

Request for Use of Facilities in 2018 at the MB Intermediate School Site 3301 N. Oak Street

City of Myrtle Beach
Recreation Services Department

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New Horry County School District facilities are being built/renovated in Myrtle Beach.

- A new Myrtle Beach Middle School is under construction on Oak Street.
- Once the new Middle School is operational, the existing Middle School will be renovated for Intermediate School Students.
- This leaves the existing MB Intermediate School with opportunities for Family Learning programs, Community Outreach programs, Non-profit programs, etc.
- All Myrtle Beach Schools are located on the same City block.
- City Recreation Facilities at 33rd abut Horry County School District Property.

No property remains to expand North District Recreation facilities/programs. (Area requested in red.)



The City of Myrtle Beach & Horry County Schools are great partners!

- We enjoy shared use of both City and School District facilities.
 - Doug Shaw Memorial Stadium
 - Myrtle Beach Tennis Center
 - Recreation Fields (A, B, C, F) & School Fields (D, E, G)
 - Recreation Swimming Pool (Pepper Geddings)
 - Recreation facilities have been evacuation sites for threats at MB Schools
- This proposal would provide an opportunity to benefit Horry County School students and City residents alike.

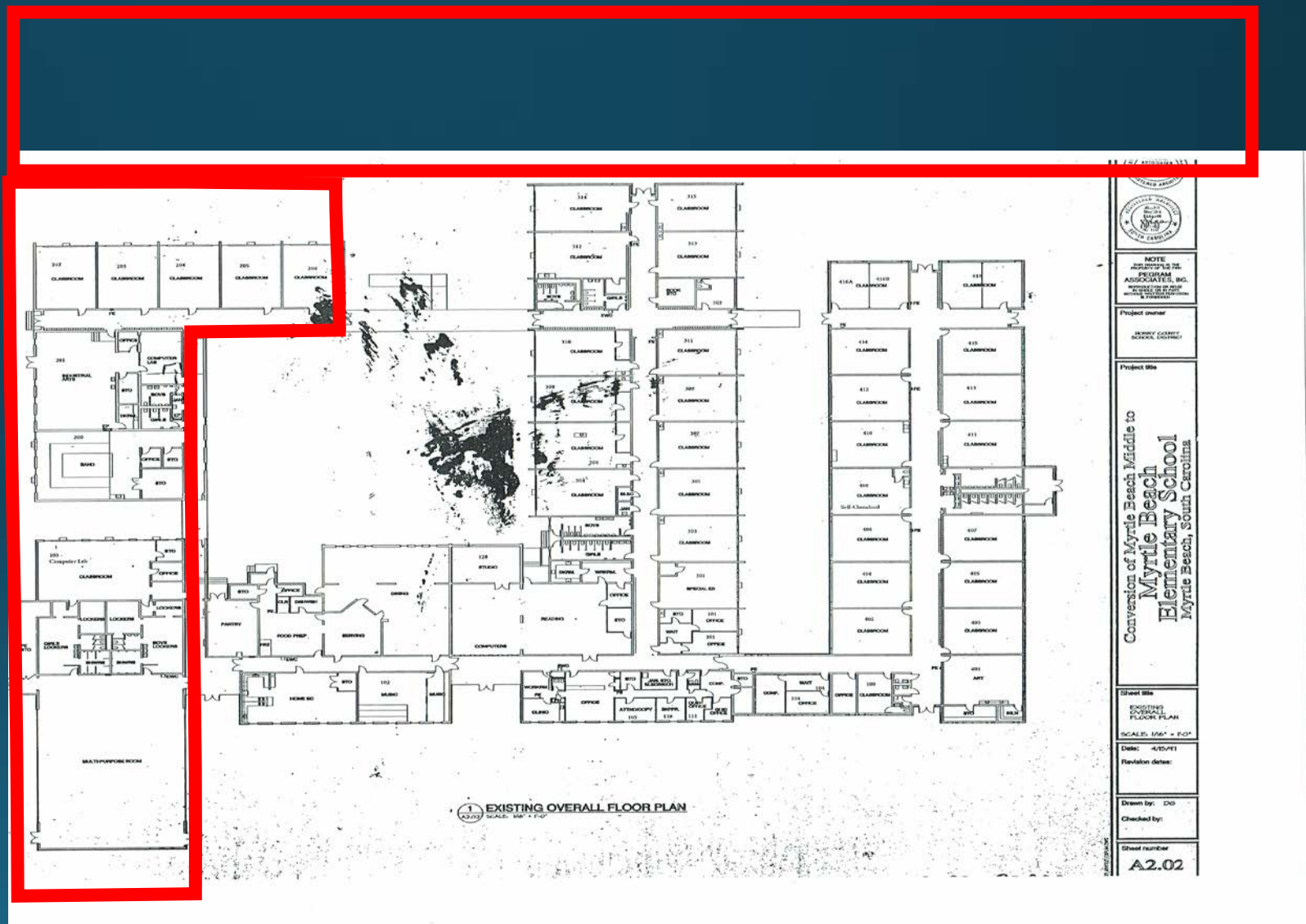
- Due to the physical location of the recreation center and ballfields, we are within walking distance of ALL Myrtle Beach Schools.
- This convenience leads to demands in programming and competition for space. (After school programming, teen programming, fitness classes, sports leagues and practices, arts & theater programming, and daily use of gyms, pools and weight rooms)
- Community expectations for recreation programming is at an all-time high and “Pepper” Geddings Recreation Center has outgrown its existing space. Programming for youth, teens, adults and seniors remain a priority.

