

Aesthetics Survey

- The pictures look great. The school looks alive and very colorful.
- I love the idea of letting students (and teachers?) share their artistic abilities while expressing themselves and making the building beautiful! Yay! *Jill Green*
- This is fantastic! What a great way to promote a child's artistic ability. I like the idea of giving kids something positive to do that keeps them busy and entertained – while giving them a feeling of self-worth. How do we get this to the elementary school? GREAT JOB! I “love the outside of the box thinking”.
- Love the murals in the ramp by the auditorium, and Chris King's mural on the main stairwell.
- What is Art?
- Love it!!! *Rick Rogers*
- I love pie!
- Trees, sun – flags and all * - watch the flames – could be seen as negative.
- Love most of it – do not like the upside down broken cross, but the rest is great. Love looking at it as I walk by.
- I like artwork! Keep it up! Doesn't hurt anything! Gives the students that do it, self-esteem!
- Thank you, thank you! As a 30-year employee who has been between buildings for years, I absolutely love the creation of not only beautiful artwork, but also the showcasing of our students' many talents. The paintings/murals make me happy to work here and proud to represent our school! *Kathy Millier*
- I want to see a “Go Trojans” to replace the big tree. *Richard Sundquist*
- Don't paint over art – either leave it or add more.
- The work we have been doing has set us apart from all the other schools and I'd like to keep everything, but find a spot for the 11th graders and make it fair. *Shyanne Riker*
- I like all of the paintings on the walls and it would be upsetting if everything was painted over, wasting everyone's hard work. *Zac Hunter*
- I really like the colors all around the schools. It makes it more fun, and look less like a ‘prison’ with white brick walls. *Jasmine Miller*
- I was thinking about making a painting of rock music history on a wall close to the technology room. *Daniel Becker*
- Keep the elementary looking stuff (handprints) to a minimum! Solid blocks of dark colors might be nice.
- I love all the artwork, it makes the school less boring and brighter. I've helped with some of them and would be upset if the painting got painted over. *Alexis Murray*
- Art is a way that people express their feelings and shouldn't be covered up because of people who don't like it.
- You should fix the air conditioners.

- I think it looks good. *Jeremiah Emery*
- I think it gives the school character. I think the senior class of 2014 needs something, though!
- I really like how the walls currently are. I think it would be cool, too, to have each senior class paint something on a wall so that they are in a way leaving something behind. I think that would be cool of future classes to see. *Lesa Graves*
- I love the art work that has been done in the school. I think that we should put some more art around the school. It is lots of memories. I look at the artwork, like the two masks my best friend made; and every time I look at it, I remember how wonderful she is. *Jessica Sepos*
- I think the paintings/murals are a positive addition to our school. It's great to know that the school supports the arts (many don't!). I like that it does brighten up typically 'boring/bland hallways' – aka hospital white. As a new person/outsider, coming into this situation and hearing numerous opinions (both positive and negative) I feel that the biggest issue could have been how random designs might have been, and this could possibly could be the result of being laid back when it came to planning. Whenever I have done murals (as an artist or with a group of students), the way I have gone about it, is to have a significant amount of planning, showing some sort of committee (board members, community centers, customers) several different ideas. From there, I work with the committee in incorporating their input and then we work out the final design. Because art is subjective, you will have opinions on your work no matter what. As an artist, a negative critique has always been the one I learn from most. I think with more planning, you have less of these 'opinions.' Another item I would love to see more of is 'themed' hallways, which I see a start of (i.e., music in the music hallway). It not only leads to a more cohesive project, but helps students/community members to navigate the school better. I could go on and on, but I have a lot of ideas for enhancing what's already there, and I would love to be on the committee! *Ms. Wilcox*
- I would miss seeing the painting of the tree and especially the musical notes by the band and chorus rooms. White walls remind me of a hospital and not a school full of productive children.
- Leave it.
- I enjoy the individuality and freedom of expression that the murals bring to our school. As someone with original work on the walls, I would be disappointed to see my mural painted over before I graduate. *Brianna Zichettella*
- More art please! Maybe an art parade, inviting other students. *Cruz Rojas*
- Keep them.
- Add a theme and bring more green. *Luke Biskup*
- Cover art, then add different art.
- Keep it.

- Art isn't something that needs to be perfect. A lot of time, it doesn't please everyone. A perfectly planned, meticulously combed through mural is nice, but I believe that perfection is not what represents Newfield High School. Self-expression takes many forms, and perfection is usually not one of them. I understand why people may be embarrassed by our students' self-expression, but I believe that as the years go on, the accumulation of imperfect representation of classes and individuals will begin to create a single atmosphere. The ugliness and the beauty represent the individuals that passed through this high school. So, is it possible to please every critic? No. What will we gain by erasing the memories on our walls? A new blank canvas, to shroud once again with our imperfections.
- Love it. Wouldn't change it. *Nastassja*
- The artwork is amazing!
- Seniors get their own wall to paint or do whatever they want.
- I like murals better than walls with graffiti. Keep the murals and make more! I also like themed walls. Eventually, something has to give, as classes graduate and other classes move in. We cannot keep the previous painted walls forever, but murals live on.
- I am in favor of displaying artwork throughout the school and allowing the students/Staff to express themselves artistically. However, from a Facilities perspective I would like to see future works done on a medium other than the block walls, simply because at some point the walls will need to be repainted and the artwork painted directly on the walls would be more difficult to "cut in" around. With that said, I have a few comments regarding the current artwork.
 - Music/ Auditorium Hallways
 - 1) At the entrance to the Auditorium there is a painting of a tree, I like the tree but the green stripe extending in each direction doesn't really seem to have a purpose, and I feel distracts from the tree itself.
 - 2) I like the Theatre Masks at the other entrance but I'm not in love with the choice of colors. Maybe if the Green stripe wasn't there they would be fine.
 - 3) Down the Music hallway, the Music symbols and notes seem very appropriate for that area, however the fact that they have been altered with spikes/horns and spots take away from the artistic look. Being involved in many Musical aspects of the school I personally don't like the adaptation of these symbols. Again that is personal.
 - 4) The Yellow box with different Musical items seems unfinished.
 - 5) The Vines, flowers and sunburst seem out of place in that hallway, and again from a facilities perspective will be very difficult to maintain the walls around them.
 - 6) The leaves next to Chris Bubbles Office just don't make sense to me, sorry.
 - Library/Art Hallway
 - 1) The Phoenix is one of my favorite pieces, I wish it was not flowing into the painting to the left as it makes it seem unfinished.

- 2) This whole area seems crowded with artwork, maybe moving the board with the tree and putting it somewhere else may open it up a little and possibly the Phoenix could be completed.
- Barry, I am very happy that the Aesthetics Committee is seeking input and that we have enough pride in our school to even consider brightening it up with artwork. I am in favor of continuing this concept and adding to the look of the High School. I just hope that future works are added in such a way that they can be preserved and maintenance of the walls is not compromised. I hope you and the committee understand that the comments about the artwork itself is just my personal opinion and not directed at the artists. *Steve Yaple*