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## Questions from the BCD Board submitted to Google re: Data Center – 2026

1. How could **Google** and Barber County Development partner to:

- Encourage home ownership
- Support local rental markets
- Prevent housing displacement

**Google Response:** *We recognize the importance of a healthy housing market to Barber County. While Google typically looks to local experts and county leaders to guide specific housing development plans and strategies, we welcome the opportunity to learn more about Barber County's goals.*

2. Will there be any **Main Street presence** in Sharon or Medicine Lodge?

- Offices
- Public outreach or visitor center
- Community engagement space

**Google Response:** *At this time, offices for the potential Barber County Data Center would be onsite of the facility.*

## Regional Training Opportunity

3. Is there a need for a **regional training center** serving data centers in surrounding states and can we create that in Barber County?

What partnerships would be required?

**Google Response:** Investing in the next generation of technical talent is a priority we share. Our workforce development teams are eager to collaborate with community stakeholders to explore what a regional training model could look like for Barber County. We've found that the most impactful programs are those built in partnership with local career centers, technical colleges and universities, and we look forward to discussing how we can support those efforts as our presence in the County grows.

## Community Infrastructure & Public Services

### 4. How would Google support our Community Infrastructure & Public Services?

*(To be coordinated with schools, hospital, and municipalities)*

#### A. School Campus Capacity & Programming

##### Facilities

- Additional classrooms
- Auditorium
- Gymnasium
- Turf football field & track
- Baseball diamonds
- Community recreation center

**Google Response:** We have proposed funding in the County Community Benefit Agreement (CBA) that the County can choose to allocate to address these needs.

#### B. School Programs

- STEM expansion
- Skilled workforce pathways
- Internships with Google
- Band and choir support

**Google Response:** We have a variety of workforce and education development teams that will work with the local school superintendents and schools to explore opportunities to align.

*Elsewhere, Google has supported extracurricular development and funding, FFA, robotics programs, STEM programs and activities, including summer camps, mentoring organizations, GED programming, STAR program for upskilling people into the skilled trades, AI bootcamps for*

*entrepreneurs, and supporting incubators. Once the project moves beyond the diligence phase, our teams will work with the Superintendent and other school leaders to fit the needs of the students.*

### **C. Health, Public Safety & Emergency Services**

- EMT staffing challenges (new paid model)
- Fire departments:
  - Still volunteer-based
  - Need specialized training for large, secure facilities
- Jail facility
- Local access to outpatient services such as dialysis
- Chiropractic Services
- Dentist

***Google Response:*** *Health, public safety, and emergency services are important for Google and the communities we operate in. We have proposed funding in the County CBA so that the County can allocate as needed to address these topics, including an upfront support payment.*

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### **D. Quality of Life & Community Assets**

- Park improvements
- Wellness center
- Peace Treaty Pageant Amphitheater, Powwow Park, and Rodeo facilities
- Music and arts venue
- Observatory
- Daycare capacity (planning for growth)
- Drive-in theater and event center
- Sound pollution mitigation
- Light pollution mitigation

**Google Response:** *In both the proposed County and City CBAs, we will propose funding that can be utilized, at each entity's discretion, for a variety of efforts including improving parks and recreation facilities and beautification.*

*Additionally, we will work with the County/City to address sound/light pollution mitigation within the Development Agreement.*

#### **E. Governance & Accountability**

- Community advisory board-how do we coordinate as a community across organizations?
- Annual public impact reporting
- Local hiring benchmarks
- Re-investment commitments

**Google Response:** *Once due diligence is complete, the necessary project approvals have occurred, and construction efforts have begun, the Google team will be in regular contact with County and City officials regarding pertinent project and community impact updates. Once operational, Google local leadership will work with the City/County to produce periodic updates as needed and agreed upon regarding joint community efforts including sponsorships, volunteer hours, and local education and workforce development efforts.*

#### **Decommissioning Plan when facility becomes obsolete in 10-15yrs?**

Do you have a decommissioning plan for these facilities?

What does that look like?

**Google Response:** *The facility would not become obsolete in 10-15 years. Hyperscale data center facilities regularly operate for 30+ years with continual investments in new equipment and technology. We have drafted a decommissioning agreement for the County to address this particular concern.*