The City of Myrtle Beach is requesting use of a portion of the current Intermediate School, once the students have relocated to the Middle School. The portion requested consists of:

- Multi-purpose room/gymnasium
- Locker rooms
- Room 103 – Computer Lab
- Room 200 – Band Room
- Room 201 – Industrial Arts
- Classrooms 202 – 206
- and all offices, storage rooms and bathrooms located in the area of rooms requested.
- Playground Area to connect 33rd Avenue North to Parking lot on North side of school to provide additional parking for Doug Shaw Events.

Existing Floor Plan of Current Intermediate School

- The portion requested is in red.
- It is directly across 33rd Avenue from “Pepper” Geddings Recreation Center.
- This leaves the majority of the remaining Intermediate School property available for Family Learning, Community Outreach and Non Profit uses.



- Proposed use of additional space:

- Development of a Teen Center to give Horry County Students a safe “space of their own” during after school, weekend, and summer hours to obtain homework help, recreation programming, job readiness training, access to teen services, etc.
- Development of an Business Center (electronic satellite branch of Chapin Library) with a computer lab, assistance with applications, resumes, etc. Capabilities to obtain a library card and download ebooks to help promote and sustain literacy initiatives.
- Increased programming in Culture & Leisure for all: Dance, Theater, Art, Music Lessons, Photography Club, Adult Crafts, Book Clubs, Senior Board Games, Scrapbooking, Kids in the Kitchen, Gardening, Movie Clubs, Bingo & Storytelling.
- Increased programming in Health & Fitness: Fit Kidz, Physical Education, Seminars, Fitness Classes, Health Fairs, CPR & First Aid Training, Babysitting certifications, etc.
- Increased opportunities for Sports: Box Lacrosse, Volleyball, Basketball, Badminton, Pickleball, Indoor Golf Instruction, Wiffle Ball, Double Dutch Jump Rope, Indoor Soccer, Martial Arts, etc.
- Increased community events: Family Olympics, Holiday Events, Career Day for Kids, Teen Nights, Talent Shows, Bike Rodeos, Stage Entertainment Events, Dances, Lock Ins, etc.
- Seasonal Use of Space: More open play opportunities, summer camp expansion, sports teams meetings, Teen Lounge/Game Room, STEM for All, Leaders in Training, etc.
- Increased parking by connecting 33rd Ave North and the North Parking Lot at the Intermediate School for Doug Shaw Events.

With today's social climate, it is imperative that there are activities and programs to engage today's youth & teen population so that they do not "give in" to the temptation of negative influences and behaviors.

With an increase in space, more recreation and learning opportunities can be provided by the City of Myrtle Beach, all within walking distance after school. It is our hope to see students make choices that affect their lives in a positive manner.

We look forward to the challenge!