



NORMA-COOMBS ALTERNATIVE (K-8)

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Year Built: 1934

Site Acreage: 5.30

Grade Levels: K-8

Enrollment: 574

Permanent Capacity: 375

Classrooms:

Permanent: 22

Portables: 5

Assessment Summary:

Norma-Coombs Alternative School (K-8) is bisected by its parking lot and a model drop-off/pick-up internal loop. The eastern half is sited with mostly portable buildings in poor condition which house administrative services, and some classrooms. The only permanent building is an old, former residential structure which houses a YMCA-shared space with school administrative offices. The western half is sited with original structures dating to the 1930s. This complex houses the remainder of classrooms, including the kindergarten, the library, a teachers' lounge, the auditorium, cafeteria and kitchen. The group of buildings is elevated and joined by canopied, inter-connected outdoor walkways, accessible by wheel chair lifts at stairwells. Some of these lifts do not work and need to be repaired. The school uses the city owned gym at the park across the street when necessary.

The kindergarten classroom on the north wing does not have its own toilet or direct access to a playground and, therefore, needs to be relocated to an area with adequate facilities.

Included among immediate needs are provision of new fire alarm devices; upgrading of electrical panel boards, EMS controls for the HVAC system; replacement of plumbing fixtures at restroom; replacement of drinking fountains with ADA fixtures; replacement of controls for exterior lighting; and provision of the P.A. system throughout the school. Another key requirement is the provision of an ADA accessible path of travel to all areas on the east end of campus as well as to the lower playground areas on the southwest end. Other upgrades involve the provision of shade structures and the separation of the water meters.