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(Mora)

May 23, 2017

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School District Question 1 Approval of School District Bond Issue



Yes



No

Shall the school board of Independent School District No. 332 (Mora) be authorized to issue its general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$52,200,000 to provide funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including the construction and equipping of a new secondary school facility and auditorium at the Trailview site; the completion of site work, parking improvements, utilities and the construction, improvement and relocation of athletic facilities at the Trailview site; and the demolition or sale of the existing high school site and facility?

BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

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Superintendent's Message...



Craig Schultz
Superintendent
of Schools

***“Our progress
as a nation
can be no
swifter than
our progress in
education.
The human
mind is our
fundamental
resource.”***

~ John F. Kennedy

Each year the school board has a number of tasks to complete. Many are completed prior to the start of the school year. A number of them the community is aware of, such as the school calendar, and many are not as visible, such as the budgeting process.

The school calendar for the 2017-18 school year has been approved by the school board and is available for the asking or, you can go to the school website by Googling ‘Mora Schools’, then go to the ‘district’ tab, and then to the ‘2017-18 calendar’. Three clicks and you have it. Keep in mind this isn’t the same as the activities calendar that is delivered to every household in the summer.

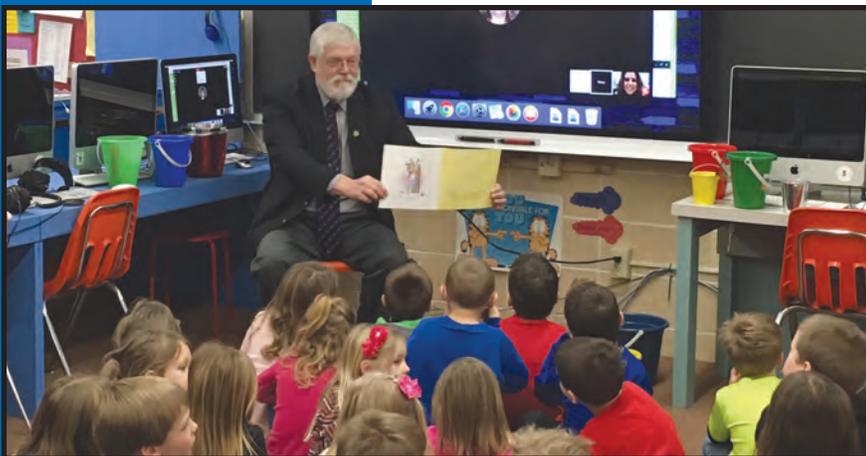
The approved school calendar consists of the days students are expected to be in school and certified staff is contracted for. Some of this is prescribed in state statute and some is local control. For example, currently, school is not to start until after Labor Day and, there is a minimum number of hours students must attend on an annual basis. However, the length of day and number of days is set by local control. Such as, our neighbors go longer days but only attend four days per week.

Another annual task of the school board, not as visible as the calendar, is setting the budget. State statute requires it, and it must be submitted to the Department of Education prior to the start of the year. A budget, as described by dictionary.com, is; an estimate, often itemized, of expected income and expense for a given period in the future. And this is exactly what we do.

We estimate the revenue and the expense based on available information. We itemize based on the funds within the financial structure set forth by the Department of Education. Each fund has an identification code and a purpose. Such as general, transportation, capital (which is divided into operating and maintenance), food service, community service, and debt service. Each category must match revenue and expense and cannot be used for other categories. For example, food service money cannot be used to pay bus drivers or buy a bus, or maintenance money cannot be used to pay teachers or buy computers, or debt service money cannot be used to buy food or pay secretaries.

Much of our revenue is based on student average daily membership. This is a number that can fluctuate as students move in and out of the district. Because of this fluctuation, estimating revenue is not a perfect science. We saw a dip in ADM during the recent recession as families moved out of the district for employment. We are seeing an increase in ADM as families return.

Mora Public Schools has received multiple finance awards from the MN Department of Education for solid financial management. These awards are the result of starting with a solid budgeting process.



Superintendent Schultz read to Fairview students in Mrs. Qual's computer lab. Mr. Schultz read the book “How Full is your Bucket” and promoted the life skills of friendship, compassion and encouragement. Students from Rush City listened as well and were connected through the use of technology. This was part of an event called, “Super Reader.” As a result of these activities, 14 teachers in various districts have continued to connect to their pen pals via technology.

Family Reading Night



Fairview Elementary students celebrated reading recently with their annual I Love To Read week. The big event during the week was a Literacy Luau at Fairview on the evening of March 2. The Luau was open to students and their families and included a free pizza meal, reading games and activities, free books and prizes,

and a concert by the band Dances With Books. Over 450 people attended, making the Luau one of the most well attended reading events the school has ever hosted. Special thanks goes out to the Mora PTO for donating the new books each student received, the Mora NHS students who volunteered to help with the evening's

activities, the many Fairview and Trailview staff members who helped with the evening, Emma's Pizza for making multiple trips with fresh pizzas, and the Mora Title I department for sponsoring the evening.





Donna Trogstad spoke to Mrs. Schulz's second graders about her brother's adventures near the South Pole. Calvin Burns was in the navy and was part of an expedition to Antarctica in 1947. Calvin's ship, the U.S.S. Cacapon, was a fleet oiler. The students enjoyed listening about his important work in the icy waters. They also liked hearing about how the friendly penguins would come to the ship and get food from the sailors. This was part of a science unit about inventors and explorers.



February is Dental Health month and Second graders from Fairview learned from Katie Asmussen, a dental assistant. Here she is teaching the proper way to brush your teeth. Katie Asmussen reads a book called "The Tooth Book" to Mrs. Schulz's class to help teach about dental health. Katie is a dental assistant at Cambridge/Pine City Orthodontics.

Chris Goebel Wins Prestigious National Coaching Award

Submitted by Rachel Norby

It is no secret that the Mustang cross country program has had a successful run over the past decade, winning three straight Minnesota Class A State Championships (2014, 2015, 2016) and placing second in the National Meet in 2015. The program's success is due to many factors, including the solid work ethic of the runners, the involvement and encouragement of the parents, and the support of the school and community. However, with that being said, one cannot overlook the impact of a positive and knowledgeable coach.

Head Coach Chris Goebel, on the heels of having been named the Minnesota State Class A Head Coach of the Year for 2015-2016, has recently been notified that he was the recipient of one of only 50 national Double-Goal Coaching Awards, where coaches are applauded for coaching the whole student-athlete in both body and spirit. Others, including fellow coaches, current and former runners, parents and athletic directors nominate the recipients of these prestigious awards. Only those coaches who strive to teach not only the skills of the sport, but more importantly, the life lessons that athletics can teach if nurtured, are considered for this award. Goebel is in his 16th year of coaching cross-country, having been head coach for 14 of those 16 years. He felt incredibly honored and humbled to receive this award, saying, "This is such an honor to win this award. It is so humbling the number of people who took time out of their busy schedules to write letters and to nominate me for this award. It is so rewarding to work with kids who are willing to work hard to be the best they can be. It's also a privilege to be surrounded by great assistant coaches who understand it's not always about winning or losing but about how you treat the kids."



Head Coach Chris Goebel (right) recently was awarded the Minnesota State Class A Head Coach of the Year Award for the 2015-2016 season prior to receiving the national Double-Goal Coaching Award in 2017 (pictured here with Assistant Coach Rachel Norby).



With this shot, Cal Wright reached a milestone. On Friday, Jan. 27, Cal scored his 1000th point. For every point Cal has scored in the Varsity games, he has worked many hours and has taken thousands of shots. The entire Mustang Basketball family wants to congratulate Cal on an outstanding achievement.

MHS Students To Compete for Triple "A" Award

Two Mora High School seniors, Anna Mork and Max Krueger were selected to represent Mora at the Subsection 18 Triple A contest (Academics, Arts and Athletics) on Wednesday, Jan. 25, in St. Cloud. One male and one female from Subsection 18 were selected to advance to the Region 5A contest. Subsection winners were TJ Johnson from Hinckley-Finlayson and Elsie Lundquist from Pine City.

For over two decades, the Minnesota State High School League has sponsored a Triple A Award. The purpose of such an award was to recognize and honor exceptional high school seniors who have excelled in the areas of Academics, Athletics and the Arts.

Mork is an active member in band and is a participant in solo and ensemble contests. Anna has participated in volleyball, basketball and track and field. She holds a 4.055 grade point average.

Krueger also has a 4.055 grade point average. He is an active member in band and is a participant in solo (which he has superior ratings) and ensemble contests. Max has participated in cross country running, tennis, nordic skiing and has been a manager. Max has also coordinated or volunteered for countless school and community events.

Triple "A" Award recipients are selected by a multi-level process involving the league's member schools and administrative regions. League officials will announce the four award recipients (a girl and a boy from both Class "A" and Class "AA" schools) at an on-court recognition ceremony held at the State Basketball Tournament. Each award recipient will receive a four-year renewable scholarship for \$1,000.



Ethan Prachar earns his 100th career win on Jan. 21, against Pierz. Ethan is the 26th wrestler to join the 100-win club for the Mora Mustangs. Congratulations!



