in-person community engagement session was attended by over 60 QV community members and school personnel. Conference call sessions permitted additional community members to share their thoughts about the design process of the new high school. This feedback will be incorporated into the design of the school building and school grounds.





QVSD High School Project Timeline Recap

2016: A public meeting was held to present the findings from the 2015 demographic study on future needs of the District. The District acknowledged the state of the current high school building is not feasible to support students and faculty in years to come. Building a new school on the existing property is not an option.

2017: BrainSpaces, Inc. was hired and tasked with gathering input from the community, students, and staff to create a plan for the future of education within QVSD. The QV School Board also approved a \$10 million bond supporting the District with the high school plan.

2018: QVSD purchased the Three Rivers Trust property for \$7.5 million, ready to move forward, receiving a pre-design summary from BrainSpaces, Inc.

2019: QVSD entered into an agreement with Thomas & Williamson for project management service

and PFM Financial Advisors, LLC for professional advisory services.

2020: Thomas & Williamson reconciled the high school education program which determined the necessary square footage of the new school. This is based on enrollment and program needs. They also provided an estimate to renovate the existing high school and an estimate to build a new school on Camp Meeting Road.

2021: BSHM Architects, Inc. and Bohlin Cywinski Jackson were hired to begin the design of the new high school. Feedback received from community engagement sessions will be used by the architects to design a school to meet the needs of our future learners.

Current Process/Next Steps

QVSD appreciates the engagement of all the students, parents, teachers, administrators, taxpayers, and community members involved in developing the new high school.

Feedback has been and will continue to be essential as we continue this journey of creating a modernized high school for the future of Quaker Valley.

The remainder of 2021 into 2022 will be dedicated to zoning, developing, and finalizing the high school design. Construction is planned to begin as early as 2022.

Additional Resources

For additional information, please visit our website at www.qvsd.com. Select the District tab and then Blueprint QV or scan the code below using the camera app on a smartphone or mobile device.

