

## Referendum Construction Update

On November 7, 2018, the Edgerton Community approved a \$40.6 million referendum project which includes secure entrances at all schools, a complete renovation and an addition of approximately 46,000 square feet of new learning spaces at Community Elementary School. When completed, the elementary school will be divided into a Primary School (grades K-2) and Intermediate School (grades 3-5). The two schools will share a new library, STEM center, and cafeteria. The project also includes renovation of the high school science and mathematics classrooms, renovation of the commons and cafeteria, and construction of a 5,000 square foot addition for new counseling services offices, administrative offices, and expansion to band and choir classrooms.

During the past year administrative, maintenance, and teaching staff worked collaboratively with Bray Architects and JP Cullen project leadership designing the renovations and additions, selecting color schemes and furniture, and planning logistics for a very busy summer in which more than 50 classrooms, offices, and other spaces will be evacuated and relocated in preparation of major renovations at Community Elementary School and the high school.

If you've driven past the campus recently, I'm sure you've noticed a lot of construction activity occurring. At Community Elementary School, the first floor addition block walls are near completion and this week the precast floors are being installed. Once this work is complete, then construction of the block walls for the second floor will begin. The new elementary school office walls are finished and this week the roof beams will be installed. The new gym roof beams were installed over the holiday break and the entire roof structure will be completed soon. The warmer weather has helped keep the project on schedule.

Construction of the block walls for the high school addition has begun and this work should be completed by the end of January. In February, the roof beams will be installed and the roof structure completed. Major interior demolition work will not begin until after Memorial Day.

During the holiday break, most of the ceiling tiles were removed at Community Elementary School and at the high school. The remaining tile removal should be completed within the next few weeks. This demolition work is critical to allow HVAC, electrical, and plumbing work to begin. This week some of the subcontractors began night shifts to complete work in areas where students are present during the day (e.g., classrooms, corridors).

The entire project is on schedule and being completed within our targeted budget. At the onset of the project approximately \$1.8 million of the \$40.6 million were put into a contingency budget to address unforeseeable issues that may arise during construction. If there are contingency funds remaining at the end of the projects then we will address previously identified building needs that were cut from the current project in order to fit within our target budget. To date we have not incurred any surprises that have required the use of contingency funds.

### Pedestrian Bridge Update

Installation of the pedestrian bridge has begun and should be completed by mid February. Once the bridge construction is complete, we will need to replace portions of sidewalks on both sides of the bridge that were removed or damaged during the installation process. Concrete work will most likely occur in the spring.

I am very excited for our students, staff, and the entire Edgerton community. When the projects are completed we will have state of the art facilities which will improve learning spaces as well as learning opportunities for generations of students.

It is a privilege to serve as the District Administrator of the Edgerton School District.

Dr. Dennis Pauli