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National Association for Music Education

Congratulations to Molly Schumacher for making it into the National Association for Music Education Honor Choir. On November 10, through 13, she traveled to the Gaylord Texan Resort in Grapevine, Texas to rehearse and perform with 340 other nationally recognized high school musicians. Here's what Schumacher had to say about the experience:

“It was surreal how much learning can get done with so much talent in just four days. Music has such a healing power, and after singing in the national choir I am so inspired to share that with my students some day. Most of all I'm so grateful to MHS for supporting this trip!”



Congratulations to these Mora High School students for being recognized the morning of March 10, at the Spring Student Recognition Breakfast! Twenty-eight students in grades 9-12 were given accolades for their positive attributions they make at Mora High School. Thank you students for the school pride and diligence you show to strive to make a positive difference in and out of our school.



Congratulation to Coach Youngblom who earned his 300th win on Jan. 21, against Sartell. Youngblom ranks in the top 60 of all time Minnesota wrestling coaches. Under the direction of Coach Youngblom, Mora High School has had 50 state entrants, 20 state placers, and two state champions.



A Construct Tomorrow event was held in Hinckley, MN and several MHS students in grades 11 and 12 were able to attend and learn more about real life skills for real life jobs. At this event, high school students had the opportunity to observe or “try- out” various occupations in the construction industry. Some of the occupational areas that were represented included: heavy equipment operator, electrician, sheet metal workers, plumbers and pipefitters, welders, painters, elevator installers and repair personnel. Students also learned about apprenticeship and on-the-job training opportunities available through various union organizations.

Mora High School Local Scholarships:

Graduating seniors are candidates for a number of local scholarships. These scholarships vary from \$200 to \$2,500. Consideration for a scholarship is based on financial need, class rank and individual student performance in grades 9 - 12.

The following list is of the scholarships that are offered to our students. These organizations, businesses and individuals are amazing supporters of Mora High School students. They generously offer scholarships year after year giving our students the financial support they need to continue their education. Many of these scholarships are offered in memory of a loved one, some organizing fishing tournaments and other fundraisers to continue to offer their scholarship.

We would like to recognize the following organizations for their continued support of our students.

American Red Cross:

Young Minds Change Lives Scholarship
Ann Lake Watershed Alliance Scholarship
Burnett Dairy Cooperative Scholarship

C.A.P.P./Debee McGovern Memorial Scholarship
Dala of Mora Business & Professional Women Scholarship
Dollars for Scholars / Mora Dollars for Scholars
Fred & Jean Ahlgren Memorial Scholarship
John Bartelma Memorial Scholarship
Bob & Lois Beck Memorial Scholarship
Judy Belt Memorial Scholarship
Clark Bergloff Memorial Scholarship
Josh Besser Memorial Scholarship
Bill & Don Carlson Memorial Scholarship
John & Myrtle Carlson Memorial Scholarship
John Hillman Memorial Scholarship
Robert Lincoln Memorial Scholarship
Russ Mills Memorial Scholarship
Ed & Alice Nelson Memorial Scholarship
Bernard Nordenstrom Memorial Scholarship
Vern & Doris Smith Scholarship
Ann Sande Thoreson Memorial Scholarship
Dr. James Knutson & Julie French Scholarship
Robert Palmen Memorial Scholarship
East Central Energy Association Scholarship
East Central Minnesota PFLAG Scholarship
East Central Pork Producers Scholarship
East Central Veterinarians' Scholarship
Eastern Star Chapter #158 Scholarship
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in Honor of Joan Fluegge Scholarship
Education Minnesota - Mora Scholarship

Federated Co-op Scholarship
First Citizens Bank Scholarship
FirstLight Health System Auxiliary Scholarship
FirstLight Health System Scholarship
Joan Fluegge Memorial Scholarship
The GH Award
Sue Hjelle Scholarship
Gladys L. Johnson Scholarship
Greg Jolstad Memorial Scholarship
Knife River Ramblers 4-H Club Scholarship
Minnesota Deer Hunters & Pheasants Forever Scholarship
Elmer & Phyllis Moe Friends of Scouting Scholarship
Mora Lions Club Scholarship
Mora Masonic Lodge #223 Scholarship
Mora Music Boosters Scholarship
Mortenson Family Scholarship
Neighborhood National Bank Scholarship
P.E.O. Scholarship
SPIRE Credit Union Scholarship
Student Council of Mora Scholarship
Town & Country Insurance Scholarship
Tozer Foundation Scholarship
Women in Science Scholarship

THANK YOU!



Family and Consumer Science class at the high school is bringing food to a new level. Students are learning how to make homemade noodles, grilled cheese with a twist, and cupcake bake-offs. This class is helping students learn a life skill that can be used throughout their life.



CLIMB Theatre performed at FV and TV on Friday, Feb. 17, focusing on social skills, kindness and friendship. CLIMB Theatre uses the power of live theater to educate students on how to build character skills and change behavior to make a difference in their communities. PTO, our student incentive and CAPP paid for this event.

Principal Views...

Trailview School Update ...



Randy Qual
Trailview
School Principal

"He who stops being better, stops being good."

~ Oliver Cromwell



Brenda Jordan
Fairview School
Principal

"Fairness is not giving everyone the same thing. Fairness is giving each person what they need to succeed."

The January edition of the Mustang Express gave an update for the Trailview expansion that showed major changes from June until December. Though interior construction doesn't appear to happen as swiftly, you can see from the pictures that it is still happening at a very quick pace. Exterior siding has covered the backside and is nearly finished on the front side facing the parking lot. Exterior brick work is complete. The gym has the acoustic panels up, the basketball hoops are mounted and the padding is on the wall. The gym floor installation will be happening in early April and will be finished in May.

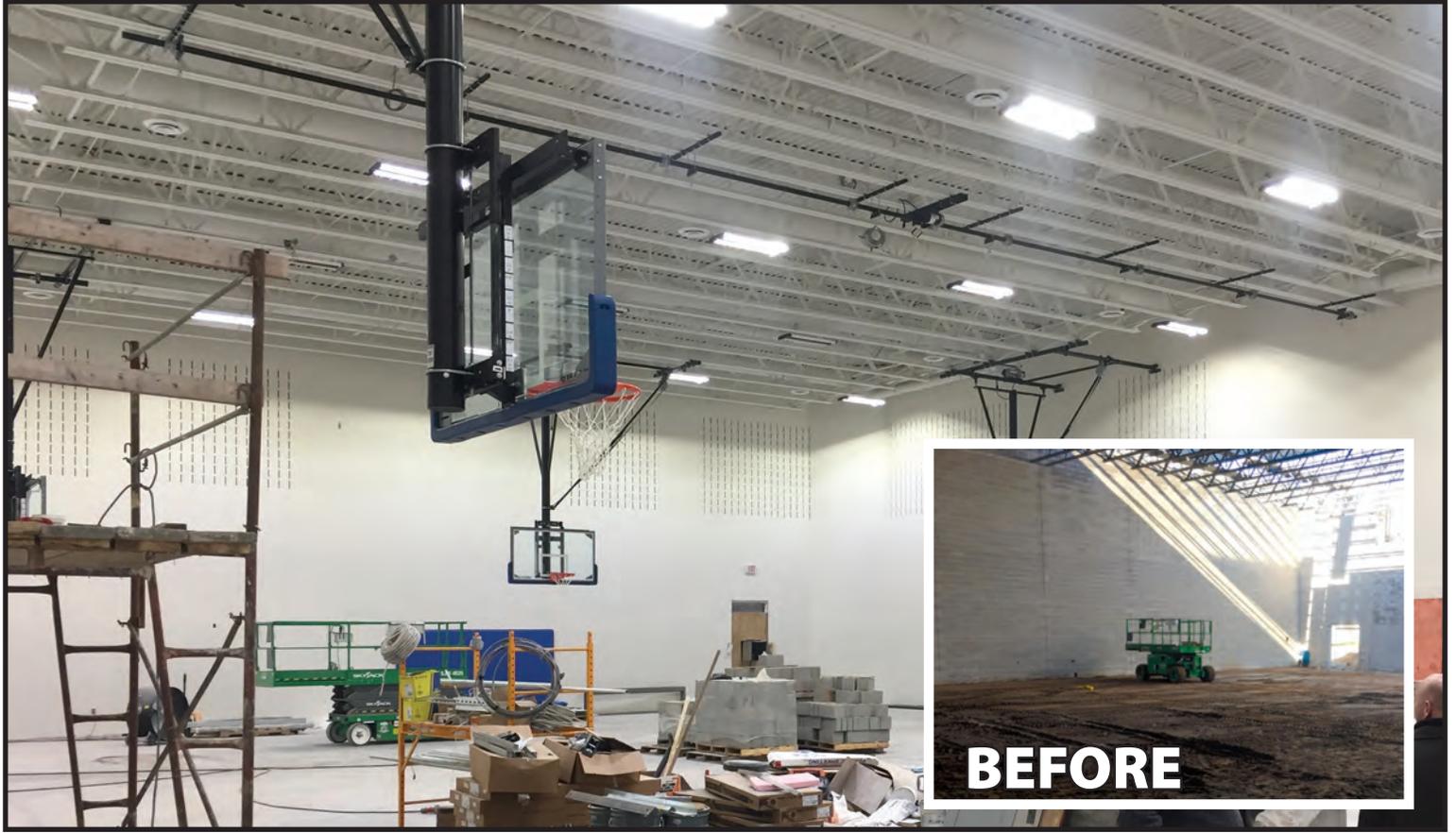
The classroom work continues to be on schedule for a mid-May completion date. The second level of classrooms, mostly first and second grade has cabinetry completely installed, whiteboards and tackboards are mounted and the flooring is scheduled for installation. The first level, mostly kindergarten and third grade will have the whiteboards, tackboards and cabinetry done as

the April Mustang Express goes to print. The SmartBoard technology that teachers use in their classrooms will be transferred from the current classrooms to the new classrooms in June and July.

