

**Thornton Central School
2019 Building and Renovation Town Needs**

Thornton Town Voting and Shelter in Place

NEED:

- Current voting space at the Thornton Town Office does not meet the state regulation for voting. City, Town, School District, Village District and National elections have a minimum booth requirement based on the number of registered voters. Depending on the election, Thornton would need between 11-21 booths. (Source: Town of Selectmen Office) To meet state regulations, an expansion to the town hall meeting space is necessary. This project is estimated to cost \$1 million dollars.
- Current gymnasium usage is impacted by the student lunch schedule.
- Thornton currently does not meet all the needs for a Shelter in Place location (showers/food, etc).

PROPOSED SOLUTION:

- New gym space would include storage, stage, locker room with showers and mechanical room/heating plant.
- Gym voting space meets state requirements and offsets the town hall projected renovation cost of \$1,000,000.
- Separate public entrance and bathrooms with lockable access to the school, ensures safety of TCS students on voting days or during public use.
- School would be in session on voting days, thereby minimizing additional school days in June. Possible exception on national election days whereby school administration would consult with local safety authorities.
- Space allows the availability of a Shelter in Place for residents during an emergency.

Library

NEED:

- Current building has limited meeting space, parking, and access to technology.
- Current modular is at the end of life without a significant renovation to the existing building.

PROPOSED SOLUTION:

- New library space would have a separate entrance and parking space. Library patrons would not have access to the school ensuring that students and patrons are safe.
- Library would have separate bathroom facilities so that patrons do not need to access the school.
- Library parking lot will be a flat leveled paved surface ensuring safe entry to the Library.
- Additional meeting space is available for educational programming and meetings.
- Updated infrastructure will support technology needs and utility costs will be absorbed by the school.

School

NEED:

- New Kindergarten class was added for the 2019-2020 school year which required that the STEM Maker Space be turned into an art room, which is undersized.
- As indicated in the [Enrollment Projection Thornton Central School February 2019](#) report, “we project that enrollment will remain fairly stable over the next several years and then rise as the impact of recent higher rates of home construction work their way through the system” (Entire report is available on the TCS website).
- Projected enrollment is expected to increase from 213 in 2019-2020 to 240 in 2024-2025.

PROPOSED SOLUTION:

- Expansion of building allows for current gym/cafeteria to be used for Art, Music, School Library and Public Library.
- Construction allows for the gym and cafeteria to be used for town meetings and community events.
- Additional classrooms will support current classroom and projected enrollment increases.
- New exterior parking and traffic flow to accommodate staff, visitors and community
- TCS CIP Facility upgrades, to be implemented in the next 3-8 years are included in this project: HVAC, heating system renovation (oil to propane), generator upgrade, lighting, sprinkler and fire alarm upgrades.

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