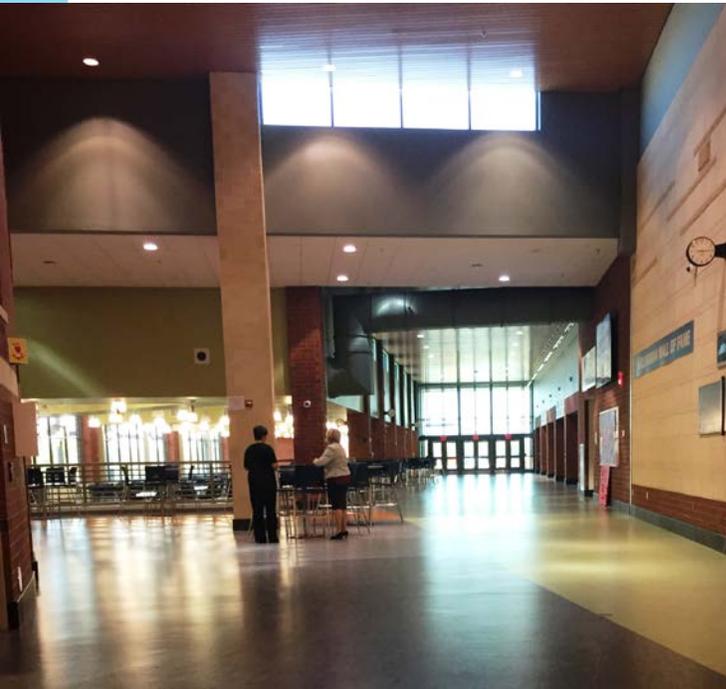




High School Project Update



School Board Process Timeline

- ▶ CIP line item for new gym - 2009
- ▶ CIP line item with \$75 million place holder - 2011
- ▶ Request for Proposal issued for a study of the current facility - Summer 2013
- ▶ Site study, public forums, online surveys, focus group meetings - Summer/Fall 2013 & Winter 2014
- ▶ Architectural study and Design Concepts by presented by Architects - Winter 2014
- ▶ Design Concept posters displayed in schools, City Hall and SCS TV Channel 13 - Winter/Summer/Fall 2014
- ▶ Additional surveys, input solicited, sites researched - Fall 2014/Winter 2015
- ▶ City Council Presentation & Funding Scenarios - Winter 2015
- ▶ SB Vote for New High School on a New Site with Athletic Fields - March 2015
- ▶ News/Op-Ed articles - Ongoing
- ▶ Research of Effective Facilities & School Visits - Ongoing



Project Timeline

- ▶ Identify Needs, RFP, Facility Study - 2009-2015
 - ▶ SB vote for new High School - 2015
 - ▶ City Council consideration of need & funding - 2015-2016
 - ▶ Committee and Design work - 2016-2018
 - ▶ Break ground/Begin Construction - 2019
 - ▶ Open New School - 2021
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- ▶ Collaboration between School Board & City Council - throughout the project



City Council Vision for 2025

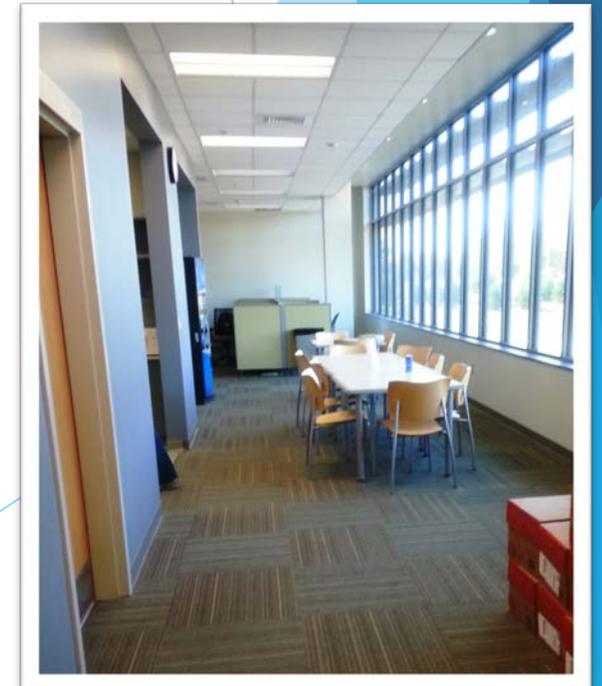
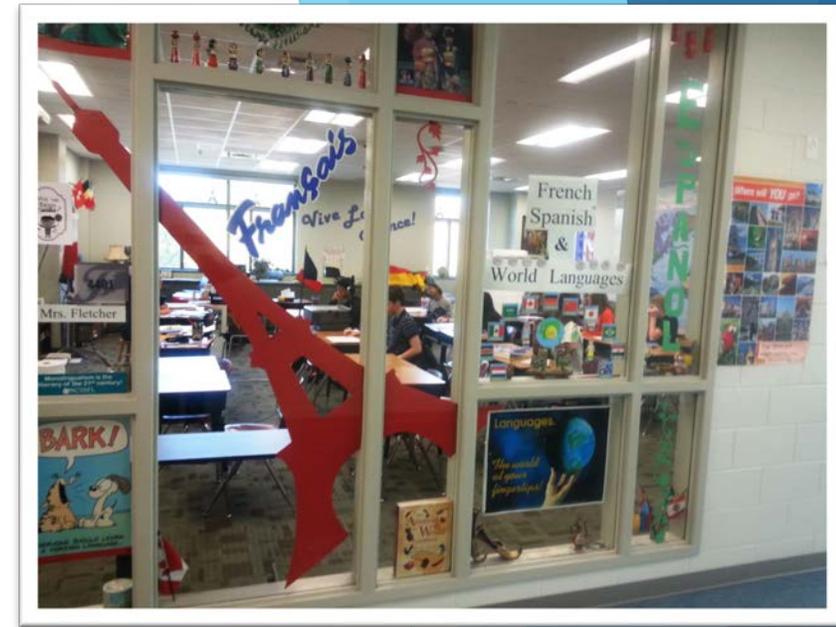
We achieve this by concerted effort on: Education



