



## Fix and put Sandy Valley Local school buildings to use

This letter concerns the Sandy Valley Local School District Board of Education's destruction of good, solid buildings with little regard for the people's wishes.

My concern is with destruction of buildings that could be used for positive community activities. My concerns are also about a few people dictating to a whole community what and how things will be done.

The board has decided to destroy the schools in East Sparta, Magnolia and Waynesburg. I cannot speak of the schools in East Sparta or Magnolia as I live in Waynesburg. I do not think the board is acting in the best interests of the people of Waynesburg.

How many board members live within the village? Were residents surveyed about what they would like?

Sandy Valley High School was built around 1954. The board claims it is falling apart. I don't think you can say that about Waynesburg School; the original part is nearly 150 years old. The original part of Sandy Valley is barely over 50 years old, and it's already falling apart. How long are the new buildings going to last, 25 years?

The Waynesburg School building is one of the village's last landmarks. It can become the center of village activities. It could contain an art gallery, a library, an activity center for kids, and activity center for seniors and an area for village hall and council chambers that would certainly be more spacious than what we currently have.

The board claims the building needs a roof and heating system; for that, they would destroy this building. How about taking the funds set aside to destroy this building and fix it up?

I don't think a handful of people who don't even live in the village of Waynesburg should be allowed to destroy what our ancestors built.

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