

Sweetwater County School District Number One
Facility Plan – March, 2009

Vision

Sweetwater County School District Number One believes in schools that provide a safe, orderly, efficient environment to meet the educational needs of all students.

A. Grade configuration

- i. The current grade configuration for Farson is K-12, Wamsutter K-8, and in Rock Springs the configuration is K-4, 5-6, 7-8 and 9-12. The grade configurations in Rock Springs were put in place in 2003. This was reviewed in 2006 by a stakeholders committee, chaired by the SFC Consultant, Dr. Frank Locker. The recommendation by the stakeholders was to continue with the grade configuration.
- ii. The District has no intent to change the grade configuration in the foreseeable future.

B. The school/District operations that are significantly impacted by our current facilities are East Junior High School, Independence High School, Rock Springs High School, Lincoln Elementary School and Farson/Eden School (K-12). The reason for the impact will be listed in sections C, D and E.

C. Facility condition assessment. Listed are the areas of concern:

- i. East Junior High School – built in 1933 (will be addressed when construction dollars are allocated to replace the building – design will begin during April, 2009)
- ii. Independence High School – built in 1922 – does not meet ADA codes – age of the building
- iii. Lincoln Elementary School – built in 1950 – recommendation by SFC Director Ken Daraie and the District that this building needs to be replaced.
- iv. Farson/Eden School (K-12) – age and the additions of the building 1962, 1969, 1972, 1976, 1980 and 1983. Restrictions were placed on any renovations by the State Fire Marshall.

D. Capacity assessment

- i. White Mountain Elementary School (5th/6th) – design dollars have been allocated for two new 5th and 6th grade buildings. Once construction dollars are allocated, the capacity issue for the 5th and 6th grade will be alleviated.
- ii. K-4 capacity issue will be alleviated with the replacement of Lincoln Elementary School. Boundaries would be adjusted with addition of new buildings or with shifts in population.
- iii. Rock Springs High School capacity issue due to the large areas, such as auditorium, gymnasium and vocational area. Concern is lack of classrooms.

E. Educational Suitability

- i. Independence High School - ADA accessibility, power, modular's and room size.
- ii. Rock Springs High School – lack of classrooms

F. There are no additional plans to dispose of facilities at this time.

G. Summary

- i. The District has in place a Building and Grounds Committee that reviews all scores of 1's and 2's for all facilities. The District uses Major Maintenance money to address the District of its 1's and 2's as feasible. Currently, East Junior High, which is scheduled for replacement, is the only building that has 1's and 2's.
- ii. The District has eliminated 106,038 square feet. The facilities that were eliminated are:
 - 1. Yellowstone Elementary School – 1922 – 32,789 square feet – County now owns.
 - 2. Roosevelt Elementary School – 1922 – 20,763 square feet – Region V BOCES now owns.
 - 3. Superior Elementary School – 1952 – 16,161 square feet – Town of Superior now owns.
 - 4. Reliance Elementary School – 1928 – 36,325 square feet – sold
- iii. By eliminating the above buildings, the District also eliminated the acreage. The District has no concerns with the allowable acreage.
- iv. The District only has one facility that is being leased. The building that is being leased by the District supports the Head Start Program. This program supports the District's beliefs of pre kindergarten education.

B. Other

- i. The District has reviewed its District facility needs very carefully over the past six years, due to its growth and potential growth of student enrollment and age of its facilities. The District, over the years, has had stakeholder groups to review these issues which were also supported by the School Facilities Commission Educational Consultant, Dr. Frank Locker. Due to these studies, the District was able to eliminate several of the older buildings, which reduced the square footage and acreage. Plans were also put in place to meet the future needs of the District and community.

Approved projects that were funded through the 2009-2010 biennium are:

- 1. Design and construction of Sage Elementary School (K-4), completion date of August, 2009.
- 2. Design a 5th/6th grade elementary school on the BLM site.
- 3. Design a 5th/6th grade elementary school on the EJH site.
- 4. Design and construction on a new addition and remodel of White Mountain. Will return to a 7th/8th grade building once the two new 5th/ 6th grade buildings are complete.

Future needs in the next biennium:

- 1. Construction of the 5th/6th grade elementary school on the BLM site.
- 2. Construction of the 5th/6th grade elementary school on the EJH site.
- 3. Design for a new alternative high school
- 4. Design new K-4 to replace Lincoln Elementary School
- 5. Design new high school (need an education suitability study due to the lack of classrooms)
- 6. An additional satellite transportation lot due to the increased busing.

