

Construction Update - 5/20/2019

After a busy spring of meetings, planning, budget forecasting, and implementation, several projects are underway. The following is a summary of those activities for the months of March, April and May, 2019.

1 – Tech & Safety - Most of the following work will be complete by Labor Day 2019. Much of the equipment and installation work has already been bid. Many new devices have been ordered and are being integrated into student and staff activities already.

A. Technology

1. Includes replacement of aging technology devices for Students, Staff, and Classroom
2. Updates to wiring infrastructure inside and between buildings

B. Security

1. Purchase and installation of security cameras throughout campus and inside buildings.
2. Additional door access hardware and controls at exterior doors and some interior doors.
3. An automated gate will be installed to control access near the tennis courts.

C. Safety film on existing windows to provide more security.

2 – Roof Replacement. Following detailed field inspection, construction budgeting and prioritization of work, the extensive work needed at the middle and high school will largely be accomplished during the summer of 2020. Some immediate work will be accomplished during the summer 2019 months to address current problems. The completed work will not only provide a new roofing system to the middle and high schools, but will also add insulation to the roofs to bring the assemblies up to current energy code guidelines. Those projects are planned for release to bidders in December 2019, so all preparations can be ready for summer 2020 installation.

3 – Pavement Replacement. – The construction documents are out for bid, with the bid opening on May 23. Most of the pavement replacement and curb/sidewalk repair will occur in two phases. The first phase will replace the asphalt paving, along with damaged curbs and sidewalks around the high school parking lot and extending to Western Street. The second phase of work will then replace asphalt paving, damaged curbs, and sidewalks from the tennis courts east to the campus entrance at McGillen Ave. There will also be crack repair, sealing and re-striping to the pavement that will remain.

Access to the schools will be available. But, expect some changes to your normal driving patterns and access points to the schools during construction. Awareness of access points and cooperation with construction personnel during this time will be critical to expediting the work and ensuring success for all.

4 – Athletic Team Building – Construction documents are being completed. with bidding to follow. After bid award and permitting, expect site activity to begin late this summer, with foundations, masonry walls, and roof construction to be very active during the fall months. Completion of the project is expected to be ready for use during spring 2020 sports. The masonry facility will be located behind the stadium's home grandstand. Characteristics of the facility will include: Two team rooms for outdoor athletes to change in and meet with coaches,

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restrooms, and concession facilities for football, lacrosse, baseball, softball activities, official's changing area, and paved walks to the parking lot and softball/baseball fields.

5 – The remodeling of the former Later Elementary building into the Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC), district administration offices, and community connection spaces, is being designed currently with the release for bids expected in August. After bid award and permitting, expect site activity to begin in the fall. Exterior activity will include updating the exterior of the walls along Murray Street, window replacement and roofing work over the north wing. Much activity will be happening over the coming year on the inside to remove asbestos materials, and replace mechanical, electrical, fire suppression, lighting and interior doors and finishes to prepare for the building's new uses. We'll also be bringing the building up-to-speed with current safety and security measures, as well as implementing technology systems to match other district facilities. Completion of construction and occupancy will not happen before the Fall of 2020.

6 – East Campus Demolition & Redevelopment – We have been analyzing this part of the campus as part of the campus master planning process. Design continues. Survey work has been completed to clarify boundaries, site utilities drives and topography. Demolition will probably begin to the former early elementary and central buildings following occupancy of the ECEC. Redevelopment of this part of campus will not be complete before late fall 2020.

As the vision of this bond issue starts to come to life, we hope that you will be as excited as we have been during the planning stages. But, we also ask for your patience during this process and your cooperation in maintaining a safe environment for all during construction. We'll be trying to keep you informed of progress over the next several months. As questions arise, please allow us to respond as best we can. This is an exciting time for Mattawan Consolidated Schools. Let's enjoy it together!