

Fairmont Area Schools Vocational Expansion Project

The Proposal:

On February 9th, 2021, we will ask voters to approve a \$6.73 million bond referendum for a Vocational Expansion Project.



Proposed addition to the Fairmont Jr/Sr High School

The purpose for this Vocational Center will be:

- To teach our students the skills they need to gain successful employment with our local industries
- To become an asset to our local industries
- To develop opportunities for students throughout Martin County
- To grow our community

Public Meetings:

Please attend one of the following community meetings to learn more about the Vocational Expansion Project.

- Tuesday, January 12th, 2021 at 6:00 pm
Fairmont Jr./Sr. High School Performing Arts Center
- Tuesday, January 26th, 2021 at 6:00 pm
Fairmont Jr./Sr. High School Performing Arts Center

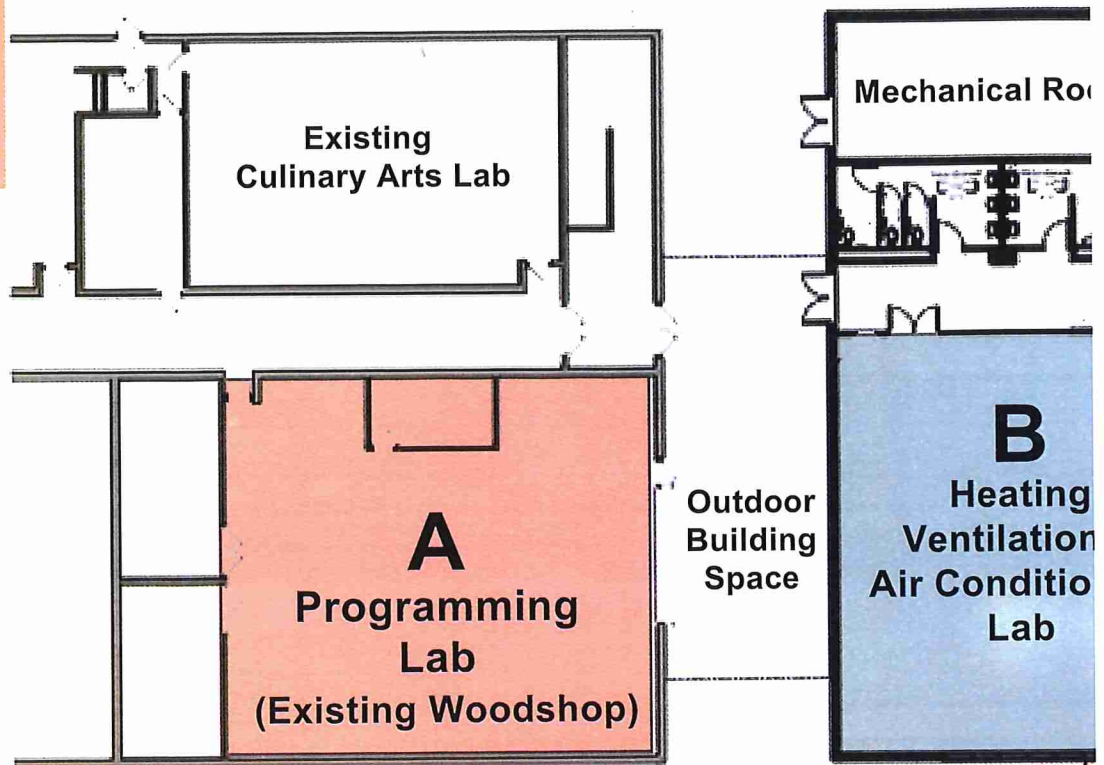
A Programming Lab

The former woodshop space will be repurposed as a programming lab. This space will be used by the Mechatronics class and Robotics team. It will include Computer Numerical Control (CNC) equipment that will allow students to program equipment to perform tasks at a local industry standard. Other programming equipment available for students in this lab will include 3D printers, a wood/metal/glass engraver, and flight simulators.



C Expanded Woodshop

The current woodshop at Fairmont High School requires additional space for building and storing student projects. The expanded woodshop will provide additional learning space for students to build a wide variety of projects.



B Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Lab

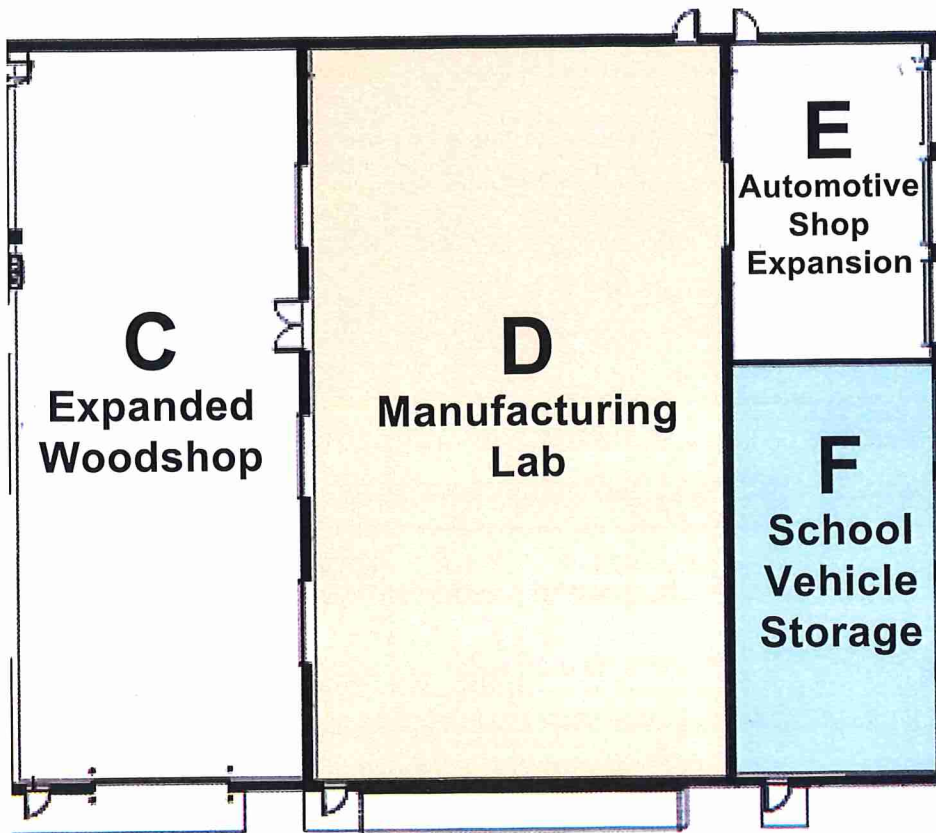
This space will train students for a career in HVACR. Students will be taught how to use HVACR mechanical equipment and digital control systems. This program will connect with Fairmont Area businesses, engineering schools, technical colleges and experts in the building industry to provide a high-quality learning experience. Students will have the opportunity to obtain college credits and technical certifications. These learned skills will make them eligible for apprenticeships, internships, and jobs.





D Manufacturing Lab

This space is designed to provide the opportunity for our students to build homes that can be moved to the chosen site within the community upon completion. This space may also be used to manufacture fish houses, tiny houses, play houses, sheds, and garages. The Manufacturing Lab will provide the opportunity for students to learn the skills of framing, electrical, plumbing, roofing, sheet rocking, mud and taping, installing windows, trim work, and siding.



F School Vehicle Storage

School vehicles are currently stored at the school maintenance shop located south of the Aquatic Park on South Prairie Avenue. The maintenance and grounds department is in need of additional storage. The garage bays at the maintenance shop will be repurposed for storage and the school vehicles will be relocated to this Vocational building. This will allow easy access for our staff to use school vehicles to transport students throughout the day.

E Automotive Shop Expansion

The current Automotive Shop at Fairmont High School needs additional storage space for current and future projects. This area will provide an appropriate space to store vehicles, engines, and equipment while students are completing them. This space may operate as additional classroom space as the automotive program continues to develop.



Questions and Answers

Q: What will voters be considering on February 9th, 2021?

A: Fairmont Area Schools will be asking voters to approve a bond in the amount of \$6.73 million for a Vocational Expansion Project at Fairmont Jr./Sr. High School.

Q: Will this program be accessible to all students in Martin County?

A: Yes. Many years ago the Fairmont Vocational Program was the hub for Martin County. This facility will allow us to make Fairmont Vocational Programming the hub for Martin County again.

Q: Where will this facility be built?

A: The proposed Vocational Expansion Project will be built south of the high school and west of the Kerberg Prairie.

Q: If the vocational programming was successful in the past, why do we need an addition now?

A: The vocational wing at Fairmont Jr./Sr. High School is a great facility. Local industry has changed and equipment is much larger than it used to be. This facility will allow us to grow our programming to match our local industry standards.

Q: How many students will be impacted by this facility?

A: Every 7th-12th grade student in our building will use this facility throughout their time at Fairmont Jr./Sr. High School.

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