Future biennium:

- 1. Construction of K-4 elementary on Lincoln site
- 2. Construction of alternative high school
- 3. Construction of high school
- 4. Design and construction of Farson K-12

SWEETWATER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER ONE

2008-2009

School With 60 Day Count	60 Day Enrollment	Existing Square Footage	Allowable Square Footage	Construction Years
K-4 Desert View	422	49,781	56,985	1979, 1981
K-5 Lincoln	302	45,558	45,000	1950, 1953, 1962, 1991
K-4 Northpark	328	50,235	47,528	1982
K-4 Overland	334	47,444	48,156	1976, 1979, 1985
K-4 Sage	450	65,780	65,780	2009
K-4 Walnut	348	36,621	49,586	1975, 1991
K-4 Westridge	447	50,367	59,472	1982
		Total Existing Square Footage 345,786	Total Allowable Square Footage 372,507	

School With 60 Day Count	60 Day Enrollment	Existing Square Footage	Allowable Square Footage	Construction Years
5-6 White Mountain	654	139,629	86,583	1976, 1986
7-8 East Junior High	682	167,144	102,559	1931, 1950, 1961, 1976, 1988
Rock Springs High	1,155	324,048	195,433	1971, 1977, 1979, 1982, 1986
Independence High	57	19,867	20,619	1922, 1953, 1976

K-12 Farson	172	66,429	58,921	1962, 1969, 1972, 1971, 1980, 1983
K-8 Wamsutter	82	54,118	28,043	1958, 1965, 1968, 1969, 1981

* Lincoln has K, 1, 2, 3 and 5

SUMMARY

The SFC requested a copy of the BLM agreement for the 21 acres on which the new K-4 and new 5-6 are (or will) be built.

The East Jr. HS will need \$1.7M for demolition. This site will be used for construction of a new 5-6 grade facility. The new facility is currently funded for design (\$1.05M). An additional \$250K will be allocated from design to construction of the facility. Construction funding of \$14.4M is needed in the 1st half of the 2011-12 biennium for a total estimated project cost of \$17.4M. The capacity of the 5-6 grade facility will be 492 students and 65K sq. ft. The FCI score is likely more severe than indicated, as a recently completed structural study indicated lateral movement between the upper part of the gym wall relative to the roof. This information will be used to update the FCI score.

Independence HS, an alternative HS built in 1922 will need planning and design funds from the 2011-12 biennium; construction funding should be considered in the 2013-14 biennium. Expected student population is 100 students yielding a design square footage of approximately 20,700 square feet. It appears that funds for planning and design will not be available from the 2011-12 biennium. Major maintenance funds will be used to mitigate facility needs at this HS.

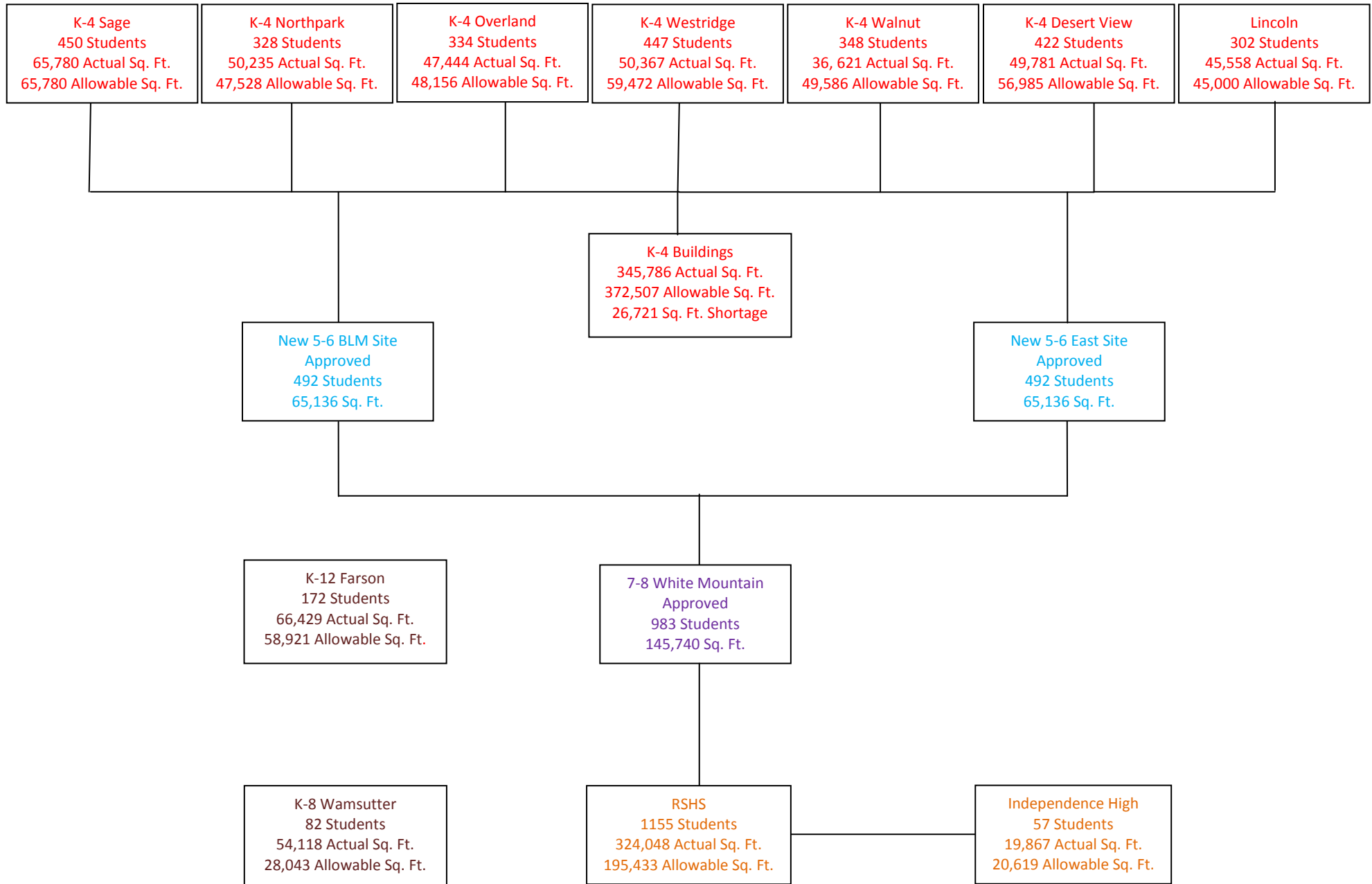
Rock Springs HS should be analyzed in a more comprehensive Secondary Education Facility Feasibility Study.

