

Building Our Future!- Questions & Answers

What three options for the school facility were researched?

In 2015, inspections of the building were completed by Capelle Bros & Diedrich along with mechanical subcontractors, roofing contractors, asbestos abatement contractors, and masonry professionals. Based on their findings, quotes were submitted to St. Andrew's for the following options.

Option #1: Maintain Entire Classroom Structure - Remodeling & Repairs

- Total cost (including repairs to the main hall) - \$650,000

Option #2: Demolition of Four Classrooms - Remodeling & Repairs

- Total cost (including repairs to the main hall) - \$550,000

Option #3: Construction of New Facility

- Total cost - \$750,000

As with any renovation/remodeling project, the building would need to meet Wisconsin State Codes (i.e. handicap accessible bathrooms) at an additional unknown cost not included in the estimates for Options #1 and #2.

What was the contractor's recommended solution?

Based on their findings along with the subcontractors, their recommendation was that the replacement of the existing facility with a new building was in the best long-term interest of the parish for the following reasons:

1. Existing facility with four classrooms removed and upgrades would have approximately 10,700 square feet with 3,700 of the square footage as not useable space.
2. The repairs and upgrades do not address the aging electrical and plumbing systems.
3. The HVAC system piping controls and the boiler will need repairs or replacement shortly.
4. The thermal efficiencies of the building envelop would not meet today's standards.
5. The future maintenance and operational costs of the repaired and upgraded facility will be substantially higher than a new smaller facility.
6. The life of a remodeled building would be significantly less than a new building.