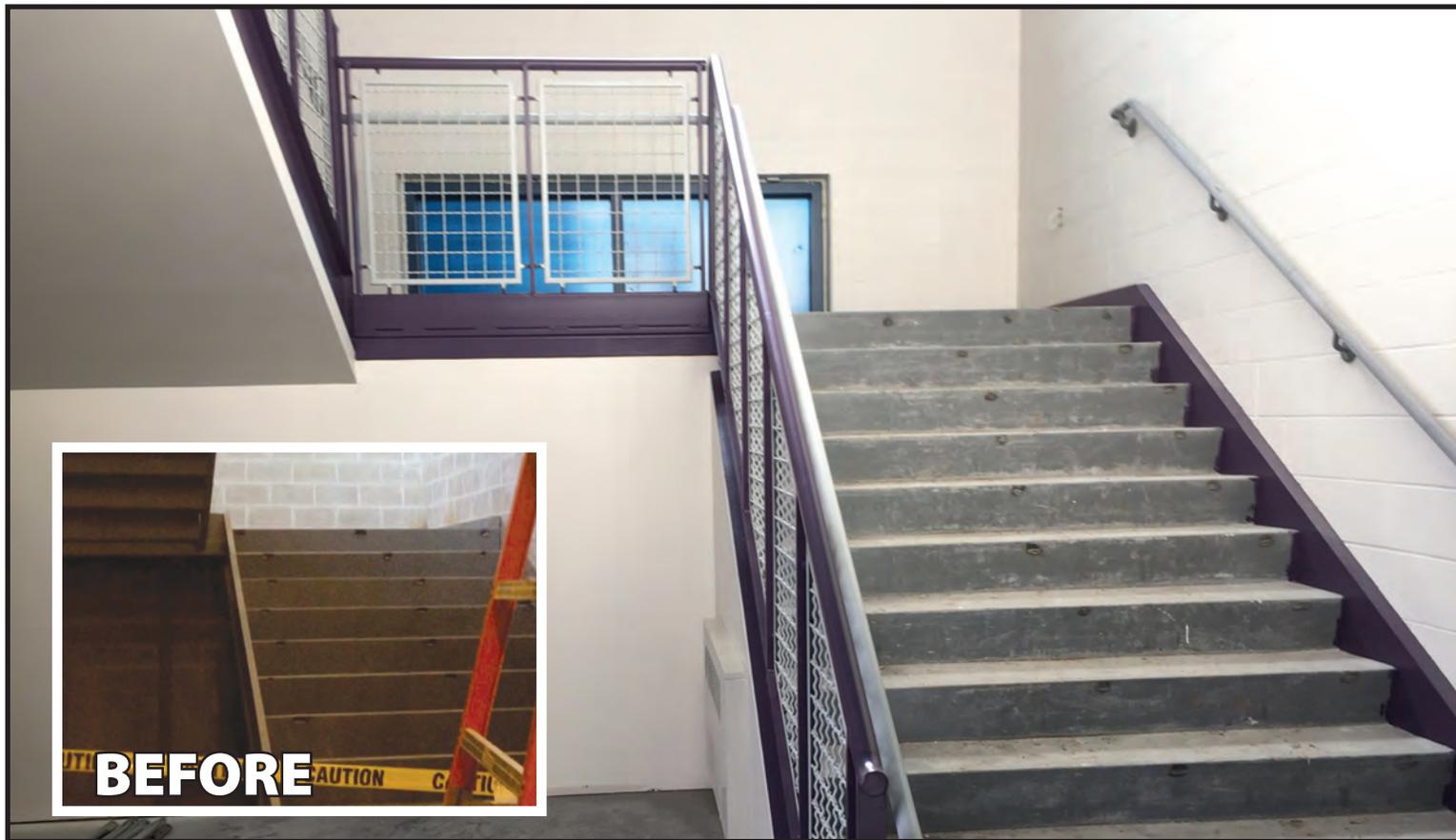
During June and July construction will continue with connecting the new building with the old building. There will be three hallways connecting the buildings. One hallway near our music room is already completed and two more cut throughs will be remodeled this summer near our current computer classroom and the halfway point near the current fifth grade wing. Also during the summer vacation months, the construction crews will remodel our 400 wing to prepare for our ECSE and ECSE classrooms. These classrooms will have a separate, secure entrance to make it convenient for parents to pick up and drop off their students. Expected completion for the entire project is the beginning of August.



TRAILVIEW EXPANSION



UPDATE



I Love To Read

Trailview students and staff jumped into February's I Love to Read Month by celebrating at an opening ceremony with the theme: "Reading is out of this world: Star Wars." Staff members dressed up as Obi-Wan Kenobi, Princess Leia, Yoda and Chewbacca to show support for the fun-filled month of activities which included dress-up days, reading calendar events, community member visits, and stop-drop-and-read times.

Students who participated in the reading calendar were given a free book donated by the Mora PTO and also the chance to participate in the closing ceremony activities. On March 3, the closing of I Love to Read Month came to an end with a celebration of all the students and staff who participated throughout the month. Students from each grade level were chosen to compete in a relay obstacle course event to show off their "Jedi Training."

Many thanks to all who supported our Trailview I Love to Read Month activities!



High School Principal

Mora High School

Preparing For the Final Step



Brent Nelson
High School
Principal

***“Preparing self-directed and resourceful learners able to thrive in a changing global community”
~Mora Schools Mission Statement***

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Thank you for getting informed and for supporting our children.
Go Mustangs!

In 2015, Mora Public School District voters approved a measure that enabled the construction of an addition to the Trailview Elementary School, to house preschool through second grade students from the old Fairview Elementary School building. After working with the community to develop and obtain work permits, construction on the Trailview campus began in 2016. Today, most of the construction work is complete and workers are putting the finishing touches on the expanded Trailview Elementary School in time for new students in the fall.

The Trailview expansion is the first step in the school district's long-term vision to create a single education campus for preschool through 12th grade public education that provides a safe and efficient, high quality education for the children of our community. On May 23, voters will have the opportunity to take the last step needed to complete the mission by voting whether to build a new high school on the Trailview campus and replace the 80-year-old Mora High School. Before voting, however, people living within the school district's boundaries should learn more about the issue.

How We Got Here

Mora High School's core building recently turned 81 years of age. With significant age, significant maintenance issues typically follow and a continuous flow of issues confront the entire building complex. We prioritize our ongoing maintenance work based on a strong concern for the health and safety of our students and faculty, and we are rapidly consuming more and more of our operational budget just to keep up.

Unfortunately we are faced with decisions on how to best spend dollars such as replacing old windows or sending students on a field trip. Following are some examples of issues that will require significant investment.

Due to several additions to Mora High School throughout the years, students and faculty now use 17 separate exterior doors to enter or leave the school. While that may seem efficient or even convenient on the surface, that many points of access create serious security issues at the school. Hundreds of students must first cross a very busy Maple Avenue

to get to the school. In my five years at Mora High School at least one student each year has been struck by a passing car, some of them seriously injured.

Once inside the school, students and teachers must breathe air from ventilation systems that have long outlived their useful lives. Roof leaks have allowed water to seep into insulation in our ceilings and walls, likely spawning colonies of mold. We have also discovered the presence of asbestos throughout the high school. This element was standard in construction materials during the 1930s, 40s, 50s and 60s, but is now banned by federal law because it can cause serious health problems. If it is contained there are no real health issues but, when we need to replace floor and ceiling tiles, water pipes and insulation, we must follow very strict removal and abatement protocols, which are also costly.

Speaking of water pipes, we have discovered lead in our water system. Solder

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(childcare available)
Early voting begins
April 7
(In the district office
located in the high school)**

that plumbers used to connect copper pipes in the core building and subsequent additions contained lead as a base ingredient. After years of use, the lead has been leaching into the school's water system. Fortunately, concentration levels have not exceeded federal and state limits. Water leaks are also affecting the school's heating system. Approximately 90,000 gallons of water are not returning to the boiler, a closed system, each of the last three heating seasons.

What Can Be Done

When developing its long-range plan, the Mora School Board took input from the community, school staff and experts. The board wanted to ensure that students and faculty had safe and up-to-date classrooms, learning labs and student amenities and to provide them for the district in the most cost-efficient manner possible.

To correct issues at Mora High School, stakeholders, experts and school leaders arrived at two possible solutions:

1. Repair the most urgent problems at the current Mora High School
2. Replace the old high school with a new Mora High School on the Trailview campus.

Option 1

Under the first option, replacing the old high school's 22 outdated air handling

units, along with associated infrastructure and ADA accessibility upgrades, would cost more than \$10 million. When you add other priority needs, including repairs to the building envelope (roof, doors, windows and exterior surfaces), upgraded wiring for new technologies, improved fire and security components and repairs to or refinishing of existing furniture and equipment, the cost rises to a level between \$25 and \$35 million. A small amount of state aid might be available but Mora School District taxpayers would likely have to pay for most of the cost.

