August 16, 2023

Dear Lakeview Community,

Improvements at Lakeview Middle School remain on target and on budget with much work taking place this summer in preparation for the return of students on August 23. The work is made possible by voter approval of funds in 2021 and is part of an overall facilities plan to support teaching and learning across the district for years to come.

A major celebration is the improvement of the middle school sidewalks, parking lots and drives. The new drive and pick-up and drop-off procedures are designed to reduce wait times for parents and alleviate traffic back-ups and student safety concerns. Parents and students will receive information on the new pick-up and drop-off procedures in the school newsletter and at Meet Your Teacher Night activities. *Meet Your Teacher Night takes place on Monday, August 21 from 4pm-7pm at the elementary schools and Lakeview Middle School.*

Also completed this summer were renovations including technology and infrastructure upgrades to the middle school F-wing. Work continues on the new, two-story addition for 7th and 8th-grade instruction. The addition will also include a new library media center for grades 5th-8th. These spaces will be ready for full occupancy in the spring of 2024. When the project is complete, in 2025, LMS students and staff will benefit from renovations to the gymnasium, pool, auditorium, and cafeteria, along with new instructional technology and the infrastructure to support it.

Another big celebration is the opening of Spartan Memorial Stadium for community access. The track is available for walking and running daily from dawn to dusk when not in use for instruction, practices and events. Access is available through the northeast gate between the baseball field and visitor’s concession stand. The district has also updated our process and guidelines for facilities use to improve service and maintain our community’s investment in our schools. We look forward to welcoming our community youth programs this fall when our future LHS players get their first opportunity to play on the big field!

Age appropriate learning space for preschool programming and the aging Territorial School building (where the district’s alternative education program and central offices are located) were two of the needs identified in the 2021 Bond. The original plan called for reconstructing Territorial School as a community preschool center. We now have an opportunity to better utilize space and available funds by constructing one to two early childhood classrooms at each elementary building.

Establishing preschool classrooms at our elementary schools will connect our families to our elementary buildings and staff, building a strong sense of community and family and provide for a seamless transition for students. There is also the added convenience for families able to have their
children attend the same building. This will also yield significant cost savings to the overall total project cost.

We continue to evaluate options for addressing needs at the Territorial School. Early in the planning process, the Board of Education and district leadership heard from our community the desire to preserve the Territorial site for instructional purposes, community recreation and/or green space. Our commitment to using tax dollars wisely and to reserve the site for instructional purposes and/or community use remain unchanged. Any changes to that plan would require significant input from the community.

All of this is possible through the bond supported by voters in May of 2021 that will impact students and staff in every Lakeview building by helping us meet instructional needs, support our athletics and fine arts programs, improve our elementary playgrounds, and make our campuses more accessible to the community.

We are grateful for the support and excited about continuing our work to provide Lakeview students with the highest quality educational experiences.

Sincerely

Dr. William Patterson
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Lakeview School District
2021 Bond Overview
Updated August 2023

Complete

Update elementary school classrooms & playgrounds
Upgrade Lakeview High School football field & track
Replace and repair high school parking lots

Additions/renovations to LMS learning environment
• Demolition and preparation for Phase 1A - New 7/8 addition
• Staff input & technology pilot for Phase 1B – “F Wing” classroom renovations
• Improve LMS student drop off/pick-up, buss loop and parking

Increase opportunities for student use and community access
• Update facilities use guidelines to improve service and protect community’s investment.
• Provide community access to newly renovated track at LHS Spartan Memorial Stadium.

Progressing

Additions/renovations to LMS learning environment
• Remodel existing space to support an elementary learning environment for 5th-6th grades
• Construct new space to support a secondary learning environment for 7th-8th grades
• New media center as part of new construction and investment in classroom libraries
• Renovate gymnasium, pool, auditorium, and cafeteria

Update technology & infrastructure to current standards
*Technology samples onsite for piloting. Committee meetings ongoing for staff input.*
• Upgrade student and teacher technology devices and classroom technology
• Replace IT infrastructure, servers and cabling
• Improve mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems

Planning

Improve LMS fine arts program spaces
Construct new instructional spaces for early learning opportunities
Maintain Territorial property for instructional use and community recreation
Update instructional space for the Alternative Education program
Maintain facilities for Central Office