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## Frequently Asked Questions About Our Local School Needs

### **Q: What is the issue?**

A: Many Barstow USD schools were built decades ago including some schools built over sixty years which and are in need significant repairs such as basic health and safety improvements; removing asbestos and lead paint from classrooms, fixing deteriorating classrooms, restrooms, and leaky roofs; replacing outdated air conditioning systems; and upgrading school security so children can have a safe, healthy place to learn.

### **Q: How are we preparing our children for career and job readiness?**

A: To succeed in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century economy, our students need skills in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math. Our local schools are lacking the up-to-date technology students need to succeed. We need to upgrade classrooms, science labs, and computer labs, as well as improve electrical systems and wiring for computers and internet access, to ensure our students will have equal access to competitive 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning.

### **Q: What are the school priorities the community has identified?**

A: Priorities identified by the community include:

- Recruiting and retaining quality teachers
- Providing clean, safe classrooms
- Upgrading school safety systems
- Upgrading outdated heating, plumbing and electrical systems and gas lines
- Repairing aging classrooms, restrooms, and leaky roofs
- Replacing aging water pipes
- Upgrading classrooms for career tech and vocational education
- Upgrading classrooms for science, technology, math and engineering

### **Q: How can I get more information?**

A: For more information and to view the results of the community survey, visit the District's website at:

<http://www.barstow.k12.ca.us/District/News/8845-JOIN-THE-CONVERSATION.html>

If you have specific questions please contact (760)255-6000.