

BUILDING FOR OUR FUTURE

CONSTRUCTION, TRANSITIONS, BOUNDARIES, AND BELL TIMES UPDATES

JANUARY 2022



SUN PRAIRIE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUILDING
— PHASE TWO —
for every child, every day

What's Inside:

- Update on Sun Prairie West High School
- Updates on District-Wide Projects
- The Big Move 2022
- Secondary Boundary and Bell Time Task Force Information

Dear Sun Prairie Area Community,

The historic construction of Sun Prairie West High School combined with the renovations at Cardinal Heights (soon to be Central Heights Middle School), Prairie Phoenix Academy, and Sun Prairie East High School have been an enormous task. What we are so proud of is the amount of community engagement we have had throughout the entire process. Our Secondary School Space Planning Committee recommended the facilities plan to the School Board. Our staff was involved in the interior and exterior design process and furniture selection process. Our staff and community members were actively involved in committees such as the Naming Committee and Athletics and Activities Configuration Committee. The Secondary Boundary and Bell Time Task Force studied and recommended solutions for our students and families. We are proud to say that the entire long-range facilities plan has had engagement from our community and staff every step of the way. We simply could not have done it without you. This newsletter will provide you with updates on all of the projects and show you the work that we have done together as a community to support every child, every day.

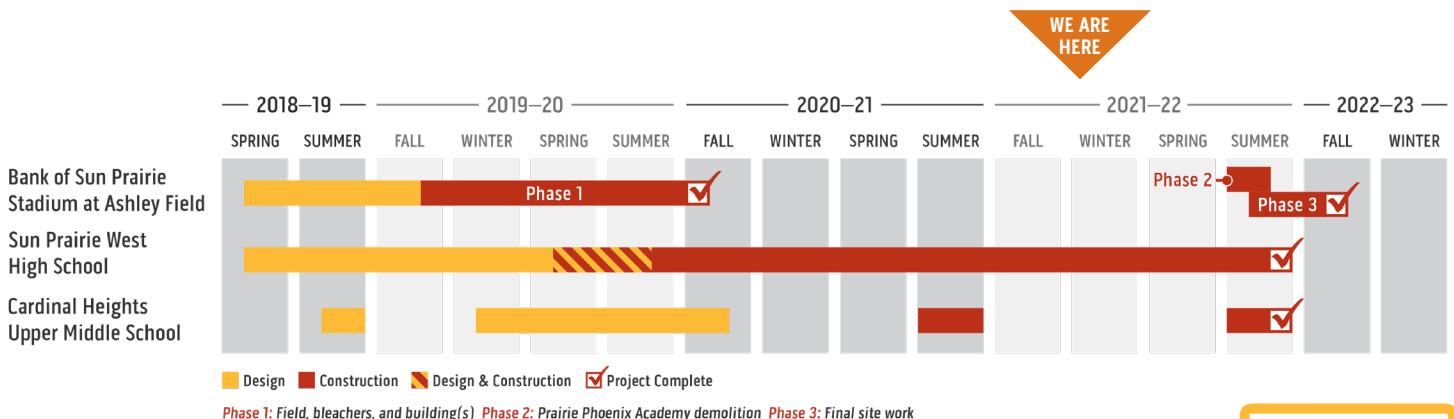
Dr. Brad Saron, Superintendent

Dr. Steve Schroeder, School Board President

PROJECT *highlights:*

- All projects are on time and on budget
- Almost all of our bonds were locked into historically low interest rates
- Because of early procurement, we avoided almost all supply chain issues
- All schools have similar features but are also unique in their designs
- Secondary boundaries were developed more than 18 months ahead of opening to give the community time to understand how they affect community members

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE



Want to learn more? Please visit sunprairieschools.org/ref2019



SUN PRAIRIE WEST HIGH SCHOOL

We are so excited that Sun Prairie West High School will be complete in August! The construction crew has made a lot of progress over the last year and will turn the new building over to the District this upcoming summer.

Exterior site work is complete until the spring, when final paving, lane/parking lot striping, signage, and plantings will be finished. Sidewalks and landscaping at the front entry will also be completed in the spring/summer. Interior work is nearing completion in the Learning Communities with doors and final accessories being installed. The HVAC and building security systems are in progress. Crews have been working on painting, flooring, and ceiling finishes in the tech ed spaces as well as flooring and ceiling finishes in the main distribution kitchen and the teaching kitchens. The wood flooring in the gym is underway, and the bleachers will soon follow. We cannot wait for our community to see these new spaces!

Watch for biweekly project updates on the District website.



