

Mt. Abraham Community Forum Findings:

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**1. What aspects of the current building are in need of improvement? (answers listed by priority of participants)**

- Air quality & ventilation
- Natural lighting
- Entry/security/office design
- Technology
- Front Entrance needs overhaul, not welcoming, confusing, drab, depressing, not secure.
- Overall ambiance. Dark, dingy, dumpy.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> gym needed
- Renewable energy/efficiency
- Efficient utilization of space
- More student spaces (places for students to be out of the classroom)
- Flow
- Pool & locker rooms
- Furniture
- Deferred maintenance

**2. What are the most important attributes for an educational facility in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?**

- Technology and the ability for the building to provide for the growth and change in technology.
- Pool (safety for life)
- Flexible spaces
- Physical environment & space that fosters the capacity to learn.
- The people (staff), curriculum and instruction.
- Ownership of space & education.
- Building community: access to mentors and subject area experts.
- Furniture and library update.
- Renewable energy and sustainability.

**3. What steps can we as board members, parents & citizens take to increase our “pride of ownership” in this commonly held asset that is Mt. Abraham?**

- Welcoming atmosphere.

- Practice fiscal responsibility in planning and budgeting for maintenance in building.
- Increase student pride in building and they will take care of it.
- Encourage parents to become more involved.
- Integrate community towns and schools. Community inclusion in theatre, pool, library, etc.
- Showcase academic success.
- Sustainability, school gardens, compost, etc.

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