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Improving Accessibility, Safety, & Comfort of our MSAB Dormitories

Project Scope:

We are asking for \$2.592 million to renovate and repair three dormitory wings on our MSAB campus. Our current building has three dorm wings (Brandeen Hall, Rode Hall, and Kramer Hall) that were built in the early 1980s. The design does not comply fully with current ADA standards for accessibility and safety, especially for our blind/visually impaired students. As an additional challenge, our aging HVAC system is starting to deteriorate and does not adequately heat or cool the building, leading to discomfort and/or health issues for our students. In order to bring the dormitories up to modern standards in regards to safety, accessibility, and comfort, we are asking for funding to update the systems and design of parts of each wing so that our blind/visually impaired students have a comfortable and safe living environment.

Parents have entrusted their children to us and expect us to provide a safe, accessible, and comfortable environment for their children during the week when they reside on our campus. We believe strongly that those needs must be addressed so that we can continue to serve our students appropriately and meet our mission as a school.

Objective:

We wish to renovate three dormitory wings on the MSAB campus to ensure adherence to current standards, regulations, and codes in regards with ADA accessibility, safety, comfort, and other needs. Included in this project will be addressing our HVAC system by replacing it with a modern and efficient model which will also save us energy and reduce our ongoing maintenance costs.