Farson-Eden K-12 has numerous FCA and Educational Functionality issues, resulting in several restrictions from the Fire Marshall limiting the amount and extent of renovations that can reasonably be accomplished. Also, the District transports 10-12 students from Rock Springs to attend the Farson-Eden HS. The Secondary Education Facility Feasibility Study must also address this issue, and discuss the future of this K-12 school; it may be more appropriately configured as a K-8.

The District currently has a facility, which was originally built as a 10-classroom elementary school. This facility, which is approximately 31,500 sq. ft. is being leased to a head-start program. Space is needed within the elementary school grade levels, so this leased space must be discussed in terms of an available district asset. It may be feasible to renovate this facility into another elementary school, or as an alternative school.

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Existing and Near Future - With 60 Day Enrollment 2008-2009



Date July 27, 2010

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(i) A full description of the District's long-term goals and strategies related to its facilities, including disposition of facilities and modification of grade configurations and school boundaries;

Changes or modifications:

No changes

(ii) An inventory of all existing facilities and the current and anticipated future use of each facility, including grade configuration and student population, if applicable;

Changes or modifications:

No changes

(iii) A full description of all anticipated new or replacement facilities to be funded for the district over the next ten (10) years with a thorough explanation of the reasons supporting the perceived need for the new or replacement facility;

Project List Items:

1. East Junior High School needs funding for construction of a new 5-6
2. Secondary Study
 - a. Independence High School (alternative HS)
 - b. Farson K-12

c. Rock Springs High School and number of classrooms

3. Long-term need for an additional elementary school

(iv) A full description of the anticipated impact of maintenance or renovation of facilities on the district's long-term goals and strategies, including non-construction alternatives.

Project List Items:

- See above, no major renovations foreseen

Major Maintenance Items:

- Roofing
- Carpeting
- Parking lots
- Concrete projects
- HVAC controls

(v) An inventory of all real property owned by the district along with an explanation of the current and future use of the property. District owned property shall be considered, and if possible, used for all construction projects prior to new property purchases being considered or approved;

Changes or modifications:

No changes

(vi) Identification of all local enhancements and community facilities which are capable of supporting any aspect of the district's long-term goals and strategies, including any current use of such facilities;

Changes or modifications:

See minor change in spreadsheet

(vii) Student enrollment projections for the district and each facility within the district in accordance with W.S. 21-15-116(a) and these rules and regulations;

Changes or modifications:

The district is growing , but the rate may be questionable

(viii) Projections for acquisition of land in accordance with the district's long-term goals and strategies and the subsections of this rule;

Changes or modifications:

None

(ix) Cost estimates in current and future dollars for the facility remedies proposed in the facility plan;

Project List Items:

Not sufficiently defined to estimate the cost at this time. However, the construction of the elementary should be approx 13 million

Other

MM will fund other work

(x) Identification of all leased spaces, including the identity of the lessee/lessor;

Changes or modifications:

Washington Elementary has one space leased to Head Start.

(xi) Cross-reference to any appropriate additional source of relevant information, including computer databases maintained by the Commission;