

Chronology of New England Association of Schools (NEASC) Facility Concerns with New London High School 1988-Present





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- 6. Equip the public address system with back-up power for emergency use during civil emergencies.
- 7. Provide better facilities to be made available to the **handicapped**. Standards should be upgraded to meet current state requirements.
- 13. Install an automatic relay to re-start **fuel pumps** on the boiler after a power outage.

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- 16. Replace windows to increase energy efficiency and lower fuel costs.
- 17. Check all **clocks** in classrooms for accuracy and replace if needed.
- 20. Re-grout the swimming pool.
- 21. Replace the **roof** on the auditorium and the G building.
- 23. Replace toggle switches in the hallways with keyed switches.
- 26. Coordinate a **preventative maintenance** program for all equipment throughout school on a monthly and annual basis.





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- 1. Refit classroom windows making them more energyefficient and also preventing seepage of rain and snow.
- 3. Establish and implement a written schedule for both general and preventative maintenance.
- 8. Implement a plan to assess and improve the **heating/ventilation/air conditioning** systems throughout the building.
- 9. Develop and implement long-range facility plans to address identified needs.



2000 NLHS RESPONSE TO NEASC REPORT

Response to NEASC recommendation to develop and implement a long-range facility plan to address identified needs:

13. "There have been many plans, but as always, the major stumbling block has been financial support to make these requests a reality."

"We have a long way to go in addressing the area of facilities without financial support."

16. Implement a plan to assess and improve the **heating/ventilation/air conditioning systems** throughout the building.

"The success of the plans and the degree of implementation have been **more a financial problem** versus the lack of a plan."



2002 NLHS RESPONSE TO NEASC REPORT

- 8. Refit windows to prevent seepage \$200,000 and possible \$100,000 more if asbestos abatement or lead paint removal is needed.
- 11. \$80,000 requested to develop a long range facility plan...still waiting for such funding.





2002 NEASC MEMO TO NLHS

"Nevertheless, the Commission expressed some concern regarding the lack of progress on facility improvements and the provision of a consistent and adequate funding."





2002 NLPS MEMO TO CITY MANAGER

requesting nearly \$400,000 to be appropriated back to the BOE from the BOE's 2001-2002 budget fund balance to utilize for facility needs at NLHS.





2003 SUPERINTENDENT MEMO TO BOARD OF EDUCATION

Documents need for **windows** for health reasons and also meeting held with City Manager Richard Brown and Finance Manager on January 7, 2003.





"A timetable for resolving all facility plans and needs at the high school has **yet to be developed**..."





"Funding has been secured for a portion of the window replacement process. The initial stage will include upgrading windows on the west side of the school that will be facing the new Magnet School with an anticipated ground breaking date of September 2004. Due to limited funding the upgrading process of window replacement will occur in stages. It is anticipated that the process will be completed by September 2004." (page 2) "Approximately 220 windows need to be replaced."



"The long range capital outlay plan for the City of New London includes providing funding annually to address the remaining **window** replacement project in a series of **several phases**."





"The newly developed Comprehensive Facilities Plan for the school district was completed and approved by the BOE in March 2005. The report addressed the interior and exterior needs of the building, establishing a short and long-term priority list along with current existing conditions and the estimated cost of completing all repair, upgrades and replacements where appropriate. Also included in the report are the ADA compliance recommendations and their accompanying costs. The total estimated cost for the comprehensive needs of the high school exceeded 5.7 million dollars."





...many limitations of the facility found in the uncontrolled temperatures of the classrooms, the lack of quality care of the building, inadequate utilization of space, athletic facilities and the technology education facilities, the old kitchen equipment, the inadequate sprinkler systems, the need for thorough maintenance and cleanliness of the boiler system, and the disappointing condition of the drainage system of science laboratories."





"The teaching and learning at New London High School would benefit from improved facilities." "The **boys locker room** needs immediate repairs by the school district. Most of the water fountains in the building are not operational. The schoolbased clinic which combines an examination room, desk area, and waiting room occupies one small room. To support and improve the educational programs and services, fire services and safety regulations must be improved as well."





"There is no planned and adequately **funded** program of building and site management to ensure the appropriate **maintenance**, **repair**, **and cleanliness** of the school plant."

"The BOE has developed a long-range comprehensive facilities plan dated 2004-2014. The plan cites areas of concern about the physical plant and grounds with an estimated cost but **no timeline** as to when each site element will be started and completed."

"New London High School does not have an adequate plan to address...capital improvements."



"There is a clear need to upgrade the 38 year old facility and athletic playing fields to foster a positive climate for teaching and learning including the upgrading of windows; the heating and air condition system; adequate space for support services; the protection of confidential records; the accessibility of handicapped doors, laboratories, entrances, and elevators.





"New London has an aging high school building that is in a state of disrepair. More transparency is needed in the budget development process and its follow-up to ensure that the problems with the aging building are addressed." (page 48)





"I am concerned that **budgetary matters** beyond the school's control will be detrimental to our ability to fully address all of the recommendations of the Commission." (Thompson)





The Building Committee has charged an architectural firm with exploring 3 options to address facility shortcomings.

"As the decision is studied, the building continues to deteriorate as major repairs are put on hold." (Thompson)

