

BOND PROGRAM UPDATES



WHAT'S COMPLETE, IN PROCESS AND ON THE HORIZON

July 13, 2020

We're making exciting progress on our program! Here's an update on what's happening.

Overall Project Status

- We are so thankful to the many volunteers who have given their time to share feedback and suggestions with us. Thank you!
- We received the first bills for the schematic design, and we are on budget so far.
- For the foreseeable future, we will continue to meet via Zoom due to COVID. This approach is keeping us on task quite well.

7/8 Grade Addition to High School

- The architect continues to work on the design documents.
- The user group will meet in August for the final design presentation and budget update.

New Elementary K-6 Building

- We have had two meetings with the steering committee and school staff about the new elementary building.
 - We reviewed overhead views of different building configurations and discussed a one-level versus a two-level building.
 - We discussed the “vibe” of our new elementary and the experience that we want for our kids and staff.
 - We reviewed six high-level concept design options with the group and narrowed the choices to 2-3 designs for further development.
- Here is the feedback from the steering committee and school staff that the architect will use to create our guiding principles for the new elementary:
 - The image of the building should be:
 - Open and welcoming
 - Creative and innovative

- Bright, colorful and energetic
- The community impact of the building should be:
 - Functional, multi-purpose and flexible to meet as many needs as possible
 - Fiscally responsible and a great investment
 - Demonstrate school and community pride
- The collaboration aspect of the building should be:
 - Flexible and adaptable
 - Multi-purpose with collaboration areas for teacher-to-teacher, volunteer-to-student, or volunteer-to-teacher interactions
 - Include a collaboration space dedicated to students
- The building should meet the following needs:
 - Easy access to restrooms with automatic features, sinks, water, bottle filling stations
 - Spaces that are sized appropriately, such as counters, shelves, furniture, lockers, etc.
 - Open spaces and space to move
- The building should accommodate the needs of students in grades 1-6:
 - Instructional flexibility with technology, furniture, and teaching arrangements
 - Flexible classrooms that are easily adjusted to suit multiple purposes
 - Windows and natural lighting
- The building should accommodate the following staff needs:
 - Teacher-dedicated storage incorporated seamlessly into teaching environment
 - Availability of communication tools for teacher-to-teacher and teacher-to-admin use
 - Workspaces located between classrooms for teacher and student use
- We will review the designs at the next user group meeting on July 22.

7/8 Gym

- We continue to explore the best location for the gym in either the high school or new K-6 building.

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
- School board meetings
- South County News Purple & Gold insert
- School website and app
- Schoolcraft Community Schools Facebook page
- Bond Updates for SCS Facebook page
- School newsletters (during the school year)

If you have questions about the bond program, please reach out to Jill VanDyken, Jennifer Gottschalk or Wade Rutkoskie at facilities@schoolcraftcs.org
Thank you for your support of our schools and students! Go Eagles!