



IOWA EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR THE BLIND & VISUALLY IMPAIRED
IOWA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

Five Year Capitals Request FY 18-FY 22

FY 18 - \$4.6 million for Long Hall Renovation

FY 22 - \$4.2 million for the Girls Dormitory HVAC/Electrical upgrades

FY 2018 Infrastructure Budget Request for Long Hall

\$4.6 million from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund for ***renovation of the exterior and interior of J. Schuyler Long Hall.***

- ⇒ This is a new appropriation request and is the total funding needed for the renovation.
- ⇒ Having a renovated building is key to the development of a regional program at ISD for students who are blind, visually impaired, deaf, hard of hearing or deaf/blind.

Long Hall, built in 1930, serves as the high school and middle school building. It is approximately 50,000 square feet on three floors.

- ⇒ ***It is an inefficient building with inadequate ventilation and air circulation.***
- ⇒ ***It is not equipped with a fire suppression system and there are environmental issues*** such as water seeping into the walls and in/around the windows, creating water issues and ***mold within the building.*** The weather/emergency alert system in the building needs upgrades to both the audial and visual announcements; an entire new system is required.
- ⇒ There are old, ***inefficient window air conditioning units and a cast iron heating system.*** In addition, the lighting and electrical system needs to be upgraded.

A site investigation was conducted by Nielsen Mayne Architecture in August 2015. The study appraised the existing conditions on the interior and exterior to determine identifiable improvements and stabilize deterioration. It also provided a review for upgrades required to make classrooms accessible for students who are deaf/hard of hearing as well as blind/visually impaired.

The funding would replace the heating and air conditioning systems, upgrade the electrical system including new lighting and power, install a fire suppression system, recess the doors opening into the main corridors from the classrooms and offices so they do not cause barriers to the visually impaired students and faculty, extend the stairs' handrails throughout the building and provide stair tread edge with tactile/visual strips to meet accessibility requirements and building codes, address issues with tuck pointing of the brick and mortar, replace the windows and renovate classrooms to accommodate the needs of deaf and blind students.

Attached are exterior and interior photos of Long Hall.

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Exterior Images



Interior Images



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