

Central 51 Update on Additions and Renovations

Over the last couple of years Central 51 has been on a journey of growth and renewal. Our district has experienced rapid student growth in enrollment and has struggled with providing the proper space to educate our children. During this time, the district also committed to adding programs for our kids like Art, Spanish, Music and STEM. We wanted to create buildings that supported the large growth, while creating key learning and collaborative environments that will meet the needs of the learners of today and in the future.

After 3 community engagement nights last year and a tremendous effort of so many, our district placed on the ballot a referendum on March 20, 2018. The tremendous support of our community passed our referendum with an astounding 66.79% yes votes. Our kids, teachers, staff, administration and Board cannot thank all of you enough.

So now---the referendum passed---what has happened and when will construction start?

We have spent the summer and into the school year in the schematic design phase. This has required numerous meetings and discussions. Now more than ever we have begun to see what the possibilities are and have some rough drawings that illustrate the basic concepts we wanted to accomplish in our project.

We are now headed into the design development phase which will last over the next several months. In December 2018 and January 2019 we will be drafting construction documents and hope to have project bids out by the end of February 2019. Once the bids are accepted/approved by the Board, construction will begin after school ends if not sooner.

As we move through the phases of the project, we will update our community. If you have questions feel free to contact Dale Heidbreder, superintendent, at 309-444-3943 or dheidbrder@central51.net.



Classroom Additions from Courtyard