

# Facilities Facts

To help inform the Elmbrook community on high school facilities topics.

## *Building Life Expectancies Exceeded*

*"We tell students education is important and then we ask them to get that education in a building that is old, decrepit, and crowded. Try asking adolescents to pay attention in a room where there is no ventilation, the temperature is soaring, and the papers on the bulletin board are curling up from the humidity."*

*-Patrick Perez  
English Teacher  
Brookfield Central  
High School*

The table illustrates original construction dates and subsequent additions at all district facilities. Brookfield Central and Brookfield East high schools are among the oldest schools in the district.

**Original Construction Dates and Subsequent Additions at All District Facilities**

<u>Elmbrook Facility</u>	<u>Original Construction Year</u>	<u>Addition Date(s)</u>
Brookfield Central H.S.	1955	1956, 1958, 1967, 1975, 1978
Brookfield East H.S.	1961	1967, 1975, 1978
Fairview South School	1961	1963, 1968
Pilgrim Park M.S.	1958	1959, 1965, 1978, 1999
Wisconsin Hills M.S.	1969	1997
Brookfield Elementary	2001	
Burleigh Elementary	1965	1978, 2002 kindergarten remodeling
Dixon Elementary	2001	
Hillside Elementary	1969	2002 kindergarten addition
Swanson Elementary	1960	1963, 1997, 2002 kindergarten addition
Tonawanda Elementary	1969	1988, 2002 kindergarten remodeling
Central Administrative Offices	1955	1956, 1958, 1960, 1961, 1964
North Avenue Warehouse	1967	

- Given limitations of annual operating budgets, much of the original construction from 1955 at Brookfield Central and 1961 at Brookfield East has not been updated and as such has reached or exceeded life expectancies. The most recent additions to the high schools date back to 1978 and are in slightly better condition than the original construction because they are 20 years newer.
- All district facilities are structurally sound, receive preventive maintenance on a regular basis, and are repaired to the extent possible within annual budgets. The larger and more expensive systems that have reached or exceeded life expectancies, such as heating, ventilation, plumbing, electrical, and windows have not been replaced, and in the case of Central, are difficult to replace within the existing building structure.
- Changes in curriculum since the high schools were built, size and characteristics of spaces for teaching and learning at current standards, and issues of safety, security, and handicapped accessibility compound the needs for replacement of mechanical and physical components that have reached or exceeded life expectancies at the high schools.
- Consistent with the Long Range Facilities and Properties Planning Team study from 1998, the results on the study of high school facilities and related topics in 2005 found that the need to address the Brookfield Central and Brookfield East high school facilities is the greatest need of the district.

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