



Future-Ready Schools Plan: Frequently Asked Questions

As the Vigo County School Corporation moves forward with its comprehensive facilities plan to create future-ready schools for our kids. We know the community has important questions. Below are answers to some of the recently asked questions.

Funding & Cost

Q: How much will the entire plan cost?

A: There are many details yet to work out, such as financing and timelines. At the June 23, 2025 board meeting, the Vigo County School Corporation Board of School Trustees approved a visionary plan for the future of school facilities. Now that a plan has been approved, the task of determining details and costs may begin. To help us resolve these many details and develop a realistic cost plan, more feedback will be needed from our employees, community members, and partners.

Q: Where is the money coming from?

A: We are exploring all internal and external funding options as permitted by state statute. These possibilities may include school corporation funds and bonding capacity, partnerships with other taxing entities, gaming tax revenue, and private fundraising. A building referendum may be considered after all other options are fully evaluated.

Q: How much will this cost taxpayers, and when would we see an impact?

A: Now that we have a plan, we can begin the task of determining costs. The impact on taxpayers will depend on the total cost and whether supplemental revenue is needed or if the cost can be covered by current school corporation funds and bonding capacity, partnerships with other taxing entities, gaming tax revenue, and private fundraising.

Timeline & Construction

Q: When will construction begin and how long could it take?

A: There are many details yet to work out, such as financing, timelines and costs. Although we desire to implement this plan quickly, in order to do it right and in a fiscally responsible manner, it may take several years. At the June 23, 2025 board meeting, the Vigo County School Corporation Board of School Trustees approved a visionary plan for the future of school facilities. Now that a plan has been approved, the task of determining details, timelines, and costs may begin.

Q: When will new or renovated schools open?

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Q: Where will the new high schools be located?

A: The current plan includes a fully renovated West Vigo High School and a new high school built on the east side of the Wabash River. Now that a plan has been approved, the task of determining details, such as location of the new high school, timelines, and costs may begin.

Q: What will be done with the current North and South high schools?

A: At the June 23, 2025 board meeting, the Vigo County School Corporation Board of School Trustees approved a visionary plan for the future of school facilities. This included repurposing North and South high schools into middle schools. Before they would be used as middle schools, the plan is for them to be renovated and modernized (including plumbing, sewer, HVAC, and restroom infrastructure upgrades) to meet the needs of middle school student learning environments. These improvements will need to be completed during a time when students and staff are not occupying the buildings.



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Timeline & Construction (continued)

Q. Will other schools be renovated or modernized?

A: The plan is for all schools that will continue to be utilized, to be renovated and modernized to meet the needs of student learning environments.

Transition Logistics

Q: What happens in the meantime while buildings are being rebuilt or closed?

A: The school corporation will continue maintaining and using existing buildings to support students. While larger updates wait for long-term solutions, we will address immediate needs to avoid disruptions to learning.

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Q: Will students be relocated during construction?

A: School administrators and transportation staff will work closely to ensure any relocations are handled smoothly. Student academic success and access to extracurricular activities will remain a top priority during transitions. However, there are many details yet to work out, including financing and timelines. At the June 23, 2025 board meeting, the Vigo County School Corporation Board of School Trustees approved a visionary plan for the future of school facilities. Now that a plan has been approved, the task of determining details, including the logistics of the renovation process, may begin.

Q: How will bus routes and transportation be affected?

A: Consolidation could ease some current transportation strain. While the geographic size of the county remains the same, more centralized school locations may improve route efficiency and potentially shorten ride times for students. Just like more teachers in a building can help manage smaller class sizes, more buses at a site can help manage transportation efficiencies. Likewise, to reduce the need for busing students to other schools for access to special education or high ability programs, we are choosing to optimize the number of students at our schools.

Q: How will school start times be affected?

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Impact on Students & Staff

Q: Will classroom sizes increase?

A: The plan allows for class size averages to remain the same. By optimizing the number of students in our schools, class sizes should be more consistent throughout the district.

Q: Will academic programs or extracurricular activities be cut?

A: By optimizing the number of students in our schools we increase the chances of offering more opportunities for our students, including extra curricular, co-curricular activities and academic offerings.

Q: Will teachers or staff lose their jobs?

A: Because we plan on maintaining current class size averages, plus it may take several years to implement the plan, we do not foresee employees losing their jobs due to reductions in force.

Student Achievement

Q: How will this improve student achievement?

A: Vigo County School Corporation students are already achieving great things. Our facilities, individual classrooms in particular, are a tool that enhances a teacher's ability to engage kids in meaningful learning activities. All but four VCSC schools were built before the internet became wildly accessible. Many were built with classrooms with only one electrical outlet. Modernizing our facilities will enhance our ability to develop the many talents of our students.

Community Engagement & Accountability

Q: How can we be sure this plan will actually happen?

A: Our kids have the talent to compete with anyone from anywhere; as a community, we need to provide them with the learning spaces that enhance the development of this talent so they can become the adults who make what is possible a reality. Along with our talented educators, our students deserve to have modern learning spaces that enhance their learning experiences. We understand that we, as a community, have much work to do to make this plan a reality.

Q: How will the community stay informed and involved?

A: We will continue to share updates at school board meetings, via the VCSC website and through the Diligent platform. Current students and families can also stay up-to-date through ParentSquare. Interested community members can subscribe to receive information from Diligent and ParentSquare by scanning the QR codes below.

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