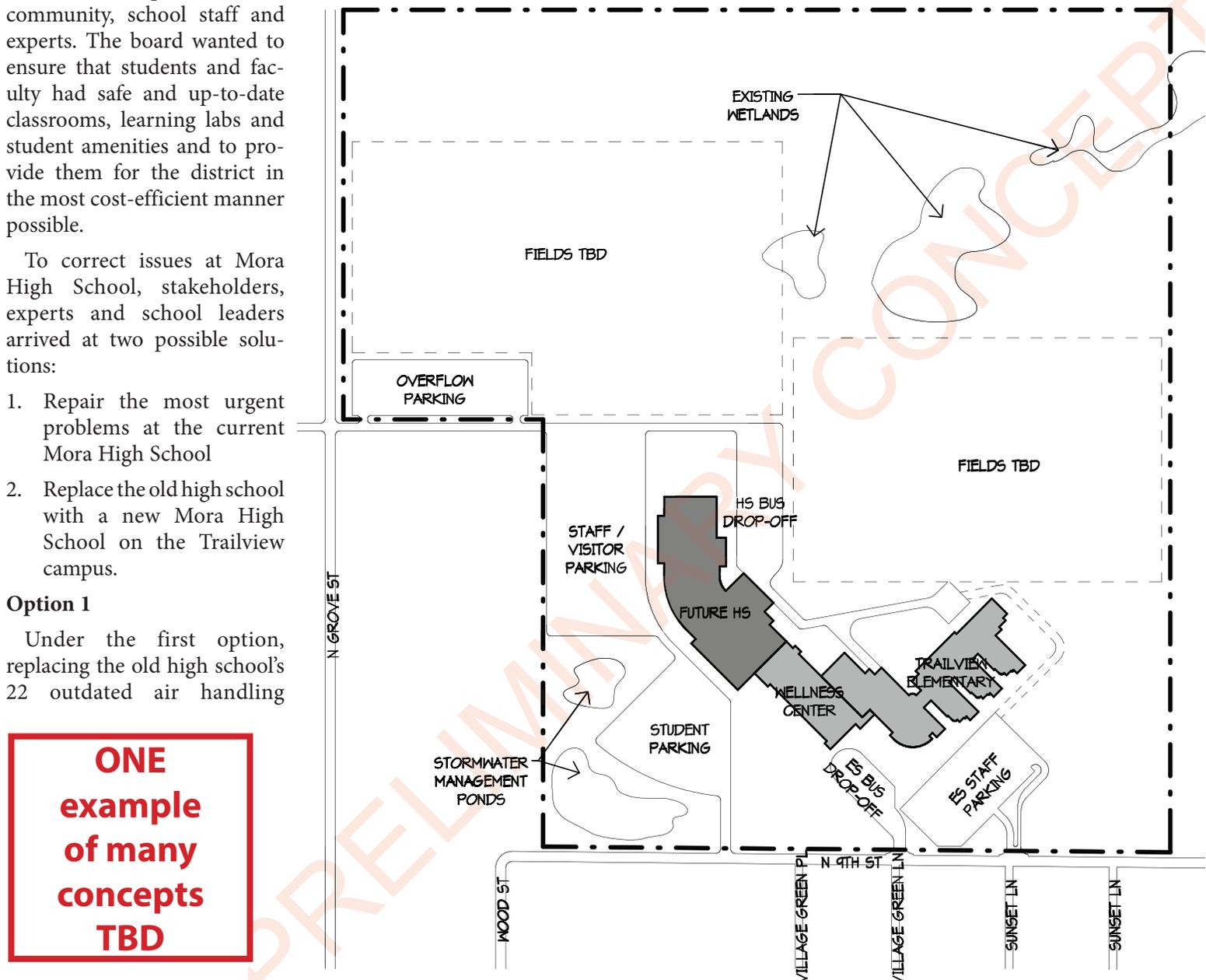
If we make needed repairs to the old Mora High School, we will eventually confront two more issues. First, we would be forced to squeeze roughly 800 students into classrooms that were designed for fewer students in a completely different era of public education. While we haven't used slide rulers since the 1970s, our students sit in classrooms that were built before then. In addition, we will not solve safety issues associated with the busy street and security concerns from multiple access points to the building.

Secondly, after we make significant repairs to an obviously

old facility, more repairs will naturally follow. More plumbing issues will emerge, as will lighting and electrical system malfunctions, and every time we need to replace a floor tile, wall board, fire door, section of ceiling or piece of pipe insulation, we will be confronted with asbestos. We will encounter more needed repairs than with a new building and every seemingly routine repair will cost more because of the factors discussed.

Option 2

Under the second option, we would replace the old Mora High School with a new Mora



High School, and build it on the Trailview campus. To do so would complete the school district's long-term vision for a single-campus education experience for current and future students.

The process used to determine the design and cost for a new high school came from recommendations from our students, faculty and staff, input from the community and a study of Minnesota Department of Education recommendations. Input from taxpayers was very clear. You want a modern and functional building but not a lot of "bling." You

also want a facility that can welcome the community on certain occasions just as easily as it does students on a day-to-day basis.

After working further with the community and engineering and architectural experts, the school board approved to begin the early design process of a new Mora High School. If approved, community user groups will be formed and asked to help design the layout. The cost to build a new school on the Trailview campus will be \$52 million but the state will pick up 44 percent of it under a valuable state assis-

tance program.

"The cost to build a new school on the Trailview campus will be \$52 million but the state will pick up 44 percent of it..."

The Debt Service Equalization Revenue program was initiated in 1992 by Minnesota to help all school districts provide modern schools for their students. The program offsets higher property tax burdens by providing local school districts with financial aid to help repay the bonds issued to finance new school construction. The state covering 44 percent means that \$23 mil-

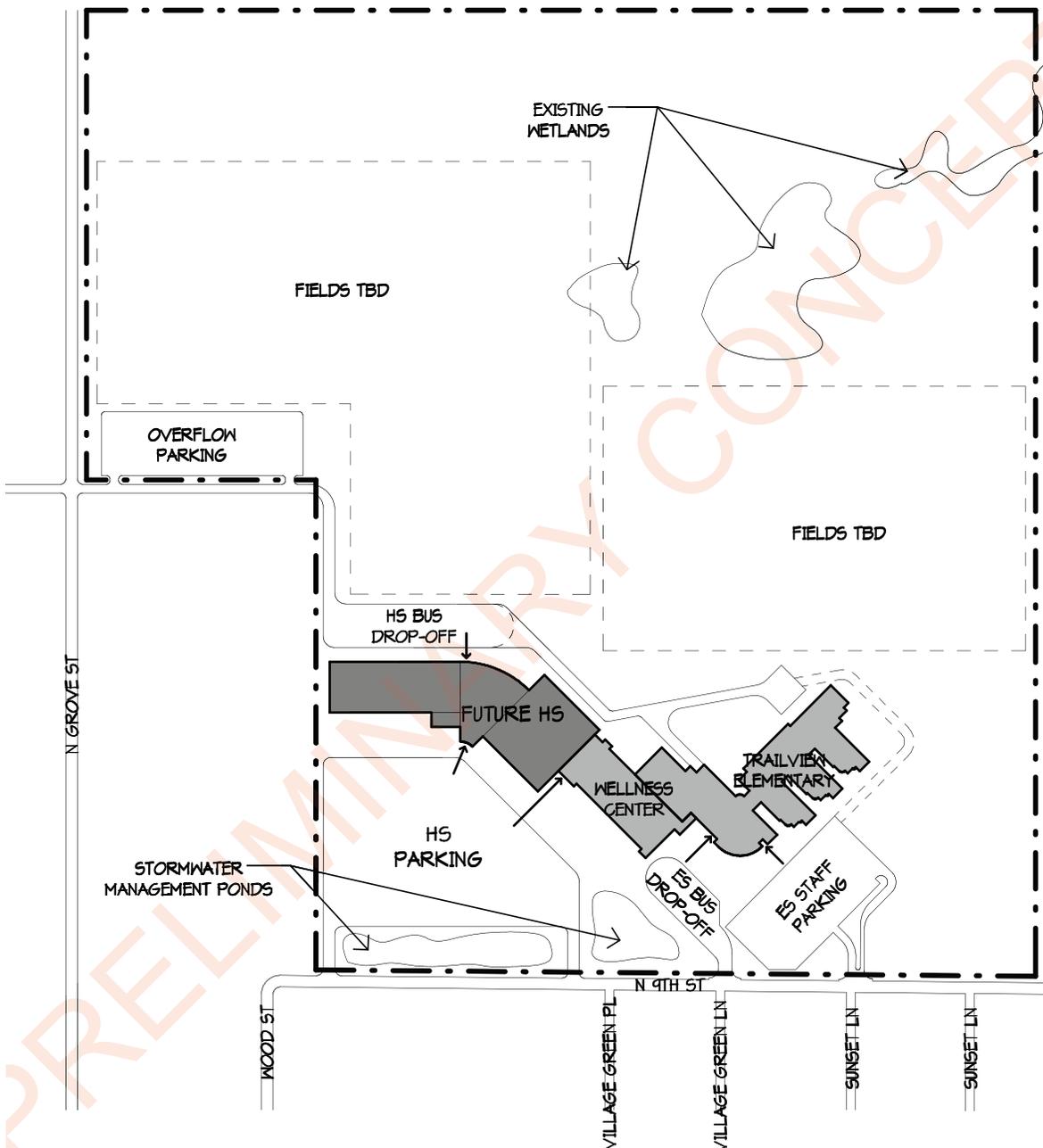
lion will help offset our local tax burden.