SUN PRAIRIE EAST HIGH SCHOOL

Select areas within the existing Sun Prairie (East) High School will be renovated to provide similar collaborative spaces to Sun Prairie West High School:

- The existing 12 learning communities will be modified to create open collaboration and commons spaces with added transparency into classrooms, creating a learning community organization similar to Sun Prairie West.
- Technology bars and small-group rooms will be added strategically throughout the 12 learning communities.
- A lounge collaboration space and associated small-group rooms are being created between the existing library and cafeteria, providing an additional learning space and opening up the entry to the library from the cafeteria.



CARDINAL HEIGHTS PROGRESS

Cardinal Heights Upper Middle School

- Replaced water and mechanical piping
- Total library renovation in Summer 2022
- Upgraded to exterior door access control
- Renovated front office coming in Summer 2022



CAPITAL MAINTENANCE CONTINUES THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT

Patrick Marsh Middle School & Prairie View Middle School

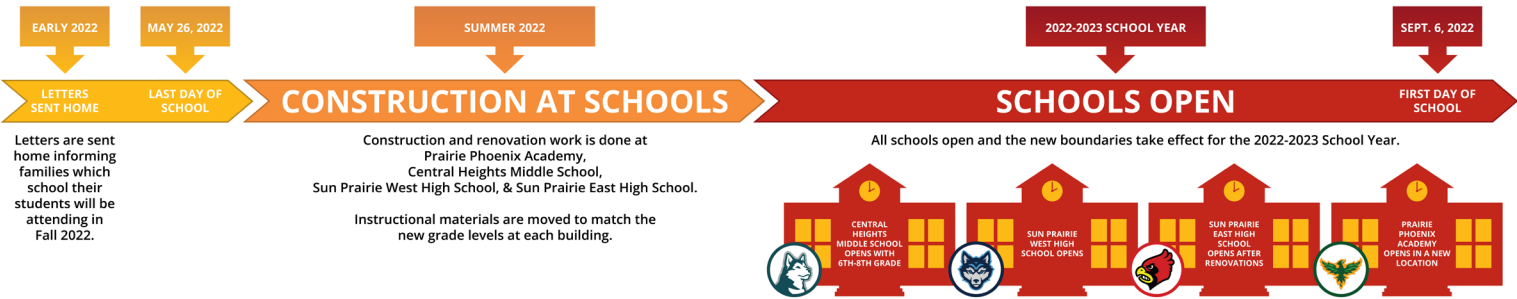
- Replaced skylights
- Repaired exterior wall system repairs
- Replaced carpet in various rooms
- Renovated Technical Education spaces

THE BIG MOVE

Because of the complexities of reorganizing our secondary schools to three 6-8 middle schools and two 9-12 high schools, we started planning many months ago. During our reconfiguration process for grades 6–12, the Sun Prairie Area School District is committed to building equitable school experiences for students.

The Big Move is the coordination of moving teacher resource materials in preparation for the 2022–2023 school year. The project plan is very detailed and includes inventory of textbooks and learning materials.

The *BIG MOVE* 2022



did you KNOW?

- **2/3** of the materials will move from Central Heights to Prairie View and Patrick Marsh Middle Schools
- **100%** of 9th-grade materials will move to two high schools
- **100%** of Prairie Phoenix Academy materials will move to the new site
- **50%** of textbooks and instructional materials will move to Sun Prairie West from Sun Prairie East

THE BIG TRANSITION

We are reassigning teachers from our 6–8 teaching community between all three of our 6–8th middle schools in order to create similar staffing levels of new staff and established staff at each school (i.e. Patrick Marsh Middle School staff may remain at Patrick Marsh, be reassigned to Central Heights, or be reassigned to Prairie View). Similarly, our 9–12 teaching community will be equitably distributed and reassigned across our two comprehensive 9–12 high schools, and in some instances, shifting to teach middle school. For those positions that are more operationally building specific, (i.e. secretarial, custodial, school nutrition), the reassignment process will be less extensive and will occur in the coming months.

The staff of each of our middle schools and high schools is balanced based on experience with our resources, variety in experience, expertise area, and demographic criteria (race, gender, linguistics). In late November, our staff received notification of their preliminary assignments for the 2022–2023 school year.

SUN PRAIRIE WEST HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

The Sun Prairie West High School principal position has been posted with an anticipated announcement of hire by the end of February and a start date of July 1. It was announced in 2020 that a principal had been hired, but then he soon chose to take a promotion closer to home. Because there is plenty of work to do to open a new high school, we have had two retired administrators serving part-time as acting principals. One is coordinating the Curriculum and the other is coordinating Operations, including the physical movement of materials and staff. We will update the community when a principal has been hired.

