

Central Elementary Gets a New Roof

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Champion Schools' oldest building is getting a new roof this spring. The roof has deteriorated to the point of needing immediate replacement. The Champion Board of Education took action this past fall to enter into a House Bill 264 *energy savings* project in order to fund the roof repairs totaling \$ 199,960.00. HB 264 projects provide loans for energy saving facility improvements such as new boilers, energy efficient lighting systems and roof replacements.

Champion Schools' HB 264 project includes Central's roof replacement, controls to conserve water in Central's numerous washrooms and energy efficient lighting upgrades in all building.

More dollars are required to maintain our aging buildings to keep them in good working order. Champion Schools is eligible for new facilities through the Ohio School Facilities Commission. However, the Board of Education has deferred for the past two years on pursuing a new school buildings' project. In the case of Champion Schools, the O.S.F.C. would fund 57% of a new school facilities project, requiring 43% of the project costs to be funded through a local bond levy. Due to the current economic climate, the Board of Education did not want to pursue a bond levy with the community.