Because of state aid, if voters approve the \$52 million new high school, a homeowner in the Mora School District will pay approximately \$18 per month or 58 cents per day on a home with an estimated market value of \$100,000. Without the state aid, monthly property tax payments for the same home would be much higher. Commercial, apartment, agriculture and recreational properties are taxed at different rates in Minnesota but the state aid formula will benefit them as well.

Details about the referendum

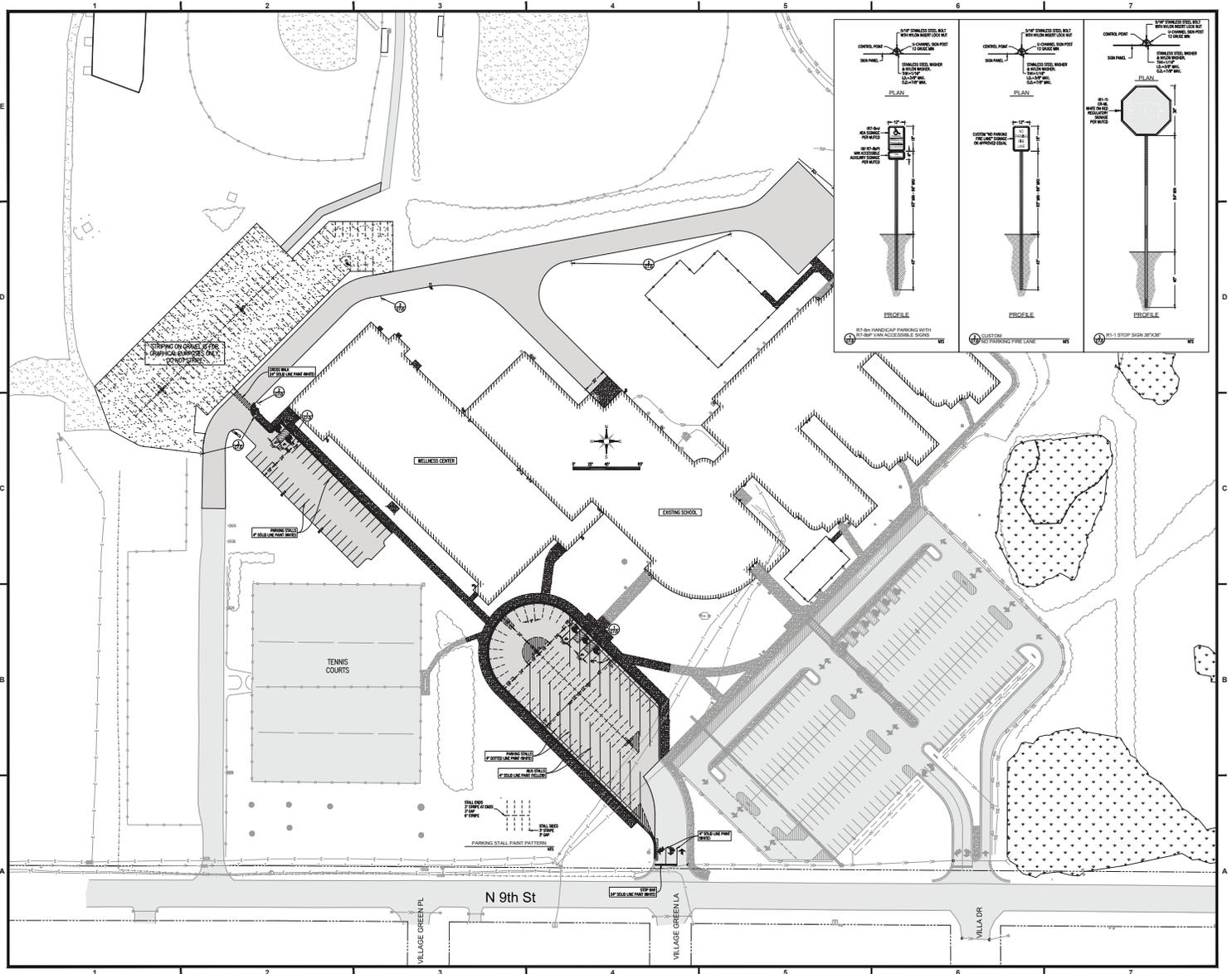
This is an important issue for Mora School District voters to decide. The school board encourages all voters to seek out information on this proposal before voting.

The Mora Public School bond referendum is open to all legal voters who live in the district. The special election will take place on May 23. Voters will need to cast their ballots at the Mora Civic Center on May 23, between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. If needed, childcare will be provided near the Kids Kingdom Park. If voters are not able to cast their ballots on May 23, they may choose to take part in early voting, which will begin on April 7, in the district office located in the high school.



**ONE
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WELLNESS CENTER



New Wellness Center to Promote Year-Round Healthy Living

Walking is just what the doctor ordered for a healthy lifestyle. But Minnesota winters can prevent people from getting outside and being active. For many, particularly seniors, the weather, the fear and risk of falling tend to far outweigh the health benefits realized from regular winter walking. Thanks to an innovative partnership between FirstLight Health System and Mora Public Schools, FirstLight patients and other residents will soon be able to exercise and walk inside year-round at the new Wellness Center.

FirstLight Health System and MPS are collaborating to construct a 52,000-

square-foot wellness center attached to Trailview School in the heart of Mora, just three quarters of a mile from FirstLight's main campus. The FirstLight-dedicated space on the upper level will feature a walking track, a sports medicine clinic with an exam room and a training room, a large community space for wellness programs, and locker rooms, as well as FirstLight staff offices.

"Doctors will be able to prescribe walking to patients who need to increase their mobility and then provide them with access to the Wellness Center," explained Bob Woods, FirstLight anesthesia man-

ager and MPS board member who helped facilitate bringing the two organizations together. "Increasing mobility and exercise are critical to combatting everything from chronic pain to diabetes."

At the FirstLight sports medicine clinic, patients will be able to see someone in Rehabilitation Services and then use the walking track and the large fitness/community room for stretching and exercises. FirstLight physical therapist Deb Wright sees endless opportunities with the new Wellness Center. Wright is the Health and Wellness Coordinator of WellnessFirst, a free service provided by FirstLight to

encourage preventive actions promoting a healthy lifestyle.

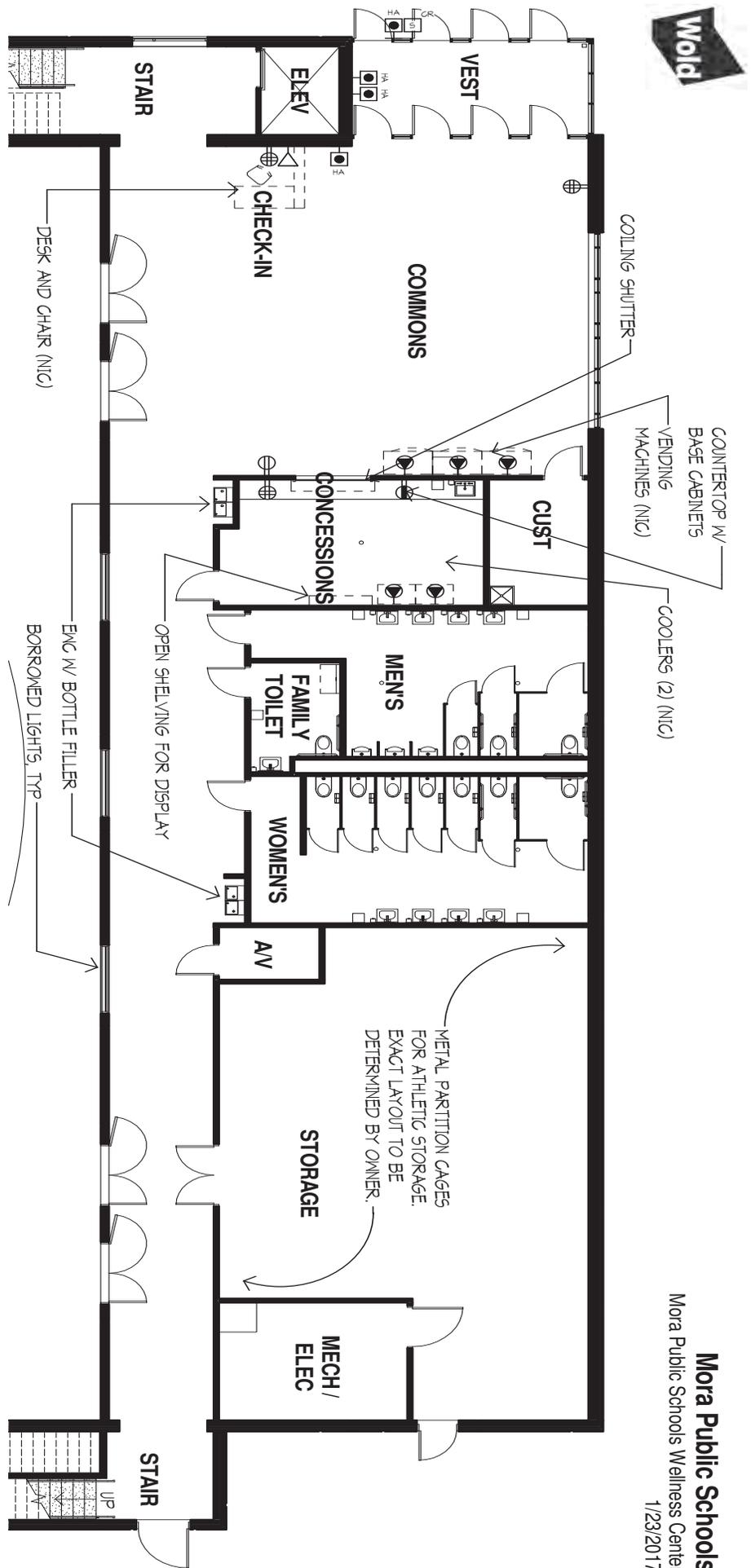
“Tai chi, health screenings, yoga, strength training, kids’ fitness, seniors’ programs, health information sessions, walk-and-talks and group fitness are just some of the potential integrated-health activities that FirstLight Health System could offer in the Wellness Center,” stated Wright. “While we have not finalized the programs that will be offered, there are so many possibilities. We at FirstLight look forward to working with MPS Community Education to develop a wide range of activities for our community members.”