Chad Whalley will serve as the Associate Principal at Sun Prairie West High School, moving from his role at Sun Prairie East High School.



SECONDARY BOUNDARY AND BELL TIME TASK FORCE

In April 2019, the Sun Prairie Area School District community approved a capital referendum to build an additional comprehensive high school, reconfigure the Cardinal Heights Upper Middle School building to become the District's third middle school (serving grades 6-8), relocate Prairie Phoenix Academy to a separate and dedicated space in the current Cardinal Heights building, and build a new multi-purpose stadium at Ashley Field.

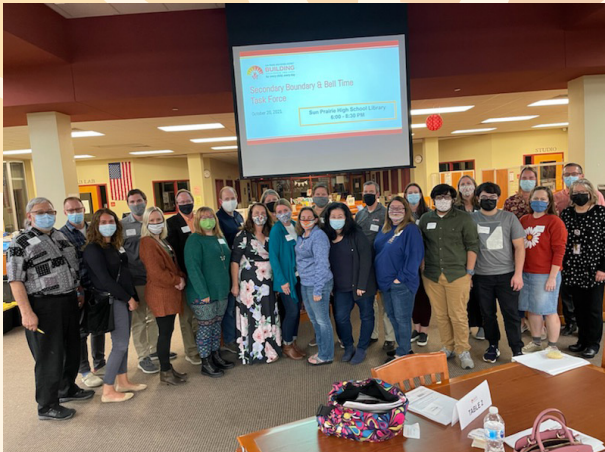
The referendum's success will change the grades served at each middle and high school.

- There will no longer be an upper middle school.
- Eighth graders will be redistributed to the District's three middle schools.
- Ninth graders will shift to Sun Prairie East and Sun Prairie West High Schools.

This new configuration will eliminate one school transition for students as they progress through the grades, allowing for more stability and relationship building while attending a school.

The additional middle and high school also requires that secondary boundaries (grades 6–12) be redrawn and go into effect fall 2022. Based on the extensive changes and adjustments to the grade levels and buildings in the District, the School Board created a charge for a community task force to guide the updated boundary and bell time work.

Since September 2020, the Secondary Boundary and Bell Time Task Force has diligently worked to recommend new boundaries for all secondary schools and to examine district-wide bell times to be effective September 2022.



Thank you to the task force for their dedication!

On behalf of the Board, administration, and the entire Sun Prairie Community, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Secondary Boundary and Bell Time Task Force for their hours of taxing and detailed work invested throughout this process. The time sacrificed away from their families was significant. The task force never took their eyes or their hearts off the greater good of the District. Their work leaves a legacy for this District for years to come.



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TASK FORCE MEETINGS

from September 16, 2020 to October 20, 2021



1,775+

HOURS INVESTED

by the Task Force



365+

PUBLIC COMMENTS

considered over the course of the work



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**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
EVENTS**



4 **COMMUNITY
SURVEYS**

with

6,250+
RESPONSES

SECONDARY BOUNDARY | EVALUATION CRITERIA

The School Board determined one evaluation criteria for the work of the task force and allowed the task force to establish the remaining criteria.

PRIMARY BOARD DETERMINED CRITERIA
EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS AND RACIAL COMPOSITION

SECONDARY TASK FORCE GENERATED & BOARD APPROVED CRITERIA

Student Cohort /
Neighborhood Continuity
from Elementary to
Middle to High School

Transportation Time, Cost
and Proximity

Starting Enrollments /
Resources Reasonably
Balanced

Longevity / Sustainability
of Boundaries

The new secondary boundaries based on the defined criteria are reflected in the following charts.

EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS & RACIAL COMPOSITION

	MIDDLE SCHOOL			HIGH SCHOOL	
	Central Heights	Patrick Marsh	Prairie View	Sun Prairie East	Sun Prairie West
Free/Reduced Lunch %	~34%	~33%	~31%	~27%	~29%
Students of Color %	~40%	~38%	~45%	~29%	~38%
Smallest Racial Group	~47 Students	~43 Students	~46 Students	~66 Students	~85 Students

