

The Sound of West Side



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Background information

- When I first arrived here (2012) Burtsfield gym and land surrounding it were the marching band's home
- When construction began on WLIS we were moved to Cumberland Elementary and did not have any indoor space whatsoever to practice
- When Happy Hollow (HH) was vacated, we were moved there to practice



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Background information cont.

- 2019 and 2021 used field behind Happy Hollow (HH) to practice
- Had access to
 - HH bathrooms near door 9 (*closest to choir room*)
 - Storage area inside door 9 (*next to choir room*)
 - Choir/music room
 - Cafeteria
 - Gymnasium
- Band trailer is and has been parked behind the building
- We used these areas mid-July to mid-October



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The things that the band needs to be successful are:

1. Minimum of 57,000 square feet of space (this is the size of a football field)
2. Lighting for the outdoor space so that we can practice in the fall evenings
3. Parking for our students and staff
4. Access to restrooms and water
5. An area to take shelter in case of inclement weather
6. A place to park the band trailer
7. A rehearsal tower for the directors to be able to clean drill and lead rehearsals
8. A place near the performance area that is large enough for a semi truck to load our equipment



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What am I asking for?

- Allow the marching band to continue using the same space that we used in 2021 for the time being
- Designate a space within the corporation that meets the needs of the band and make that our permanent home so that we don't have to wonder each year where we're going to be
- Allow the band program to launch a fundraising campaign to raise the funds to build the facilities it needs on the land designated for The Sound of West Side



This is an example of what we could do if given this space



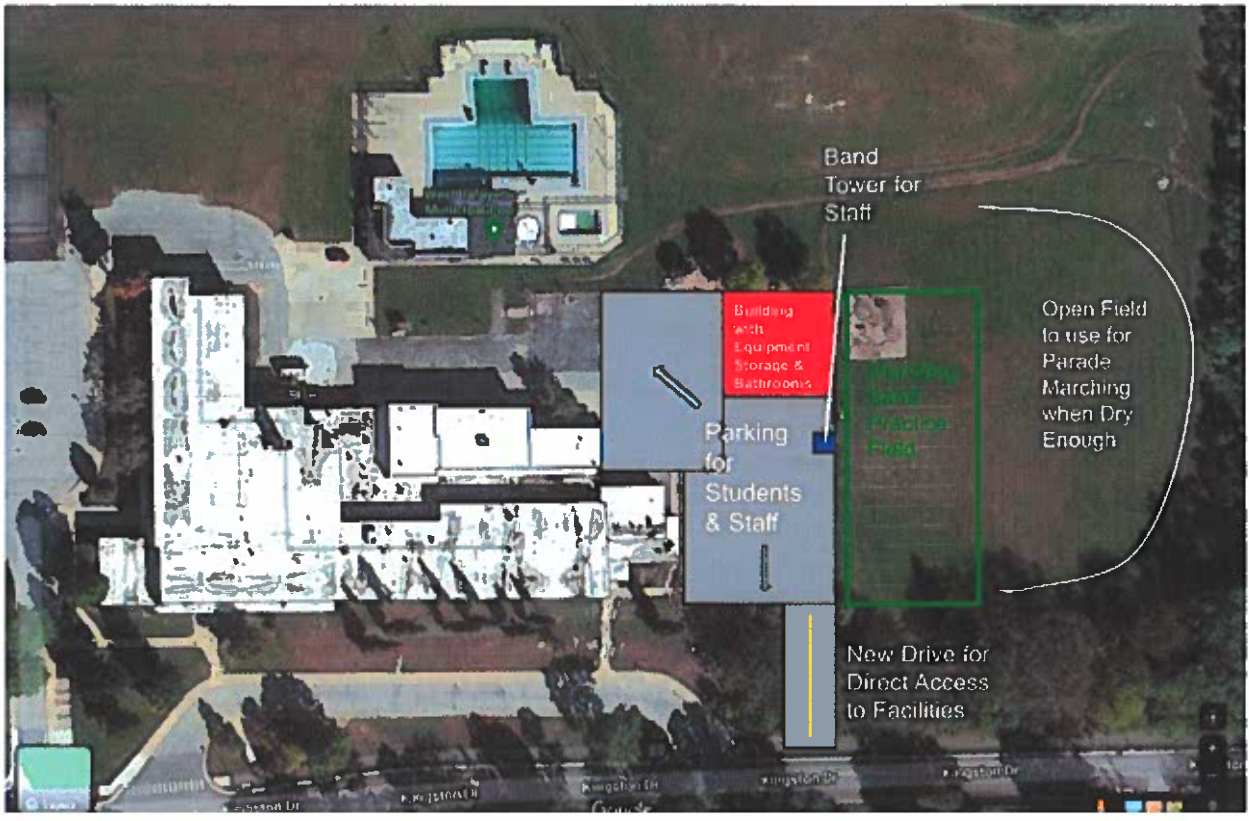
- **Background:** For the 2019 and 2021 seasons The Sound of West Side used the field behind Happy Hollow. We also had access to the old tennis courts, the bathrooms, cafeteria, choir room, gymnasium and storage room just inside Door 9. We used these areas from mid-July to mid-October. Our 26-foot trailer is and has been parked behind the building, too.
- **Why am I here?** **The students of Sound of West Side deserve a permanent home.**

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I am not asking the school corporation to provide any funding. I believe that with our alumni and current students we will be able to launch a fundraising campaign to allow the band to build what it needs. All I am asking for is the space to be designated permanently and officially to the band program.

I would like to run all funding and spending through the WLEF just as the soccer team did when they raised money for their field upgrades so that it is safe guarded.



Band Tower for Staff

Building with Equipment Storage & Bathrooms

Parking for Students & Staff

Marching Band Practice Field

Open Field to use for Parade Marching when Dry Enough

New Drive for Direct Access to Facilities