The lower level will feature an open space that will include four multi-sport courts, five lane competition track, a common area for gathering, concession space and restrooms. Trailview students and staff will use the lower-level space during school hours for physical education as well as other programs. After hours, the space will be utilized for multiple sports practices and tournaments. There will be separate, controlled access to the FirstLight-operated upper level. “The Wellness Center will not have an open door, but will be easy to access with an approved admittance device,” explained Woods.

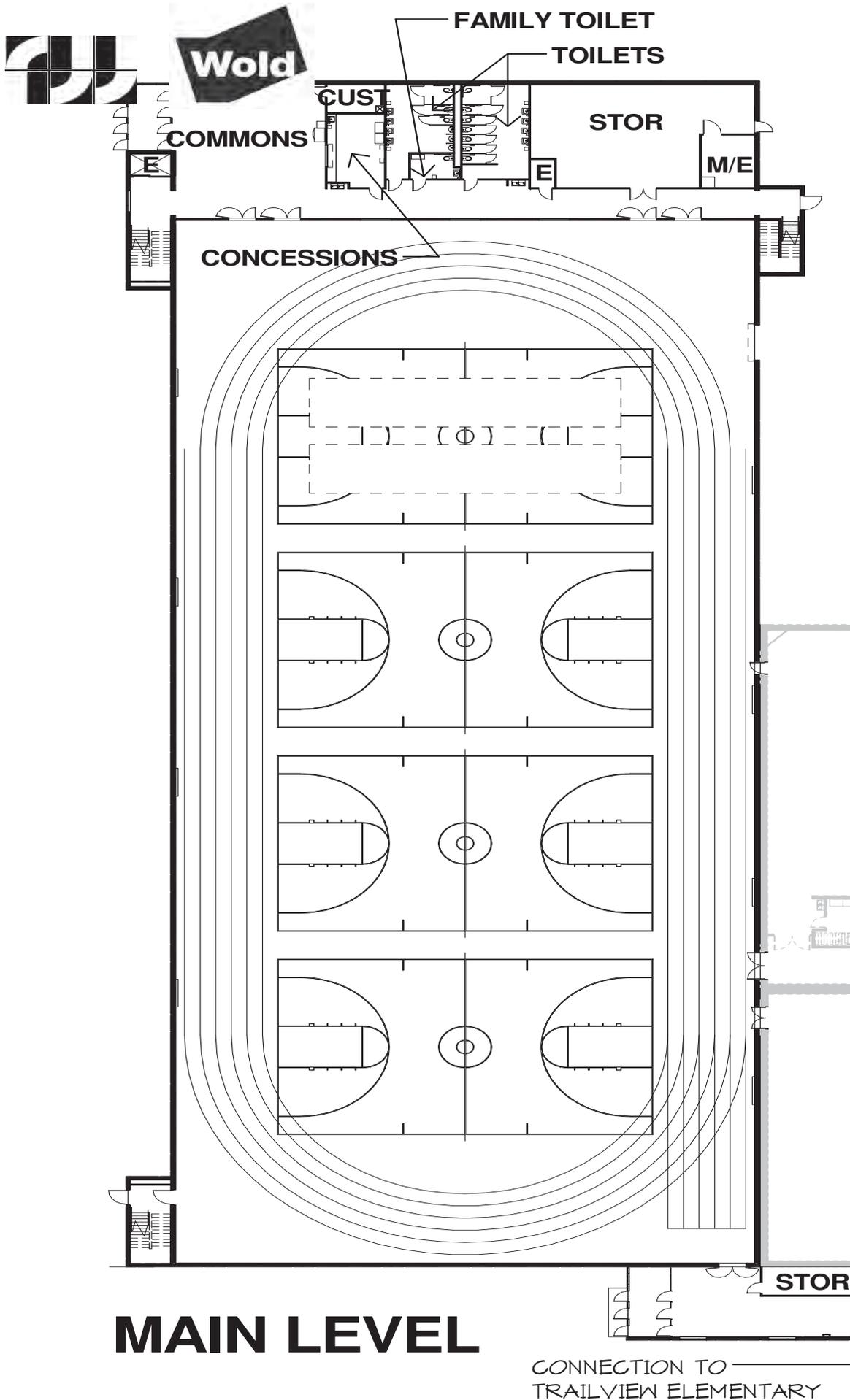
A Collaborative Endeavor

Both FirstLight and MPS are undergoing renovations and were separately considering spaces like the proposed Community Wellness Center and what it would look like. FirstLight’s Board of Directors and MPS Board started work together on this project in May 2015, and formed subcommittees of each board and their respective constituents to determine the needs and requirements of a Wellness Center. FirstLight met with rehabilitation services and the sports medicine departments, and MPS met with their instructional staff, coaches and community education staff. Coordinating that information, allowed for the best plans and ideas how to best proceed for both entities.

Estimated construction cost for the facility expects to come in at just over \$10 million. As part of the agreement, FirstLight will pay \$5 million upfront for



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 Mora Public Schools Wellness Center
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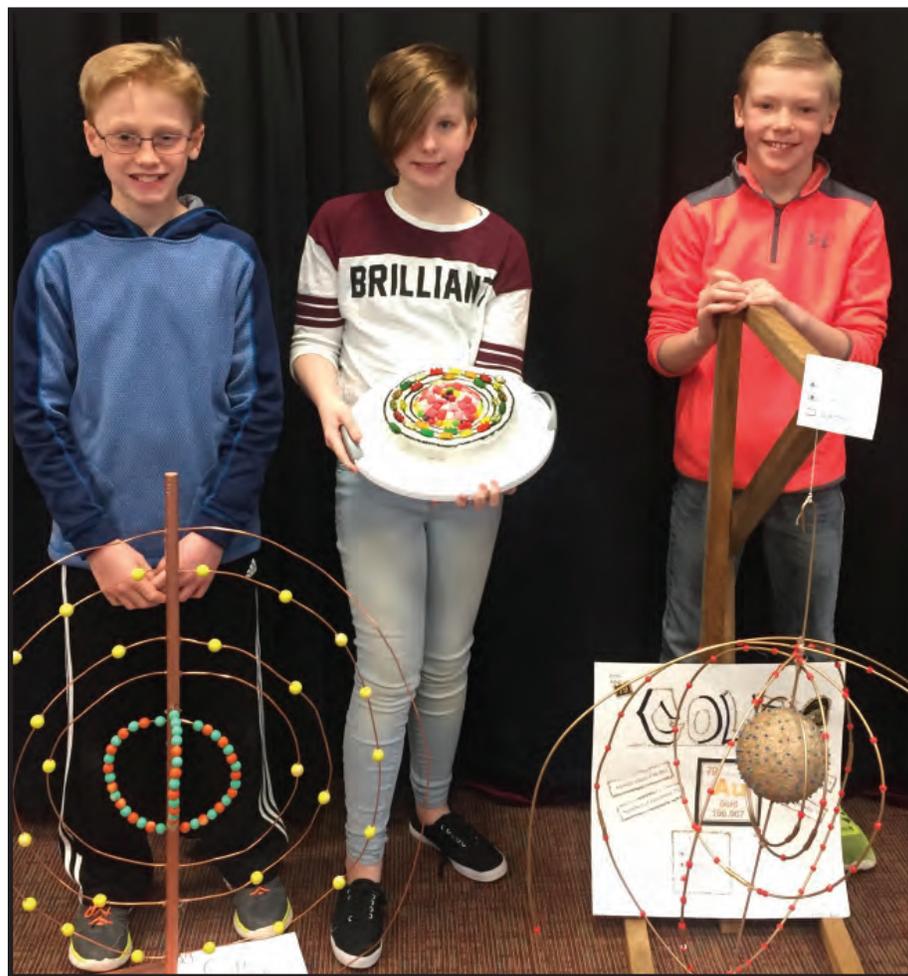
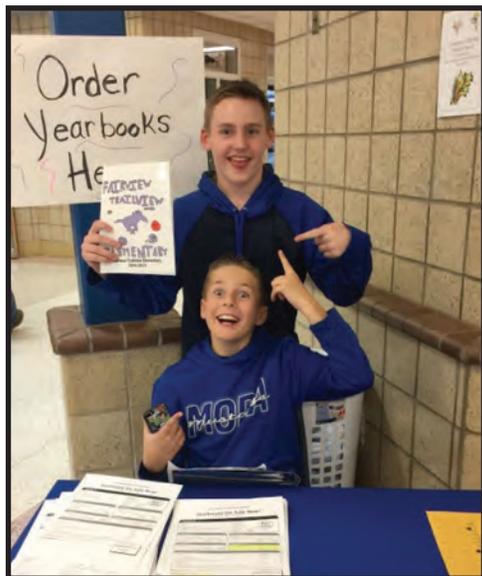
a 15-year lease. After the lease expires, MPS owns the building, but the lease will be renewable. Both FirstLight and MPS boards expect the collaboration to extend well into the future.

