

William Sheehan School

The oldest and largest of the Town's elementary schools, the Sheehan was built in 1948; 20 years later it gained an addition, which brought its total size to 50,000 square feet. Sheehan sits on approximately 4.27 acres of land.

Sheehan has 18 general education classrooms, four special education classrooms, and seven special education pull-out spaces. Rooms designed as closets now house the nurse's office and small group work stations. The temperature fluctuates greatly throughout the school and is a common complaint among students and teachers. The student bathrooms on the third floor do not have hot water.

Sheehan is not handicap-accessible and has building systems that are long past their useful life:

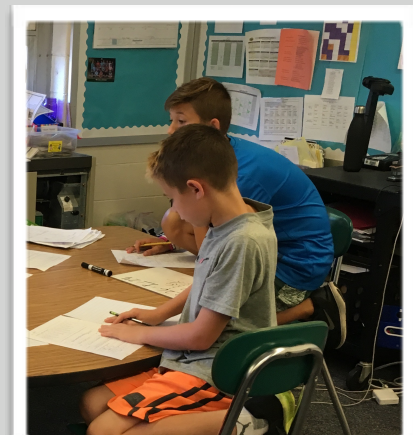
- The building has nine separate roofs; the oldest one dates to 1988.



- All piping and electrical wiring are original to the building except for some subpanels that have been upgraded over the years.
- All but a few of the windows are original to the building.
- All classrooms have original univent heaters. While we try our best to continue to maintain them, many of the parts are now no longer made.
- The Sheehan has two boilers; one new and one from 1996.

GENERAL TAKEAWAYS

1. This steel and masonry building is in good structural condition, but many of its systems (such as electrical, plumbing, and windows) have far exceeded their useful life and will need to be replaced.
2. These classrooms do not meet the needs of the modern educational system and, by state standards, are too small.
3. Given the amount of money it would take to bring the building up to code and replace all the necessary building systems, it might be more cost effective to replace it.



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