



PUTNAM COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #535

Recommendation for the Board of Education

Meeting: September 16th, 2025

Item: Approval to begin planning and preparing bid documents for facilities projects...

Recommendation: I recommend the Board of Education approve the Superintendent to begin planning and preparing bid documents for facilities projects for completion in Summer 2026. With approval, Larson & Darby Group will prepare all necessary plans and paperwork for the Board of Education to formally approve the release of bids in November or December 2025. This timeline would allow the District to secure contractors and more readily plan for the summer work. Projects for consideration are as follows:

School	Project	ID	Estimated Cost*	Notes
PCJH	Vestibule	A01	\$ 60,000.00	estimate is based on providing proper depth to spaces - safety considerations need to be made for front entrance, such as double-entry vestibule
PCJH	Wastewater Treatment Plant	P18	\$ 200,000.00	in 5-7 year column
PCHS	Media Center Fenestration	A43	\$ 500,000.00	in 5-7 year column
PCHS	Vestibules	A01	\$ 135,000.00	estimate is based on providing proper depth to spaces - safety considerations need to be made for front entrance, such as double-entry vestibule - also includes other entrances
		Total	\$ 895,000.00	
PCES	Plumbing fixtures	A08	\$ 5,985.00	in 5-7 year column, would recommend replacing ONLY those fixtures in the main student restrooms
	Waste piping	P2	\$ 7,500.00	
	Floor drains	P3	\$ 5,000.00	
	Stalls/handicap accessibility	P4	\$ 1,500.00	
PCJH	Replace pavement (center of main lot, bottom lot, and by field)	A21	\$ 664,200.00	in 5-7 year column, but is it worth considering a after WWIP replacement
PCJH	Crack fill and sealcoat (spots in main lot)	A29	\$ 48,600.00	
PCJH	Crack fill and sealcoat (drive around back)	A30	\$ 124,628.00	
PCHS	Crack fill and sealcoat	A29	\$ 509,600.00	replacement is recommended in 5-7 years (if resurfacing, may want to consider adding lights – A40 - \$217,000)
PCHS	Replace the rooftop units	M4	\$ 354,600.00	focus on Unit 9 (north hallway) and Unit 10 (Media Center) [in 5-7 year column]
		Total	\$ 1,721,613.00	
		TOTAL	\$ 2,616,613.00	
			*based on 2025 Facilities Assessment	

There are several projects within the 1-4 year column at both PCJH and PCHS that do not need a formal bid process with the architect and can be handled by soliciting quotes from regional vendors. We will put that list together for Board review and approval as we get closer to Summer 2026.

Other projects that will need to be addressed in the next few years that need bidding include the following:

PCJH	Windows	A03	\$ 125,000.00	
PCJH	Door hardware	A04	\$ 57,800.00	
PCJH	Doors	A05	\$ 126,000.00	
PCJH	Replace heating units (gym)	M10	\$ 101,600.00	
PCHS	Glass pane	A03	\$ 180,000.00	
PCHS	Doors	A05	\$ 142,500.00	
PCHS	Plumbing fixtures	A08	\$ 689,325.00	suggest we look closer at specific needs as some were recently replaced
		Total	\$ 1,422,225.00	