MPS is utilizing \$1 million in bid and bond efficacies along with \$1 million of current project funds, that has been designated for gross motor space, to supplement their \$5 million share of this project. “We transitioned space that was going to be designed as gross motor space to the old Trailview gym and are planning on using the Community Wellness Center for the educational programming that the new Trailview gym was designed for. This is allowing us to provide more than triple the amount of gym and educational type space for our children and our community members,” stated Woods. The remaining \$3 million is being financed with a lease levy that has been approved by the school board.

Foster, Jacobs & Johnson, is working with Wold Architects and Engineers to design the Community Wellness Center and is currently seeking construction bids. The aim is to start construction sometime in June and open in January 2018.

Submitted by FirstLight Health System and Mora School District, March 2017

Trailview Student Showcase



Once a year, students have the opportunity to share their creativity and talent with the community. We call this event Trailview School's Student Showcase. Each grade level takes on a special project for their students to work on. This year, those projects included: "A look into a Book" Shadow Boxes, 3-D Social Studies Models, "Me Books" and "Atom Avenue". Some of the evening's highlights included: Spring themed Make 'n' Takes, the Book Fair, Kahoot competitions, and many students like to showcase their musical talents in the Talent Show.

The entire school participates as well as many volunteers from the PTO and community. We also have students from the high school volunteer their time to help with set-up, face painting, prize drawings and to help run various booths throughout our event.

The Kanabec County American Dairy Association and Dairy Princesses donate many gallons of ice cream so we can offer free Build Your Own Sundaes, the PTO sells Family Pizza Meals at a value, and we also collect food donations for the local area Food Shelf. This year, we hosted approximately 900 people that were made up of family, friends and members of the community.

Knowledge Bowl



1st Place

Mora Competition - February 13

Hazel Carda - 5th
 Quincy Asmus - 5th
 Owen Szoka - 5th
 Jamie McAleese - 5th
 Sophie Peterson - 6th
 Dakota Sand - 6th



1st Place

Pine City Competition - February 6

Mikayla Froemming - 5th
 Tayah Anderson - 5th
 Jonah Jacobson - 5th
 Avery Nelson - 6th
 Nolan McGaw - 6th
 Dakota Sand - 6th



1st Place

Rush City Competition - January 24

Anneliese Moe - 5th
 Jamie McAleese - 5th
 Coryna Stanchfield - 6th
 Saul Thomson - 6th
 Dakota Sand - 6th
 Blayke Brambach - 6th

Winter Carnival



On Thursday, Feb. 16, 2017, students from MHS were granted the opportunity to attend the Winter Carnival for Special Olympics at Confidence Learning Center in Baxter, MN. This trip provided students/athletes with the chance to meet students/athletes from other programs throughout the state and also provide them with a day of fun activities as a reward for being such hard working individuals. Some of the activities included: ice fishing, broomball, tubing, adventure course, snowmobile rides, snowshoeing, dog sled rides and many others.



Mora CAPP - Comprehensive Arts Planning Program



Mora CAPP is dedicated to bringing the arts and arts opportunities to the students of Mora Schools and the surrounding community.

Each year, the Mora CAPP committee decides on an arts focus for a yearly theme. This year, the Mora CAPP committee has been very busy planning, writing grants and sponsoring theater and performing arts events.

In October, CAPP sponsored Debee's Day at the Matinee for the Mora Community Education's fall production of "Annie Jr." The 250-plus students attending the event were treated to a box of popcorn, a bottle of water and admission to the performance.

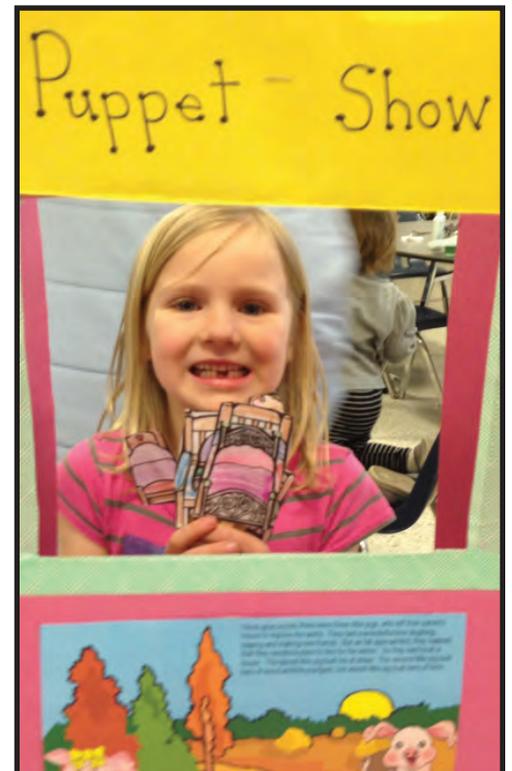
In February, thanks to an ECRAC Heritage Grant, Mora CAPP was able to sponsor a week-long theater arts residency for all 6th grade students at Trailview. The students worked with an artist from a St. Paul based Community Arts Program called COMPAS. They wrote flash plays using science and science fiction as an inspiration and performed them for fellow students and family members. February was also the month that Mora CAPP partnered with the Mora PTO to bring Climb Theatre to Fairview and Trailview for a live performance teaching the social skills of making friends.

In March, Mora CAPP had the opportunity to provide folktale plays and make & take stick puppet stations for the students attending Trailview's Student Showcase.

Two theater and performing arts opportunities were planned for April. The first event was another Debee's Day at the Matinee promoting the Mora High School performance of "Mary Poppins". Students at Fairview and Trailview were treated to a sneak peek of the musical production hosted by Mary Poppins herself. Bert led a cast of characters and the elementary students in a sing-along of Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious. All K-6 students were given a free ticket to attend the live performance of their choice. The second April event was a week-long theater arts residency for 1st grade students at Fairview. Thanks to an ECRAC Heritage Grant, all 1st grade students worked with an artist from a St. Paul based community arts program called COMPAS. Students took concepts from the Minnesota State Science Standards and turned them into mini plays and performed them for fellow students and family members.

Since the end of this school year is fast approaching and the Mora CAPP committee has more ideas for events, it has been decided to extend this year's theater and performing arts focus to next year. Until then, Mora CAPP has one more arts

event to sponsor - Theater 4 Kids. Mora's Summer Art Camp is going to have a theater and performing arts focus, too. Students entering grades 1-8 can attend a four-day art camp at the high school June 26 to 29. More information about this program, as well as sign-up details, will be sent home with students in early May.



MPS Community Education

2017 Classes www.moraschools.org



Kris Osterdyk
Activities Director

*You don't get
what you wish for,
you get what
you work for.*



CABS: Child and Baby-Sitting Safety Class American Safety and Health Institute (ASHI) www.hsi.com

Learn the responsibilities of being a babysitter. Topics include starting your own babysitting business, child development, proper feeding and diapering techniques, personal safety, medical emergencies, basic first aid care and fire safety. The course is developed by the American Safety and Health Institute and approved by the American Pediatrics Association. Class participants receive a CABS book and certification card. Students can bring a snack.

Instructor: Kari Fairclough

Date: June 13, 2017

Time: 9 am - noon

Grades: 4 - 8

Location: Mora HS room 292, enter through the NW doors labeled D1

Cost: \$35.00

Class size is limited to 20 students

Youth Safety & Home Alone

Just mention the words "Home Alone," and children think of the excitement depicted in the movies of the same name. The reality of being home alone can evoke fear and anxiety in many children. Whether left alone for an hour after school or several hours a day during the summer, children should feel comfortable being alone. This workshop for children will address several topics relating to being "Home Alone" including personal safety tips, tricky people, basic first aid, fire safety, handling the unexpected, internet safety, gun safety, dealing with loneliness and boredom, storm safety, dealing with siblings as well as trust and honesty. Students attend this class independently. Parents are encouraged to review the take home information and discuss it with their child. Students can bring a snack.

Instructor: Kari Fairclough

Grades: Third and up

Date: June 13, 2017

Time: 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Location: Mora HS room 292, enter through the NW doors labeled D1

Cost: \$20.00

Class size is limited to 20 students

Youth Safety:

Be Prepared, Not Scared

Have you ever seen someone fall over and hurt their leg? Or perhaps you know someone who's been very ill? Have you ever been near an accident? Imagine being able to help out in each of these situations - that's what First Aid is all about. Children can make a difference in an emergency situation and the most important thing is for them to know simple basic first aid steps to follow in different situations. Topics include: recognizing an emergency and knowing what to do, calling 911, basic first aid techniques, personal safety tips, tricky people, gun and fire safety. Students attend this class independently. Parents are encouraged to review the take home information and discuss it with their child. Students can bring a snack.

