



FAQ/ Talking Points New YMCA Facility May 2023

Why does the YMCA need a new facility?

- The Downtown and Northwest YMCA facilities are outdated and no longer meet the YMCA or community's needs.
- A new facility will provide shared spaces for community partners.
- A new facility will greatly improve operational efficiencies and provide cost savings.
- Cost savings allow the YMCA to infuse more financial assistance and mission-based programming into the community.

The YMCA's goal is to:

- Enhance the quality of life in Muncie and Delaware County.
- Help young people and adults to become leaders to make our community better.
- Provide flexible program spaces that can adapt to the changing needs of our community.
- Ensure access for all by creating a barrier free facility accessible from all parts of the community.
- Provide a family friendly gathering space.

Why does the new YMCA need to be built on the campus at Muncie Central High School?

- Several studies and years of research indicated that a centrally located facility in the downtown area would have the greatest reach and impact.
- The YMCA and Muncie Community Schools (MCS) have a long and deep relationship with a focus on developing current and future students into successful community leaders.
- A YMCA on the campus at the school provides students with direct access to not only Y programming but allows the use of shared spaces, such as the aquatics center, and cost savings for both the Y and MCS.



Isn't parking going to be an issue with the new facility at the high school?

- Access to facilities and events on MCHS is a priority for both the Y and MCS.
- Through a reconfiguring process, the parking lot will gain 187 spaces.
- Handicap accessible parking spots will be designated close to facilities during events to ensure access.
- Peak times for MCHS occur during nonpeak times for the YMCA with little overlap helping to ensure accessible parking.
- Clearly marked and visible drop off areas with flow of traffic guidelines will ensure safety and easy access.

Will students be at risk with an increase of people on campus?

- The YMCA and MCS have use and will continue to use a screening tool known as Raptor to ensure sexual offenders are not permitted access to YMCA or school facilities.
- The YMCA as well as MCS have a weapons policy prohibiting weapons from being on the property.

Are you removing existing greenspace?

- We are working to retain as much natural space as possible.

What will be different about the new YMCA?

- We will serve 1 in 3 people in our county.
- Continue to provide access for all by removing physical or financial barriers.
- Enhance the quality of life in Muncie and assist with the revitalization of Downtown.
- Continue to be a leader in the community supporting educational success including Early Childhood Education and wraparound support for the Cradle to Career initiative.
- Provide opportunities to enlarge programs serving the families and students of Muncie Schools.
- Initiate a workforce development program with MCS and MACC.

What amenities will the new facility have? *Based on the generosity of the community and the success of the campaign.

- Aquatics Center with multi-lane lap pool, zero entry accessibility, sauna, and splash pad features
- Three Group Exercise Spaces
- Child Watch and Teen Center
- Basketball Courts with pickleball lines
- Wellness Center
- Walking Track
- Universal Locker Rooms



- Multi-Purpose and Community Rooms
- Outdoor play space
- Chapel

What will happen to the old Y facilities?

- The Downtown Y was purchased by Muncie Redevelopment Commission in late 2022. The Y still has access to the facility for as long as it's needed.
- The Northwest Y has been publicly listed.
- We intend to provide current programming and services throughout the construction process.

What about tennis programs?

- While the YMCA of Muncie has had a unique situation and has been able to offer community tennis programs, we will not be adding tennis courts in the new facility. We are still working on options that would allow the Y to provide tennis, but nothing to report as of yet. As soon as we know more, we will update you.
- While less than 6% of YMCA members utilize the courts, we understand that tennis has been an important part of their well-being.