

Overview of Facilities in the Cherry Hill School District

Inventory

1	early childhood center
12	elementary schools
3	middle schools
2	high schools
1	administration and alternative high school building
1	warehouse
1	garage
1	buildings and grounds and transportation office building

Age

Oldest school – Kingston, built 1955

Youngest schools – Cooper, Stockton, Beck, built 1970

Oldest building – buildings and grounds and transportation office building (Old Sharp), 1928

Youngest building – warehouse, 1999

Size

1.7 million gross square feet of space.

Approximately 700 classrooms and small group instruction spaces.

Growth and renovations

A building program produced several additions in 1994.

The \$52.6 million bond of 1999 produced 51 new elementary classrooms (including dedicated music, art and computer classrooms), 29 new or renovated science labs at the middle and high schools, a new auditorium at Cherry Hill High School West, conversion of an administration building into the third middle school, conversion of a former leased-out school into the early childhood center, and renovations such as new roofs, wall reconstruction, and window systems.

All elementary playgrounds and some athletic fields were upgraded in 2001, funded through a \$975,000 second budget question.

New home side bleachers with ADA access were installed in 2004.

Cinder tracks at both high schools were converted to all weather surface metric tracks in 2005 and 2006.

A five year lease purchase, approved in 2005, is funding over \$25 million of renovations, through SCC grant projects, with the grants providing up to 40% of the costs. These include many toilet room renovations, roofs, phone/intercom replacements, as well as some HVAC work, fire alarm replacements, window replacements and gym lighting upgrades.

The future

Much facility work remains. While some of the work is easily defined, other projects will evolve from answers to questions such as:

- Should all occupied spaces provide air conditioning?
- Will full-day kindergarten will be implemented district-wide?
- Will pre-school be expanded?
- Will the school schedule move to a 12 month cycle in the foreseeable future?
- Will the grades remaining at each school remain constant?
- Where and how will our population grow?
- What will be the district's model for delivery of the pre-K to 12 educational program?