

Highland Park cost driving issues necessary to move forward with renovations with the last item being a potential cost saver.

1) New Energy Efficiency requirements

These new laws add costs that were not anticipated in the conceptual plan

2) Student Enrollment numbers

Due to a variety of legal requirements driven by racial balancing issues, school choice options under NCLB, and the subsequent inability to accurately manage enrollment, the enrollment requirements need to go from 231 to 280 with the resulting impact.

3) Parking/ Bus drop off

The conceptual plan, although perhaps "adequate" presents safety issues (and some drainage) which should be addressed as part of the overall project to optimize reimbursement, rather than after.

4) Relocation during construction

Although detailed analysis is necessary, it appears that half of the new costs could be mitigated by relocation the school population rather than the original plan to construct while using the school

The current projection, which will be updated soon, puts us about one million dollars over the original Bond amount. That could be cut in half, or better, if relocation occurred. The balance would need to be addressed through any further "value engineering" work that could possibly be done, a possibility for an attractive bidding climate and/or a fall back plan for augmented funding. The appropriate standing committees will be addressing these issues soon to keep us on track.

Respectfully, Scott Shanley and Dr Ouellette