STARTING ENROLLMENTS/RESOURCES REASONABLY BALANCED

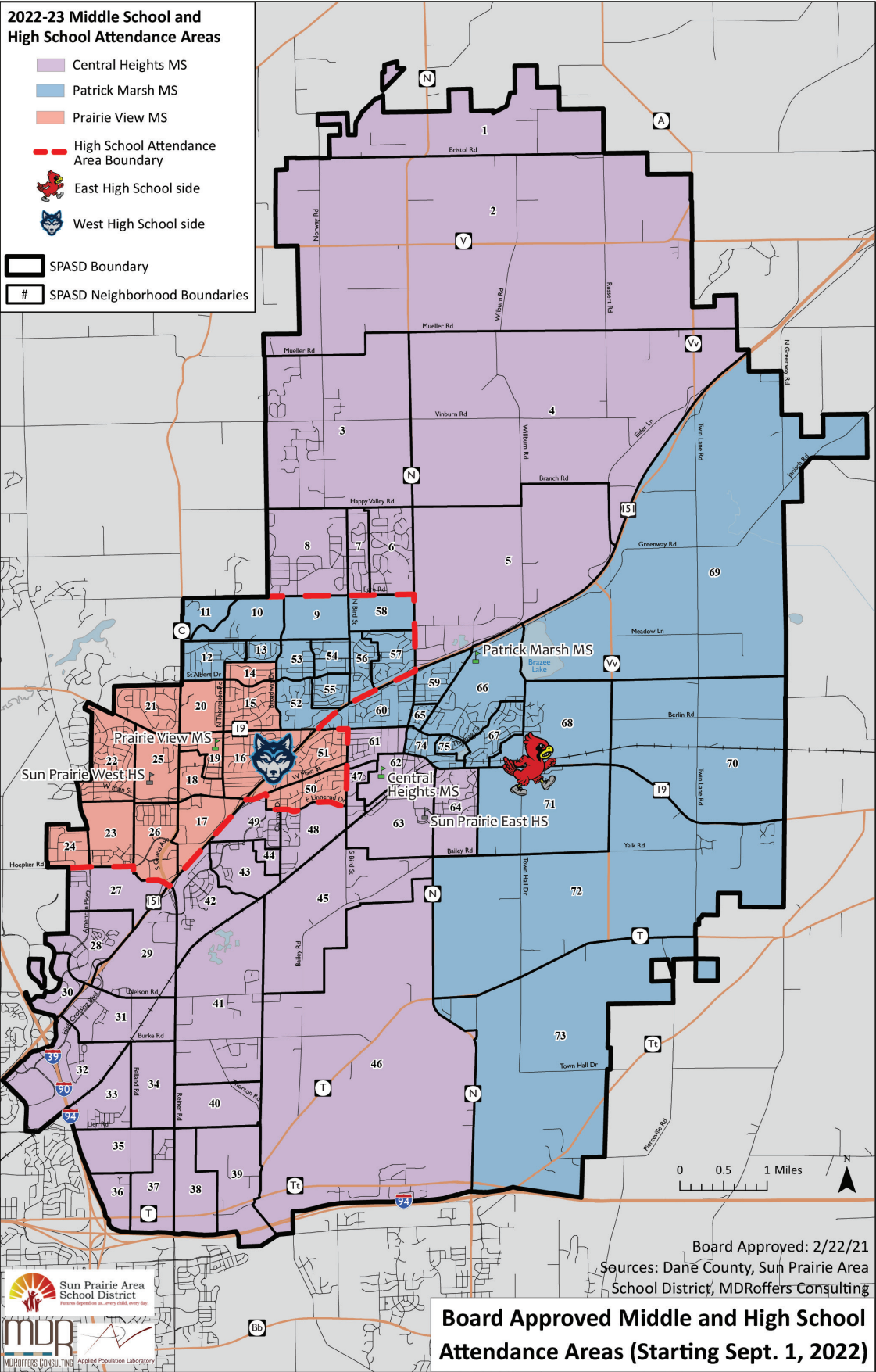
Year 2022 Projected Enrollment	588	596	629	1,258	1,252
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LONGEVITY/SUSTAINABILITY OF BOUNDARIES

Year 2025 Projected Enrollment	651	594	657	1,263	1,298
Year 2030 Projected Enrollment	738	648	702	1,339	1,341
Year 2035 Projected Enrollment	835	699	695	1,470	1,387
Building Capacity Range (Targeted - Max)	725–853	725–853	725–853	1,658–2,073	1,658–2,073

If growth occurs as currently projected, the District should not need to address secondary boundaries until well into the future. According to current projections, these boundaries should serve the District until at least 2035.

SECONDARY BOUNDARIES | EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 2022



BELL TIMES | EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 2022

After making their boundaries recommendation to the Board, the task force turned their attention to bell times.

There were three factors that the task force needed to determine.

- What was the target earliest and latest pick-up and drop-off time for students riding the bus?
- What, if any, grade level mixing could occur on the busses (elementary and secondary)?
- What overall changes/shifts could occur with bell times (school start and end times) ?

