

## **September 14, 2020**

We hope that everyone is settling into the school year! Here's an update on what's happening with the school building project.

# **Overall Project Status**

- We continue to move forward on our bond program through regular Zoom calls with school administration and staff, parents and volunteers.
- We thank everyone for their time and commitment to this project despite busy schedules and competing priorities.

## 7/8 Grade Addition to High School

- We continue to make progress on the 7/8 wing. The wing will be called the Junior High.
- The wing will have a new office with a secure entry from the east side of the building.
- The wing will include three new classrooms in addition to the four existing classrooms, as well as a new collaboration space.
- We will convert existing storage/custodial space to a new unisex bathroom inside the wing.
- A door will separate the 7/8 grade wing from the rest of the high school corridors.
- The look, layout, and style of the new spaces will be consistent with the existing building.
- To comply with code, the addition will include a fire wall to separate the new addition from the existing building.
- Our plan is to break ground this fall after construction documents, budgeting, bidding and contract awards are complete.

• Check out some renderings of the exterior, collaboration room and classroom.

# **New Elementary PreK-6 Building**

- The architect is working on schematic designs of the concept selected by the user group.
- The design will feature:
  - A radial design with learning wings, with two of the wings having partial second stories
  - One large common hallway
  - A central dining/activity space
  - A common area and collaboration spaces where the wings meet
  - Separate bus and car loops, with the bus loop connected to the existing high school bus loop
  - Multiple entrances for drop off/pick up
  - A parking lot connected to the high school parking lot as a second access point for large events
  - The opportunity for separate entrance/parking for PreK/Kindergarten

### 7/8 **Gym**

 We are still exploring the best location for the gym in either the high school or new PreK-6 building.

#### **Athletic Improvements**

 Design of the outdoor athletic improvements will begin after the educational spaces and gymnasiums.

#### 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
- 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!