Instructor: Kari Fairclough

Grades: Kindergarten - Second Grade

Date: June 13, 2017

Time: 2:45pm - 4:45pm

Location: Mora HS room 292, enter through NW doors labeled D1

Cost: \$20.00

Class size is limited to 15 students,

Painting With Charlene

Join us, as we paint one clay flower pot with an original design by Charlene depicting an outdoor theme with birch trees. All materials and instruction are included.

Date: Thursday, April 27, 2017

Time: 6 - 9 pm

Location: Mora HS Art Room, enter through NW doors D1

Cost: \$30.00 per participant

Sept. 12, 2017 another painting class is being planned. Watch for further details.

ATV Training

White Pine Riders ATV training day will be Saturday, April 22, 2017. Registration starts at 8:30 am and class starts at 9 am. Call KC at 320-676-3490 to register and for class information. Find ATV training information on the DNR website.

55+ Driver Improvement Program

The Driver Improvement course is a state approved accident prevention/insurance discount course that is open to the public; pre-registration is required. A MN Highway Safety & Research Center certified instructor teaches this class. By utilizing the most up-to-date research in the field, participants will be provided the latest information in regards to driver and traffic safety, new laws, and vehicle technology. This class has something for everyone! The fee for the four hour refresher course is \$22.00 and the eight hour course is \$26.00. We also offer this class online! For more information or to register, visit our website at www.mnsafetycenter.org or call (888)-234-1294.

Persons age 55 and older who complete the course qualify for a 10 percent discount on their auto insurance premiums for three years, according to Minnesota law. First time participants must complete the initial eight hours of training and a four hour refresher class every three years to maintain the 10 percent discount.

Course Dates and Times:

Thurs., May 11, 2017, 5 - 9:30 pm
Mon., June 5, 2017, 8:30 am - 1 pm

Tues., Sept. 12, 2017, 9 am - 1 pm
Enter through door A2, sign in at the HS office

Thurs., Oct. 12, 2017, 5:30 - 9:30pm
Enter through door A3

Sat., Oct. 28, 2017, 9 am - 5 pm
(full 8 hour course) Enter through door A3

Location: Mora High School Board Room, 238

Cost: \$22.00 for the 4 hour refresher course.

\$26.00 for the 8 hour course.

Science Explorers' Dynamite Dinosaurs

Enter the Science Explorers' time machine and journey back to a world where dinosaurs ruled the earth. Become a paleontologist to learn how enormous or small these amazing creatures were, plus participate in a "mini" dino dig. You will have a dynamite time with hands-on experiments, studying fossils and much more as we journey back in time.

Dates: June 13, 14, 15, 2017

Time: 10 - 11:30 am

Ages: 3.5 - 6

Cost to participant: \$15

Location: Mora HS Art Room

All participants must be toilet trained.

Space is limited to 10 participants

Science Explorers' Mixture Madness

Pour, mix, measure and stir! In Mixture Madness you will be exploring the world of chemistry by mixing together safe ingredients. You will create slime while learning about polymers, have fun with magical crystals while learning about absorption, plus formulate your own mixtures through open exploration. Be sure to dress so you can get messy as we explore these and other fascinating mixtures.

Dates: June 27, 28, 29, 2017

Time: 10 - 11:30 am

Ages: 3.5 - 6 years old

Cost to participant: \$15.00

Location: Mora HS Art Room

All participants must be toilet trained.

Class size is limited to 10

SE Elementary Engineering: Motors and More!

Do you find yourself tinkering with models, motors and gears? Then put your building skills to the test as an elementary engineer by designing and constructing remote-controlled vehicles. Build different vehicles while learning about motors, gears and robotics. Then test your creations and motoring skills with fun and challenging obstacle courses. Lastly, create a vibro-bot, from a simple tinkering kit, to take home.

Dates: June 27, 28, 29, 2017

Time: 12:30 - 3:00 pm

Grades: entering grades 2-6

Cost: \$55.50

Location: Mora HS Art Room

Class size is limited to 16

Science Explorers' Roaring Rockets

Blast off with Science Explorers to accelerate through aerodynamics with rocketry. You will design and modify straw rockets to learn about aerodynamics, projectile motion, thrust and velocity. Then, you will build your own model rocket as you experiment with Bernoulli's Principle, Newton's 3rd Law and more. Finally, if weather permits, you will watch your roaring rocket soar as you launch it high into the sky.

Date: August 1, 2, 3, 2017

Time: 9:30am - Noon

Grade: entering grades 2-6 in the fall

Cost: \$60 per participant (includes cost of motors and engines)

Location: Mora HS Art Room

Class size is limited to 14

Science Explorers' Crazy Chemistry

Join Science Explorers as we become crazy chemists! We will investigate the Periodic Table and learn about its families with fun and exciting experiments as we discover the science side of STEM. We will break some chemical bonds, get messy with polymers and much more. Our classes are hands-on so be sure to dress for a mess!

Dates: August 1, 2, 3, 2017

Time: 1 - 3 pm

Grades: students entering grades 1-5 in the fall

Cost: \$44.50 per participant

Location: Mora HS Art Room

Class size is limited to 16

Tutu & Toes Summer Dance Camp

Twinkle Toes Ages 4-6

For our young dancers that want to keep movin' through the summer months. Dancers will learn a short routine, play games, practice dance skills, and vocab. Family and friends are invited to watch the routine at the show on Friday night.

June 19-22 10 to 10:45 a.m.

Cost: \$35.00

Classes are run by Jess Larsen. She has been dancing since she was 5 and taught dance for the last 3 years in Mora, 2 years at Central Performing Arts in Mora.

Dance Mania Ages 7-9

This class will feature jazz and ballet concepts to help keep the beat. Dancers will learn a short routine, practice dance skills, vocab, and have fun! Family and friends are invited to watch the routine at the show on Friday night.

June 19-22, 11 a.m. to noon

Cost: \$45.00

Jazz & Pop Ages 10-12

For older students feelin' the beat, we have a Jazz and Pop class. Students will learn a jazz and Hip-Hop routine and lots of new moves. Family and friends are invited to watch the routines at the show on Friday night.

June 12-23, No Wednesday Class, 1-3 p.m.

Cost: \$55.00

All Students: Students should wear flexible clothing and bring dance shoes (or tennis shoes) and water to class Location: All classes will be held in the Mora High School Auditorium. Show for all camps at park or auditorium depending on weather, June 23, 5 or 5:30 p.m. All camp prices include a t-shirt for the show you get to keep.

Dance

Joyful Feet for Dancers K-5th Grade

Have a blast learning the fundamentals of jazz while dancing to upbeat and popular music! No experience necessary, only a passion for movement and music! Dancers will have fun moving and grooving while they learn a short routine that they will preform for friends and family at the end of the last class.

Classes will be on Wednesdays, June 7-26.

A total of 8 dance classes.

Cost: \$70 per dancer

(T-shirt included in the price).

Location: Mora HS Cafeteria

Times are as follows:

1 -1:45 for dancers who just finished kindergarten or first grade

2 -2:45 for dancers who just finished second grade or third grade

3 -3:45 for dancers who just finished fourth grade or fifth grade

Bring your energy, comfortable clothes for movement and tennis shoes or jazz shoes with you to the first class. For questions email Katie Joy at katieann136@gmail.com

Community Education Policy

Registration and Fees:

Pre-paid registration is required. Most registrations are due a minimum of one week prior to the class starting date. Note that many classes fill quickly, and others may be canceled due to insufficient registration.

How to Register:

Visit us in the District Office at Mora High School, or mail registration forms with payment to:

Community Education

Mora High School

400 East Maple Ave., Mora, MN 55051

Please be sure to include a phone number where you can be reached during the day. Fees are not refundable after the registration due date, unless the class is canceled due to insufficient enrollment. Confirmations are not sent out; however, the District Office will notify applicants if a class is full or has been canceled. If supplies are required, you may choose to confirm that the class will be offered before making a purchase. Call the District Office at 320-679-6200 to confirm registration and class availability.

Individual Cancellations and Refunds:

A full refund will be issued if a class is canceled by the District Office. All other cancellations are subject to a \$5 processing fee. To receive a refund, less the processing fee, notify the District Office at least three business days before a class begins unless a specific cancellation deadline is listed. No refund will be issued for a cancellation received less than three business days before a class begins.

Community Education Registration Form

A. Participant Information (Please print)

1.) First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Contact Number _____

Please check one: Age 0-5 _____ Grade K-5 _____ Grade 6-8 _____ Grade 9-12 _____

Age 19-54 _____ Age 55+ _____

Class _____ Date/Time _____ \$Fee _____

Class _____ Date/Time _____ \$Fee _____

Comments/Special Needs _____

B. Contact Information

Name _____

Address _____ City, Zip _____

Contact Number _____ Email address _____

Emergency Contact _____ Contact Number _____

* I grant permission for Mora Public Schools to use my child's digital image and/or classwork in newspaper articles, Mora Public School Webpage, and/or social media to promote Community Ed. events.

Signature _____ Date _____

C. Method of payment:

Check Credit Card, Credit Card Information: VISA MasterCard

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Name as it appears on the card _____

Card holder signature _____

Billing address if different than Contact Information _____

To register online, visit our website at: www.moraschools.org> District> Community Ed, OR
Mail this form to: Community Education, Mora High School, 400 East Maple, Mora, MN 55051

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Date Received _____ by _____ Amount Paid _____ Cash or Check# _____

Comments _____