



# St. Paul School District No. 45

*Proud History, Cultivating the Future*

*Our mission is to provide a progressive learning environment for all students to achieve by the objectives and principles outlined in the St. Paul Brand.*

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Bond Update, October 15, 2015

Dear St Paul Community,

The school district has continued to move forward with our plans to improve the learning environment of our district by upgrading the infrastructure of the elementary school, constructing an auxiliary gym and completing certain projects at the high school as outlined in the bond description. The Bond Advisory Committee met on September 29 and approved the schedule for acquiring an architectural firm to complete the planning and project design and specifications in collaboration with district staff and community members. The design phase of the project is scheduled to begin on November 15 and the work is to be completed by January 4<sup>th</sup>. It is my hope that by publishing regular updates through the district website that we will be able to answer many of the questions that are in the minds of the community. I also welcome your calls, email contact or other forms of communication. It is my goal to be as transparent in the process and as responsive to questions as is practical as we move forward on these projects.

I am very excited to work with our great instructional and support staff team as well as our bond committee in determining the best ways to address the identified needs of our district through the resource the community has made available through the passage of a general obligation bond.

We have heard many suggestions and ideas from the community regarding the location of the auxiliary gym, the timing of the construction and other project details. We are happy to take under consideration all of these inputs and include them in the design phase discussions which is when the final site determination will be made. Many factors including traffic flow, condition of existing surfaces, location of underground utilities and patterns of use will contribute to the determination of the final location of that structure.

The bond oversight committee recommended and the school board has approved a process which will require the architect firm once selected to meet with sub-committees made up of individuals that are heavily invested in each phase of the project. Our instructional staff, committee members and members of the community will be asked to serve on these committees which will advise the architect on building needs and specifications prior to the creation of the project designs.

Design final approval will rest with the St Paul School Board of Directors and this approval will be made prior to the start of any major project.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following members of the Bond advisory committee and to welcome some new members who will be volunteering their time to assist with the work.

The following individuals have already volunteered numerous hours in support of the community and the schools through their participation in the development and passage of the bond: Vince Drago, Dan Brentano, Nick Schneider, Rob Scott, Sean Connor, Steve Stone, Tim Crawford, Cindy Smith, Jenny Elias.

I would also like to welcome Kent Jackson to the committee.

Outlined below you will see the project schedule as I have mentioned above. As you may already know we have also hired the firm of HMK to assist us in overseeing the projects and to help in the selection of architect contractors and other agents.

Thank you for supporting our schools, I look forward to keeping you updated on our progress.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Wehrli  
Superintendent , St Paul Schools

## Schedule:

- Design Procurement
    - Architectural Design RFP
    - Architectural Design RFP due
    - Architectural Contract Negotiation
    - Design Kick Off
    - Schematic Design Complete
- Sept 28  
October 22  
November 2  
November 15  
January 4

## Design Selection Process

- RFQ Scoring
  - Design Firm Interviews
- October 23-26  
Week of October 26