



## OK, I've got a question . . .

*I see from the nice picture of the proposed construction where we would build a new auxiliary gym. We have the old gym down the hill. Why not just use it?*

- Location, location, location
  - Using the district master plan for future development the highest corner of visibility needs to be re-structured.
  - Safety issues for younger students being away from the main campus.
  - Availability for our multiple physical education classes.
  - Competitive athletic practices and game opportunities enhanced with a contiguous facility.
  - A continuous problem from security, maintenance, and abuse standpoints.
- The old gym was built in 1966. The structure can never meet the standards of the rest of the facilities.
  - It is the most inefficient structure on the grounds – including the barns – from a utility standpoint.
  - No temperature control.
  - Almost half of the wooden floor underneath the sports court has been removed.
  - The slab is cracked.
  - Termites
  - Ground and rain water issues.
  - The ceiling / roof is the most valuable part of the structure

There is a litany of reasons why a new auxiliary gym would be much preferred. Some of the issues of the old gym could be addressed and some cannot. The best case scenario leaves us putting a significant amount of money into a building that will still be a 45 year old building with problems on several levels.

The old gym is almost hallowed ground. The ceiling is a work of art. It has served its purpose well for many years and will continue to be a site of community and school events for time to come. We have a wonderful opportunity to provide something better, if not something more special, for our students.