After conducting a community survey and discussing the results, the consensus of the task force was:

- Elementary school bell times should begin prior to middle/high schools.
- A time gap should be created in the schedule between elementary and middle/high school groupings so that the district has the option to run double (tiered) bus routes.
- The District should use 8:30 a.m. as start time guidance for middle/high school scheduling.

Two additional family, staff, and student surveys were conducted. In the final survey, the task force reconciled the preferred start/end times along with comments received to finalize their recommendation. The recommendation was endorsed by administration and will be implemented when school starts in the fall 2022.

Sun Prairie Schools FUTURE BELL SCHEDULE (Fall 2022)	Start Time	End Time
4 Year Old Kindergarten - District Sites	7:40 a.m. / 11:42 a.m.	10:23 a.m. / 2:40 p.m.
4 Year Old Kindergarten - Partner Sites	7:50 am / 11:32 a.m.	10:33 am / 2:30 p.m.
Elementary School (Grades K–5)	7:40 a.m.	2:40 p.m.
Middle School (Grades 6–8)	8:25 a.m.	3:35 p.m.
High School (Grades 9–12)	8:35 a.m.	3:45 p.m.

Sun Prairie Area bell times compared with Dane County Districts

District	Elementary	Middle School	High School
Verona	7:20 a.m.–2:15 p.m.	8:05 a.m.-3:05 p.m.	8:45 a.m.–3:50 p.m.
Madison	7:30–2:27 / 8:20–3:17 / 8:40–3:37 / 9:10–4:07	7:33–2:50 / 9:00–4:17	8:15 a.m.–3:37 p.m.
Oregon	7:35–2:50 (K–4) / 7:55–2:55 (5-6)	8:35 a.m.–3:50 p.m.	8:35 am–3:50 p.m.
Deforest	7:40–2:40 (K–3) / 7:45–3:10 (4–6)	8:30 a.m.–3:45 p.m.	8:20 am–3:40 p.m.
Waunakee	7:40–2:40 (K–4) / 8:18–3:35 (5–6)	8:15 a.m.–3:35 p.m.	8:15 a.m.–3:35 p.m.
McFarland	7:45–2:42 (K–2) / 8:00–3:00 (3–5)	8:10 a.m.–3:36 p.m.	7:55 a.m.–3:15 p.m.
Monona Grove	7:45 a.m.–2:50 p.m.	8:15 a.m.–3:35 p.m.	8:15 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
Middleton-Cross Plains	7:45 a.m.–2:40 p.m.	8:20 a.m.–3:36 p.m.	8:25 a.m.–3:44 p.m.
Stoughton	7:45 a.m.–3:00 p.m.	8:15 a.m.–3:15 p.m.	8:30 a.m.–3:35 p.m.
Deerfield	7:50 a.m.–3:00 p.m.	7:48 a.m.–3:10 p.m.	7:48 a.m.–3:10 p.m.
Wisconsin Heights	7:50 a.m.–2:50 p.m.	7:55 a.m.–3:19 p.m.	7:55 a.m.–3:19 p.m.
Cambridge	7:57 a.m.–3:05 p.m.	7:50 a.m.–3:15 p.m.	7:45 a.m.–3:10 p.m.
Belleville	8:00 a.m.–3:15 p.m.	8:00 a.m.–3:25 p.m.	8:00 a.m.–3:25 p.m.
Marshall	8:05 a.m.–3:17 p.m. (3–6)	8:00 a.m.–3:27 p.m.	8:00 a.m.–3:25 p.m.
Mount Horeb	8:05–3:15 (K–2) / 8:00–3:23 (3–5)	8:00 a.m.–3:25 p.m.	8:05 a.m.–3:25 p.m.
Sun Prairie (CURRENT)	8:20 a.m.–3:18 p.m.	7:40 a.m.–2:56 p.m.	8:00 a.m.–3:22 p.m.
Sun Prairie (FUTURE)	7:40 a.m.–2:40 p.m.	8:25 a.m.–3:35 p.m.	8:35a.m.–3:45 p.m.



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AWARD-WINNING BANK OF SUN PRAIRIE STADIUM AT ASHLEY FIELD

The Bank of Sun Prairie Stadium at Ashley Field was awarded the **Excellence in Partnering Award** by the Associated General Contractors of Wisconsin. The Excellence in Partnering Award is awarded to a project team that successfully utilized a partnering process and honors all stakeholders. The Sun Prairie Area School District along with its partners, Bray Architects and Findorff, worked tirelessly throughout the process to deliver a project for the entire community.



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Check Infinite Campus to see what school your student will be attending in fall 2022. Check out the Boundary map and learn more by scanning this QR code.