



April 6th, 2026



Central Decatur CSD

COMMUNITY TASK FORCE – MEETING #3 SUMMARY

Members of the Central Decatur Community Task Force met for the third time on Monday, April 6, to continue the district’s facility master planning process. This meeting marked the last of three task force sessions designed to evaluate the current condition of district facilities and help shape a long-term educational and facility vision for Central Decatur CSD.

The task force has been charged with reviewing the condition of existing facilities, understanding current and projected enrollment trends, and ultimately providing a recommendation to the Board of Education regarding the district’s path forward. The third meeting included a recap of the second meeting, a tour of South Elementary, and table group discussions of the refined concepts. The task force represents a broad cross-section of the Central Decatur community, including both staff and community stakeholders.



FACILITY TOUR – SOUTH ELEMENTARY

Following a summary of the March task force meeting, committee members participated in a guided tour of South Elementary led by district staff. The tour provided participants with an opportunity to observe current facility conditions and program spaces firsthand.

The tour began at the exterior, where participants noted inaccessible playground areas, outdated equipment, deteriorating façade conditions, and aging windows associated with the 1982 addition.

Inside the building, key concerns included obsolete HVAC unit ventilators in multiple classrooms and challenges in maintaining consistent temperatures due to improperly zoned and competing systems.



Figure 1: South Elementary

Participants also reviewed restroom spaces, classrooms, and office areas within the original 1958 portion of the building, many of which retain original finishes that are now significantly aged.

UPDATED MASTER PLAN CONCEPTS

Following the tour, the committee reviewed updated and refined master plan concepts based on feedback from the March meeting. Key updates included:

- Introduction of an elementary addition option without a courtyard
- Expansion of the cafeteria concept to accommodate a youth sports-sized gym
- Presentation of a site plan illustrating traffic flow improvements and playground configurations

After reviewing the updated concepts, the task force divided into three groups to discuss and define their “ideal project” before sharing their conclusions with the full committee.

