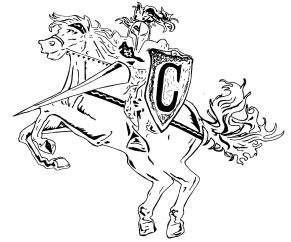




Chariho Regional School District Office of the Superintendent



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ALL KIDS. ALL OF THE TIME.

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Superintendent

May 2023

Dear Chariho Community,

As our elementary school buildings in Chariho age, our district faces the challenge of determining the best next steps. The School Committee is organizing an opportunity for community members to review our school buildings. Through scheduled Facility Walks, the School Committee welcomes feedback on how community members would like to see the Committee proceed, as it relates to capital improvements.

The district is required by law to implement a 5-year capital improvement plan. That plan focuses on general maintenance, health and safety and will cost approximately \$25,000,000 over the next five years. The capital improvement plan was presented during the school budget workshops as well as during the school committee meeting on April 25, 2023.

The Committee is gathering information to determine if they should explore additional options, such as renovations, new buildings, or focusing specifically on a health and safety plan for each school.

When maintaining a school, we pay not only for bricks and mortar, but also student and staff well-being. Effective school maintenance protects capital investments, ensures the health and safety of our children, and supports educational performance.

Because we know that routine and unexpected maintenance demands are bound to arise, we must proactively develop and implement a plan for dealing with these inevitabilities. Thus, our capital improvement plan must meet the challenges of effective facilities maintenance. Our infrastructure impacts teaching and learning, student and staff health, day-to-day building operations, and the long-range fiscal outlook of the district.

The current age of our Elementary Schools:

Ashaway Elementary School: 56 years (1967 with addition in 1970 and portable)

Charlestown Elementary School: 73 years (with additions in 1960 and 1970)

Hope Valley Elementary School: 88 years (1955 addition and portable)

Richmond Elementary School: 88 years (additions in 1967, 1980, and 1985)

Below are the following dates and times that we welcome you to stop in and take a walk to view the school facilities. After you have had an opportunity to walk the building, we will ask you to take a quick survey.

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Hope Valley Elementary School	Monday, June 5th from 4:30-6:00 PM
Ashaway Elementary School	Wednesday, June 14th from 4:30-6:00 PM
Richmond Elementary School	Thursday, June 15th from 4:30-6 :00 PM
Charlestown Elementary School	Monday, June 19th from 4:30-6:00 PM