

County Administrator's Update

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June 30, 2019

Dear Citizens,

The Board of Supervisors received a report on the cost of renovating vs. replacing Hardy Elementary School at their June 20th meeting. Alpha Corporation prepared a third-party review of the project to determine the total cost of both options so that the Board of Supervisors and the School Board can make an informed decision about renovating or replacing the school.

The final cost estimate for renovating Hardy including the extension of sewer is approximately \$23 million. The cost estimate for replacing Hardy on the same site including the extension of sewer is \$31.8 million. Some of the improvements and assumptions that are included in both estimates are as follows:

- Current school enrollment – 547
- New school capacity – 800 to 900
- Sprinkler system for renovated or new school
- Renovated school to be on a parity with other new schools in the County
- Additional land need for parking and drop-off of students by bus
- Replace well system by combining with other County Water Systems in vicinity

The Board of Supervisors and the School Board will hold a joint Work Session on August 1st at 6:00 pm in the Board of Supervisors meeting room to further discuss the project and alternatives.

Sincerely,

Randy R. Keaton, County Administrator
Isle of Wight County Virginia