

## **Frequently asked questions on the plans for the Humanities Building**

### **Q1. Why is the Humanities Building being considered for remodeling? Isn't it a relatively new structure?**

- A. The Humanities Building was built in the late 1970s as a general classroom building. It was designed for general classroom use, includes some smaller specialty classrooms for special education and a small teacher's lounge. One side of the building features movable doors to expand single classrooms into a single large assembly area. There are significant concerns with the plumbing and electrical systems in the building. The heating and cooling system are outdated. There is a telephone and computer server system in the basement which currently has a dirt floor. Although only 40 years old, the building needs significant remodeling and modernization.

### **Q2. How many teachers are in the building? Will the district have to provide portable classrooms while construction takes place?**

- A. There are currently 14 classrooms in the building that host a variety of subjects from Spanish, social studies, special education and leadership. The new plans call for equalizing the classroom space to provide greater utility and flexibility in teacher assignments. Site administration has developed a construction phasing schedule that will not require interim housing for classrooms with the use of shared classrooms and re-purposed spaces.

### **Q3. What is the scope of the project? What problems are being addressed?**

- A. The modernization project will in essence be a complete reconstruction of the building. Exterior features such as the roof and siding fascia will all be replaced. The large metal stairway and walk way will be rebuilt and American with Disabilities Act access concerns will be addressed. All doors and windows will be exchanged with energy efficient models. Inside the classrooms flooring, wall coverings, safety locks, lighting and furnishings will be replaced. The building will have completely new electrical, plumbing, fire alarm, communications and technology data systems. A new heating and cooling system will be installed to reduce energy costs. The student and staff bathrooms will be remodeled. The 300 day construction project will transform the building into a state of the art 21<sup>st</sup> century classroom.