- ▶ Staunton provides the best education in Virginia and is the leader within our region by recruiting, retaining and supporting the best teachers, providing superb facilities, and working with institutes of higher learning that train and educate our future leaders, workforce, and entrepreneurs. Our institutions afford the opportunity for all citizens to reach their highest potential through education and career training.
- ▶ Adopted by City Council on November 13, 2014

Key Factors for a New High School

- ▶ High Quality Instruction
 - ▶ Collaborative work spaces for teachers and students
 - ▶ Flexible work spaces
 - ▶ Larger classrooms to support students and equipment
 - ▶ Intensive use of media and technology
 - ▶ Conference rooms & Commons Areas
 - ▶ Media center
 - ▶ Adequate gymnasium space - 2 gyms, weight room, wrestling room, fitness room
 - ▶ Wide hallways, natural light & furniture to meet multiple needs



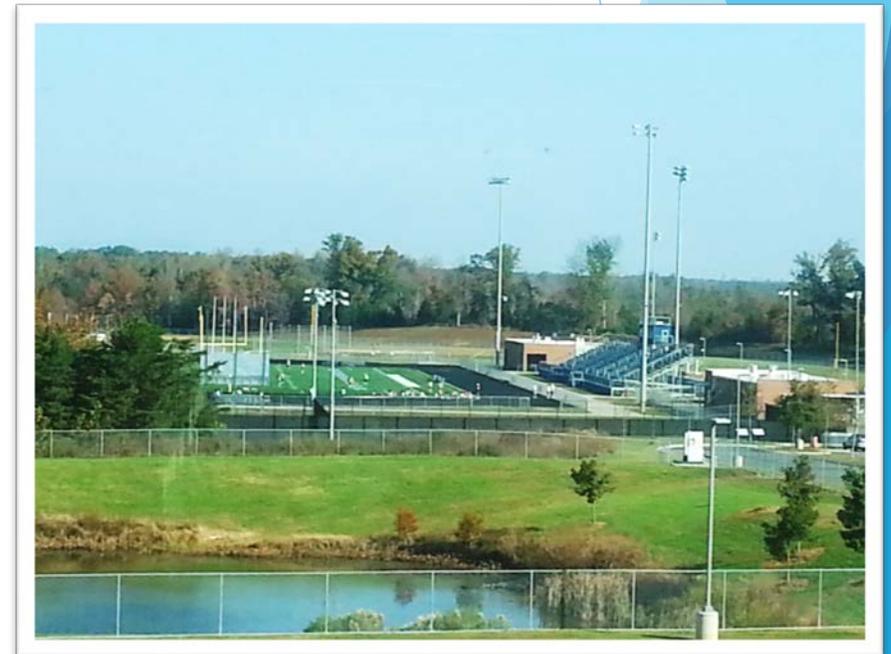
Key Factors for a New High School

- ▶ Safety & Security
 - ▶ Entry ways and systems to ensure safe environment
 - ▶ Separation of bus loop, parent drop-off, & parking
 - ▶ One location to allow for adequate supervision by staff of athletic events
 - ▶ Zones created to monitor/control traffic in building and on the grounds



Key Factors for a New High School

- ▶ School Pride
 - ▶ More teams and athletic practices than ever before
 - ▶ Change in VHSL rules regarding seasons/practices
 - ▶ One place for all fields promotes student, family & community engagement
 - ▶ Failing facility is a source of embarrassment for many - inadequate
 - ▶ HVAC,
 - ▶ space for learning,
 - ▶ infrastructure to support technology



Key Factors for a New High School

- ▶ Strong & Vibrant Community
 - ▶ Our one high school is the capstone facility for our community
 - ▶ Economic Development is enhanced by strong schools & up-to-date facilities
 - ▶ Investment in our children is a long-term investment in our city



Relocating Old Traditions

With the move across town, the attitude of the students never dimmed. The different location never once conflicted with the ideals and dreams we showed at Old Lee.

Change is a funny thing. People very rarely accept change. They ignore it because they don't like to do or be something different. But that wasn't the case with Leemen fans. Change never felt better to them. They not only accepted it; they perfected it.

...The tradition that once lived on the hill only moved, it didn't change spiritually. If anything, we were enriched.

We always had what it took to keep the fire burning and to make Robert E. Lee the best.

We all feel at home here. The sorrow of leaving Old Lee is gone, and we like it here...we think we'll stay.

- The Leeway 1984, page 179