

ESSER GRANT SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT POSSIBILITIES

Possible Areas of Repair or Construction

All dollar amounts are estimates

- Renovate HFAC, AES, AHS with new windows and new HVAC – estimated cost \$ 1.4 million.
- Combine AES with AHS into an attendance center (K-12 campus) – renovate some of Ashland HS and MS campus for classrooms – add a 6-classroom building (\$1.3 million) – HVAC across district with remainder - total estimate \$1.6 million.

Combining the two Ashland schools into one attendance center (like HFAC currently is) would save the district hundreds of thousands of dollars over the next few years. This would allow the district to use these funds to help educate students. More money could be spent on actual day to day education (teachers, books, resources, etc). Also combining the two campuses into an attendance center will allow the current teachers to be utilized in more advantageous option.

No employees will be released as a combination of the Ashland schools into an Attendance Center (single) campus.

- 6 classroom building (\$1.3 million) at HFAC – HVAC across district with remainder – \$1.6 million.
- A combined Benton County High School would cost millions of dollars and is not presently an option. A bond issue would have to be voted on and passed by the taxpayers of Benton County to accomplish this project. Bond issues usually take 6 months to a year to plan. Unfortunately, all ESSER paperwork must be submitted to the federal government by April 30, 2021. This idea is not currently a viable option for the district. However, the board of education and the communities of the county should continue to discuss this idea as a long-term goal.
- More ESSER Grants (ESSER III) will be coming in 2023.
- Needs not met by this first ESSER grant will take top priority with ESSER III grants in 2023 – Hopefully, by 2023, all modular (trailer) buildings will be removed from all campuses across the district.