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County Plans \$32 Million Investment to Modernize 27 School Facilities

Hamilton County Mayor Weston Wamp and Hamilton County Schools Superintendent Justin Robertson today proposed \$32 million to address deferred maintenance and facility improvements across the district. This funding is part of \$60 million designated from the bond issue in August, the result of a budget compromise between the county and the school system in FY2024.

“This investment is an important step to ensuring our county’s school facilities meet the needs of students, empower teachers, and give confidence to parents,” said **Mayor Wamp**.

The majority of projects will focus on essential maintenance, including HVAC upgrades, roof replacements, athletic facility improvements, and other critical infrastructure investments aimed at strengthening the safety, functionality, and longevity of school facilities. This initial expenditure underscores the county and school system’s shared commitment to leveraging funds efficiently and effectively to benefit students, teachers, and the broader community.

“Receiving \$32 million for school improvements across the district is a significant investment that will begin to address a long list of deferred school maintenance and other improvements that have been growing for many years,” said **HCS Superintendent Dr. Justin Robertson**. “Through the collaborative work of the Board of Education and the County Commission, we look forward to getting these projects underway as soon as possible for the benefit of our students and staff.”

The Hamilton County School Board approved the project list in December. The Hamilton County Commission will vote on the funding allocation for these projects at their meeting on January 15th.

Proposed Projects:

School	Project	Cost
Bess T. Shepherd Elementary	Building Controls	\$250,000
Bess T. Shepherd Elementary	Roof Repairs	\$225,000
Big Ridge Elementary	Air Conditioning Upgrades	\$380,000
Central High	New Track Bleachers	\$500,000
CSAS	Auditorium Roof Repairs	\$120,000
CSLA/Dawn	Demolition	\$1,300,000
East Hamilton High	Parking Lot/Building Lights	\$20,000

East Hamilton High	Stadium Seating/New Turf Field	\$2,150,000
East Lake Academy	EPDM Roof	\$800,000
East Ridge High	Ceiling Demo/New Lights	\$750,000
East Ridge High	Softball Field Drainage	\$500,000
East Ridge High	Sand Gym Floor/Paint Gym	\$80,000
Hixson High	Air Conditioning Upgrades	\$280,000
Hunter Middle	Baseball Field Lights	\$265,000
Lookout Mountain Elementary	Cafeteria Roof	\$300,000
Lookout Mountain Elementary	Building Controls	\$265,000
Lookout Valley Elementary	Roof/Ceiling/Lights Repairs	\$1,000,000
Lookout Valley High	Sand Gym Floor	\$40,000
Lookout Valley High	Air Conditioning Upgrades	\$1,500,000
Normal Park Museum Lower	Fire Alarm	\$60,000
Normal Park Museum Upper	New Fencing	\$150,000
North Hamilton County Elem.	Roof Repairs	\$800,000
Ooltewah High	Track Replacement	\$1,400,000
Ooltewah High	Sand Gym Floor	\$40,000
Ooltewah High RA	Air Conditioning Upgrades	\$220,000
Orchard Knob Middle	New Gym Bleachers	\$180,000
Orchard Knob Middle	New HVAC System	\$6,000,000
Red Bank Elementary	Partial Roof Repair	\$120,000
Red Bank High	Wrestling/Cheer Room Renovation	\$250,000
Red Bank High	Elevator Repair	\$80,000
Sale Creek Middle/High	Air Conditioning Upgrades	\$38,000
Sale Creek Middle/High	New Gym Bleachers	\$300,000
Sequoyah High	Building A Roof Replacement	\$3,500,000
Sequoyah High	Ventilation Upgrades	\$50,000
Service Center/Transportation	Roof Repairs	\$500,000
Signal Mountain Middle/High	Track Resurface	\$550,000
Signal Mountain Middle/High	Multi-Purpose Turf field	\$1,200,000
Snow Hill Elementary	Air Conditioning Upgrades	\$380,000
Snow Hill Elementary	Addition and Built-up Roof	\$1,300,000
Soddy-Daisy High	Security Entrance Improvement	\$60,000
Soddy-Daisy High	Brick Repair	\$1,200,000
System Wide	Painting	\$1,000,000

System Wide	Alarms	\$50,000
The Howard School	Settling Repairs	\$500,000
Thrasher Elementary	Air Conditioning Upgrades	\$400,000
Woodmore Elementary	Shingle Roof	\$95,000
Woodmore Elementary	Boiler Repairs	\$200,000
	Total	\$31,348,000

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