Park Hill’s Plan Addresses Growth

District Enrollment

33 years of steady enrollment growth

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2016-2017
Number of students in mobile classrooms - 252
Number of mobile classrooms needed to maintain current class sizes - 14

2020-2021 (projected)
Number of students in mobile classrooms - 866
Number of mobile classrooms needed to maintain current class sizes - 68

"For educational, financial and safety reasons, we will not consider mobile or other temporary classrooms as a long-term solution to growth in enrollment or programs."
- District's Long-Term Planning Criteria — Dec. 5, 2014

Plaza Middle School (above), Park Hill High School, Tiffany Ridge Elementary, Chinn Elementary and Congress Middle School are using mobile classrooms to maintain current class sizes, but the district’s long-term plan does not consider mobile classrooms as a long-term solution to 33 straight years of steady enrollment growth.
High School Space
The Board approved a proposal for accommodating enrollment growth at our high schools. A committee of educators, parents, students and community members worked on the proposal, which includes expanding programming into leased instructional space and building an Innovation Center.

Land Purchase
The district closed on a $1.54 million contract to purchase 41.7 acres of land located at the southwest corner of NW 56th Street and North Northwood Road in Kansas City, Missouri. The land acquisition fulfills a commitment made by the Board as part of a $49.5 million no-tax-increase bond issue that passed with over an 80 percent “yes” vote in 2011. The ballot language in that election specifically authorized “the purchase of land.”

Architectural Services
The Board authorized Dr. Jeanette Cowherd, superintendent, to negotiate a contract with Hollis + Miller for architectural services. Growing enrollment means the district will need the architectural services to support the district’s long-range facilities plan, even if the plan’s timeline changes in the future. The Board will review the contract at a later date.

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National Merit Scholars
The district’s 2017 National Merit Semi-Finalists are Brett Francis and Sarah Komar from Park Hill South High School and Kelly Decker, Korinne Masters and Dayten Rose from Park Hill High School. The National Merit Commended Scholars are Nathaniel Cline, Colleen Cogley, Kayla Decker, Mahan Hadjian, Hunter Lund and Chandler To from PHHS and Aidan Leiker and Nicklaus King from PHS.

Volleyball Academic Award
The PHHS volleyball team earned the American Volleyball Coaches Association’s Team Academic Award. The honor recognizes the team for keeping a 3.4 cumulative team grade-point average. PHHS is among 260 high school girls teams in the nation to receive the award. The team members include Lexi Reneau, junior; Kai Welsh, junior; Chelsea Edwards, senior; Tyah Barnett, senior; Madison Michaelis, junior; and Kayla Huffman, junior; and graduates Bre Rodgers, Sabrina Corley, Brooke Albracht, Gabby Sweeney, Kate Safford and Kennedi Dorrell. Coach Lindsey Hood is the head coach of the PHHS volleyball team.

Soccer Academic Award
The 2015-2016 PHHS girls and boys soccer teams earned the Academic Award from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America for maintaining at least a 3.25 grade-point average. Nationwide, 388 teams earned the honor. PHHS is one of only 47 schools nationwide to receive the award for both girls and boys teams. The girls earned a 3.95 GPA, and the boys team earned a 3.77 GPA. Visit http://www.parkhill.k12.mo.us/ for the full list of students.

All-District Choir
Several Park Hill School District choir students are members of this year’s all-district choirs. The all-district choir, women’s honor choir and men’s honor choir will perform Jan. 21 at Staley High School. Visit http://www.parkhill.k12.mo.us/ for the full list of students.

Broadcast Award
The PHS 2015-2016 "South Side Scoop" broadcast is a national finalist for the Pacemaker award from the National Scholastic Press Association. Reaching the finalist level for the fifth straight year, the program is one of 12 finalists. PHS earned the Pacemaker award in 2013. The 2015-2016 staff included Miranda Steczak, senior; Madison Flynn, junior; and graduates Jordan Bell, Ashton Dittmer, Tyler Espinosa, Kelly Green, Tyler Koch, Connor Locke, Ashley Pasley, Caleb Seymour, Kyle Sims and Nehal Sutaria.

PTA Awards: Two elementary schools in the Park Hill School District earned the 2016-2018 National PTA Schools of Excellence award. Prairie Point Elementary and Union Chapel Elementary are among four schools in Missouri and 173 nationally to receive the honor. The award recognizes leadership, accomplishments and strong, effective family-school partnerships. Union Chapel PTA Vice President Kyle Yamada (left) and President Shannon Burns and Prairie Point PTA Co-Presidents Jessica Mayberry and Layla Barb lead the PTA groups.

Protecting Youth
PHS senior Madelyn Judah met with Senator Roy Blunt and Senator Claire McCaskill earlier this summer as part of an anti-tobacco leadership workshop, sponsored by the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids. Serving as the co-chair of Youth With Vision, Judah talked with the senators about protecting youth from newer tobacco products.

Reaching for Excellence
PHHS recent graduate Jordan Elder was recognized as FOX 4’s Reaching 4 Excellence student of the week for her journalism and advocacy work at PHHS.

Athletes of the Year
PHS senior Olivia Kinsey earned Gatorade’s Missouri Softball Player of the Year award, and PHHS recent graduate Chris Nilsen earned Gatorade’s Track & Field Athlete of the Year award.

Pentagon Artwork
Project Share, Nature, Act, Perserve chose art students at Hawthorn Elementary to make art that will be on display at the Pentagon.
Calendar:

Nov. 10
Board meeting

Nov. 17
District Council PTA meeting

Nov. 18
Christmas on the River

Nov. 23-25
Thanksgiving break

Dec. 8
Board meeting

Dec. 20
First day to file for the
Board of Education

Dec. 22
End of first semester; half day

Dec. 23-Jan. 3
Winter break

Get Connected:
Our website has lots of ways for you to engage with Park Hill schools. Find them all at www.parkhill.k12.mo.us.

Social Media
Follow the district’s Facebook page and Twitter feed.

First Hand E-mail News
Get district news and highlights from Board meetings.

First Hand Mobile
Get text message alerts about weather and emergencies.

Park Hill TV
See our videos on YouTube and Time Warner Cable channel 18.

Online Comment Portal
Share your comments, suggestions for improvement and even your compliments.

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Around the District:

Russell Jones Education Center students Ava Sessions and Peyton Kelley helped the Tooth Wizard and Tooth Fairy remove plaque during a performance from Delta Dental’s Land of Smiles program.

English Landing first graders Siena Leatherbury and Kai Dahl worked together to build a new bridge for the “Three Billy Goats Gruff” using MakerSpace tools. The students studied different versions of the fairytale, and they connected literature and STEM skills to create a new bridge.