

BOND PROGRAM UPDATES



WHAT'S COMPLETE, IN PROCESS AND ON THE HORIZON

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We hope that you and your family are staying safe and healthy!

Here's an update on what's happening with the bond program for Schoolcraft Community Schools.

Overall Project Status

- COVID-19 is impacting our bond program, and progress is slowing down. However, we are continuing to push forward to make progress.
- The state may change building codes and requirements because of coronavirus, so we need to be ready to adjust our plans as we learn more.
- We sold the bond at a lower interest rate than stated in the bond application (3.29% versus the budgeted 5%), which could generate more dollars for the project. However, building prices are going up because of COVID-19.
- With COVID-19 and social distancing, we are only able to meet through Zoom meetings and conference calls. Thank you for your patience as we navigate how to work on this exciting project without meeting face to face.

7/8 Grade Addition to High School

- We have kicked off the process of gathering information for the 7/8 grade addition to the high school.
- More than 45% of the high school students are out of the building because they attend off-campus programs (such as college courses or training classes in a skilled trade), and 74% of seniors were involved in at least one college course. This means that we have more available space in the

high school than anticipated, so we are trying to determine how best to use the space.

- TMP, our architect, is creating options for us to consider. We will share those options with the parents and community members who signed up for the 7/8 grade user group so they can provide feedback.

7/8 Gym

- We've put the gym project on hold for now because the price per square foot cost has escalated because of COVID-19.
- We are shifting our focus to the educational spaces in the bond program, which are our top priority, and will jump back into the gym project when we know more about the other projects.

New Elementary K-6 Building

- We are discussing the location and site plan for the new elementary school on the property north of the high school.
- The elementary design work will begin in mid-June.

Athletic Improvements

- Our priority is the educational spaces, so this project is on hold for now.

Communications

We will continue to keep you informed about what's happening with the bond program through:

- Regular email updates like this one
- School board meetings
- South County News Purple & Gold insert
- School website and app (we are retiring www.scs-bond.com now that the bond has passed)
- Schoolcraft Community Schools Facebook page
- Bond Updates for SCS Facebook page (formerly the YES for SCS Facebook page) – please like/follow!
- School newsletters (when school resumes)

If you have questions about the bond program, please reach out to School Board of Education President Jennifer Gottschalk at jenniferjgottschalk@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support of our schools and students! Go Eagles!