



MAY, 2019 --- UPDATE ON THE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

In an effort to continue the transparency of the construction project; each month, there will be an update shared throughout the various platforms – Milan Standard, Community Members for a Better Milan C-2, Milan C-2 School District website, Social Media outlets, etc.

After the election on April 2nd, 2019 – the voters within the Milan C-2 School District overwhelmingly supported the \$.35 per \$100 of Assessed Valuation Property Tax increase to assist in addressing four (4) priorities within the school district. Those priorities are as follows:

1. Improve Student Safety – moving all instructional classes/areas out of the MODULAR Building to the current ELEMENTARY building – this will be ready at the beginning of the **2020-2021 School Year**.
2. Provide a spacious Cafeteria/Commons Area – implementing a 5000 square foot facility to allow for three (3) lunch shifts – beginning at 11:00 a.m. – this will be ready at the beginning of the **2020-2021 School Year**.
3. Allow a modern Library/Media Center – the new facility will be located in the current Cafeteria/Small gym – allowing for 3000 square feet of area. This will be ready at the beginning of the **2020-2021 School Year**.
4. Construct a Competitive Gymnasium – the new gymnasium will sit due east of the current gym and the court will run north to south. Right now, the current (old) gym runs east to west. This will allow for 1000 spectators for floor use events and 1500 spectators when the gym floor can be used for seating. This will be ready at the beginning of the **2020-2021 School Year**.

Since the election, the district's Architectural Firm – Porter-Berendzen and Associates – have been drafting plans to begin the "Request for Proposals" (RFP) process. This preparation process will take approximately 2-3 months. It is absolutely VITAL that this process is done thoroughly and completely. In late April, All State Geo-Technical Engineers – drilled ten (10) holes throughout the new construction site. Specifically, six (6) of the holes went 20 feet in depth and

the remaining four (4) holes went 15 feet in depth. This will be crucial to properly plan for the specific type of footings and foundation the new facilities will need.

The Architects; plus, Geo-Technical, Structural, Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing engineers are holding a planning/drafting meeting in late May – to review the plans and the plotting/surveying completed in January or February. Provisional plans for the RFP will be sent to the district for review. Once the RFP is prepared for disbursement, it will be advertised locally and statewide through multiple platforms.

Construction is slotted to begin in late August or early September – a “Ground-Breaking” ceremony will be held and details will be shared when this is officially scheduled.

As of now, the biggest change is the location of the new bathrooms – the previous plans had the restrooms located in the current *open space* (between the breezeway connecting the gym with the high school and the Vo-Ag shop/area); due to budgetary and water drain concerns – the bathrooms were moved east. This allows for a much better access to the bathrooms.

Keep in mind, that much of the specific engineering details could not be initiated until the election was complete – this is the primary reason for the delay in construction.

The first payment for the \$4,000,000 principal loan will be due in July of 2020.

If there are any questions or comments about any of this information OR anything about the process overall, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Yocom at 660-265-4414 Ext. 1 or by email at byocom@milan.k12.mo.us.