

# NEEDS

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term projects, are estimated at \$683,873. The third category totals \$7.1 million and includes \$5 million for a new athletic complex at the high school. A donor has offered to give the schools the 34 acres across the street from the school if the school system raises the money to build the complex.

The biggest expense in the next five years is expanding Perquimans Central School. The budget includes \$1.8 million to build eight new classrooms. Two would be for Pre-K students, two for kindergarten and four for first through third graders. Central is also in the need of \$819,000 to replace heading and air equipment and improve lighting.

Perquimans County High School is in need of \$1.2 million to complete the renovation of the heating and air system in Buildings B, C and D. That figure also includes upgrading the ceiling and lighting. The school system also wants \$399,000



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to renovate the transportation building so it can be used for vocational classes. There is also \$114,000 to replace the roof on the second story building. The high school also has \$165,100 for

four smaller projects. Perquimans County Middle School is in need of a \$353,960 retrofit of the ceiling and lighting plus \$91,200 to replace the gym floor and \$140,000 for six smaller projects.

Hertford Grammar needs \$161,604 for lighting retrofits in two buildings and \$174,000 for six smaller projects.

The projected needs for the period from 2022 to 2026 are smaller in comparison and total \$683,873. Replacing the roof at Perquimans Central will eat up \$504,000 of the total and replacing the roof on one building at Hertford Grammar is estimated to cost \$124,000.

There is also \$2.1 million for a new transportation facility and \$58,500 for three smaller projects.

“The board will have to come up with some priorities,” said Susan Cox, the chairman of the school board. She noted some things that are this year’s list were on the list that was compiled five years ago.

Some things, like the expansion of Perquimans Central would only be required if the school system had the need. Enrollment has been increasing slightly over the past few years, especially among the youngest students, but that trend might not continue, Cox said.

Other things, like replacing the roof over the two-story part of Perquimans High, are “must do” items. “It’s leaking and it needs to be fixed,” Cox said.

The board has warranties on the other roofs in

the school system, but not that one at the high school. Some of the other warranties are also nearing their expiration.

While the state as a rule doesn’t fund school buildings, Stallings said DPI has from time to time been able to locate grants for some local needs.

But county dollars are critical, Stallings said. The school board’s “fund balance” or reserve fund is down to \$300,000 and some of that is earmarked for the North Carolina Lottery is also set aside for local capital needs, but Perquimans drew down nearly all of what it had in the account to make security improvements at all four schools.

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## BRIDGE

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DOT’s project engineer.

In 2013, DOT was projecting right-of-way acquisition would take place sometime start in 2016 and construction would begin in 2018.

Now it looks like land acquisition won’t take place until July 2018 or later. Construction is scheduled in the 2020 fiscal year that starts July 2020.

McInnis doesn’t believe the delay will impact funding for the project. The alternative DOT prefers would cost about \$20

million. The most expensive alternative – building another swing bridge – would cost about \$32 million.

“There might be some shuffling (of funding),” McInnis said.

The bridge replacement is part of state’s Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). The cost will not have to be borne by DOT’s Division I, which covers a multi-county area. The bridge is considered a project of statewide importance.

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Property owners, residents and other interested parties may review this item during normal business hours before the Public Hearing at the Perquimans County Planning & Zoning Office, 104 Dobbs Street, Hertford, NC, or call 252-426-2027 or email [dgodfrey@perquimanscountync.gov](mailto:dgodfrey@perquimanscountync.gov) for more information. You may make comments at the Hearing and/or provide written comments. If you are unable to attend the Public Hearing but wish to make comments for the Board’s consideration, please do so in writing if possible by 4:00 PM the Friday before the Public Hearing.

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# CLUB

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While fishing is not a sport covered by the N.C. High School Athletic Association, Leicester said he’s working to adopt their standards when it comes to student behavior.

“We want to hold our students to the same academic and personal conduct standards,” he said.

He said he’s not aware of any high school fishing clubs in the area, and hopes by adopting one in Perquimans other local schools may get involved.

“If we do, we could create our own tournament trail,” he said.

Each student, advisor and volunteer in the program will be covered by a \$1 million liability insurance policy issued by the Fishing League Worldwide (FLW). According to FLW rules, a minimum \$300,000 policy is required for all boaters.

Supporters say the program can show how math, science and language skills can be used in non-traditional ways with fishing. Students will be able to learn about habitats, moon phases, and how weather conditions can affect fishing. Along with that comes and education in water science like pH balance and water clarity.

## SCHOOL MENUS

### Perquimans Schools

TODAY: No school.

THURSDAY: No school.

FRIDAY: No school.

MONDAY: Breakfast:

Breakfast bread. Lunch:

Chicken nuggets/biscuit, pepperoni pizza, French fries, green peas, applesauce, fruit cocktail, milk.

TUESDAY: Breakfast:

Sausage biscuit. Lunch:

Baked cheese sandwich, vegetable beef soup, baked beans, Mandarin orange slices, pears, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Breakfast:

Assorted muffins. Lunch:

Orange chicken/brown rice, cheeseburger, steamed broccoli, corn, baked cherries, pineapple tidbits, milk.

## COURT REPORT

### Judge Eula E. Reid

Dec. 16

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Mong An, assault on

handicapped person.

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