

APRIL 2022

# OSHKOSH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT

## WHAT'S NEW?

Vel Phillips Middle School construction has started! Over the past few weeks, Miron Construction has been actively placing the stormwater control systems into the ground in preparation for the building. Since the site of our new school was undeveloped, engineering had to start from the ground up. Stormwater drainage was the first thing that had to be addressed, which involved installing a large underground water detention system. The large pipes currently being installed will capture, temporarily hold, and then properly release stormwater into the City's storm system to not over-burden the current infrastructure.

In addition to the construction, the official groundbreaking ceremony for Vel Phillips Middle School took place on April 6. The ceremony included performances by the Webster Stanley and Merrill Middle School bands, as well as comments from future Vel Phillips Middle School students and families, District leaders and volunteers, and the school's principal. The ceremony ended with confetti-filled ceremonial shovel turns.

## PLANNING & DESIGN UPDATE

The design phase for the new Northside Elementary School is in full swing. Conceptual site plans and building drawings are progressing as the OASD and Bray Architects figure out the best solution for this site, and the new school community.

Also, did you know that the OASD is meeting with the Facilities Advisory Committee (FAC) again? The School Board has charged district administration to study four separate needs areas within the OASD. This work is being done by dedicated volunteers as part of the reinstated FAC 2.0.

The FAC 2.0 is responsible for studying the existing infrastructure needs and goals to address the following areas in the District: outdoor athletic competition and practice facilities; indoor athletic and multi-purpose practice facilities; fine arts performance facilities; and aquatic competition and practice facilities. Stay tuned for more updates once the FAC 2.0 completes its bi-weekly meetings in late May. To learn more about the work of the FAC 2.0, contact Deputy Superintendent Dave Gundlach at [david.gundlach@oshkosh.k12.wi.us](mailto:david.gundlach@oshkosh.k12.wi.us).



STUDENTS AT THE GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY FOR VEL PHILLIPS MIDDLE SCHOOL



## WHAT'S NEXT?

- » The foundation will be constructed and walls will begin to rise at the Vel Phillips Middle School construction site.
- » Continued development of the new Northside Elementary School.
- » On-going Facilities Advisory Committee discussions for the next phases of future projects.
- » The next Vel Phillips Middle School community meeting with project updates and Q&A. Once details are finalized, the meeting date and time will be posted to the OASD website.



VPMS DRAINAGE CULVERTS AWAITING INSTALLATION



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