



WHAT'S NEW?

It is with great enthusiasm the District shares that this will be the final progress report for the design phase of our referendum project as we are now beginning to prepare for the start of construction! Updates will continue to be forthcoming once construction commences; however, due to the nature of the construction process, future reports will feature brief updates and focus more on construction progress photos.

As a result of very proactive thinking on the planning team's part, the District has utilized a design-bid-build approach. The District's Building Design Team took great pains to listen to the needs of staff and vision for the future. All the while we remained cost-conscious. We then prequalified four general contractors to bid on the largest portion of the referendum project. As a result of these purposeful steps, the total cost of the project has come in significantly less than anticipated.

So, who is the successful general contractor? We are pleased to partner with Kraemer Brothers. They have a long tradition of construction, and their good work can be seen throughout the region. We are also pleased that many of the subcontractors are companies familiar to households throughout the greater Madison area. Work will begin in earnest very soon. Keep your eyes peeled in the coming weeks, as we intend to announce the date for a groundbreaking ceremony!

In other referendum related news, three bids have been received for the requisite asbestos abatement work that must be done prior to construction commencing. We anticipate the vast majority of that work can be done over Spring Break so as to mitigate the impact on instruction and ensure the safety of students and staff is not compromised. Lastly, moving and boxing companies are sharpening their pencils in time for those bids to come due on March 12. We anticipate asking for the Board's approval of both projects at their next meeting on March 19.

Finally, work will soon be complete on our High School's auditorium electrical, lighting, and sound systems. As you might imagine, there is not much "down time" for usage of the auditorium; however, much of the work will be completed over Spring Break.

The District looks forward to breaking ground and would like to thank the community for its continued support throughout the process. It will be very exciting to see all the hardwork completed over the past several years come to fruition in the near future.

VIKING VICTORIES

Congratulations to our high school gymnastics team for not only winning the Division 2 Regional Championship this year, but for also placing third in the Division 2 team finals at the WIAA State Tournament that took place on March 2 in Wisconsin Rapids! We are so proud of the team and coaches for all of their accomplishments and hard work put in this season.



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