

# Erin School Heating Upgrades

The Erin School Board is looking to upgrade our heating system for the 1958, 1965, and 1979 sections of our school (13 classrooms) along with consolidating our three (3) boiler rooms to one (1) and reducing our five (5) boilers to three (3). This will result in a tax levy increase for three years, starting on the 2019 tax bill.

## History of Prior Projects

Erin School was built in 1958 and has since had four additions: 1965, 1970, 1979, and 1992. In 2008, the Board started a long-range building maintenance plan, which is overseen by the Building and Grounds Committee. This plan is to assist the Board in completing projects within the budget and avoid any need for referendum money. Since the creation of the Committee, the Board has upgraded all roofs, remodeled bathrooms, replaced all hallway flooring, replaced windows, upgraded lighting (with help of energy-efficient money), installed new bleachers, replaced library carpeting, and added a parking lot addition to include an additional driveway.

The Board has also used donations from our Parent and Teacher Club (PTC) by installing SMART Boards in each of the classrooms, LCD projectors, a running track, and a new playground.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee has completed all of these projects within the budget provided by you and the state.

## Current Need

The boilers are at the end of their expected life cycle, along with the classroom uni-vents. We are making repairs to the heating system to the tune of \$10,000 per year and anticipate the cost to increase, as the system ages. The Board believes it is time to complete this project now, to avoid ever-increasing repair costs.

## Cost to Taxpayers

The Board has been working to save additional money over the last ten years to avoid increasing cost to taxpayers. This project will cost \$1,344,000 of which the district has committed \$828,930 over the next six years. On November 13, 2017, the Board passed a resolution to consider levying an additional \$200,000 for each of the next three years, using an Energy Efficiency Exemption. This would result in the Erin School portion of your 2019 tax bill increasing by \$0.48 per \$1,000. By way of example, a \$400,000 house would yield a \$192 tax increase per year for three years.

## Informational Meetings

If interested, the Board invites you to attend two workshops to hear more about the project, which will be held on November 27 and December 18 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Erin School Library. You can also call and set up an appointment with the District Administrator to view the project site at 262-673-3720.

## Items Being Replaced

1992 Boiler Units



1958, 1965 and 1979 Classroom Uni-vents

