

Crabtree, Rohrbaugh & Associates (CRA) will be attending the next Community Wide meeting to review their process for the completion of a Facility Needs Assessment for Giles County Public Schools. CRA is a full-service architectural firm specializing in public school design located in Charlottesville, VA. The first step of this Study will be community and stakeholder meetings to determine the Vision, Goals and Guiding principles that will govern the Study Process. This multi-step process will include a detailed facility analysis which will look at the building infrastructure, exterior envelope, facility systems, and building codes to determine the building needs for the next twenty years. The study will also look at the educational and program needs for the Schools, determining current usage of each building, educational adequacy and efficiency, student centered learning environments, equity and parity. Space needs will also be reviewed looking at historic, current and future enrollment, rated capacity and overall space needs for the Division's schools. Based on the review of the facility, educational and space needs, a series of facility improvement options will be developed to meet these needs. These options will focus on the development of a Capital Improvement Plan for the Divisions Facility Needs. Options will look at immediate needs, near term future needs and long-term needs. Included in each of these options will be conceptual design, probable opinion of construction costs, and schedules for implementation. This process is anticipated to take approximately 6 months for final completion.

These informational meetings will be held as follows: the first county meeting will be held at Narrows High School on Monday, March 9th at 7:00 p.m. and the second county meeting will be held at Giles High School on Wednesday, March 18th at 7:00 p.m. Please join us to learn more about the study process.

Any information obtained through this assessment process will be for informational purposes only. This information will be evaluated by the Giles County School Board to determine how to proceed.