



March 2019

“Innovation is simply group intelligence having fun.” – Michael Nolan

Dear Neighbors of Northwood Jr. High School,

North Shore School District 112 is embarking on the first phase of a Long-Range Plan that involves making improvements to our schools. Starting in July, we'll begin work to improve and modernize Northwood Jr. High School. Northwood's modernization is first on our list of projects. This will mark the first major facility or school improvement since Oak Terrace School was built in the early 2000s.

We will provide all neighbors with timely communication about school and district news that will impact all of you. As such, we are sharing upcoming Northwood construction information in this letter and the accompanying packet of information.

From July 2019-December 2020, we're planning to upgrade and improve the structure, appearance and educational impact of Northwood. When we open the new Northwood Middle School in 2021, we expect to be the envy of the North Shore in terms of school educational site design and learning opportunities. Following the Northwood project, we'll immediately begin a similar process at Edgewood Middle School.

During construction, and starting in August 2019, all students and staff (along with buses and traffic) for Northwood will transition to Elm Place School, 2031 Sheridan Road. During construction, we will not hold any classes at the current Northwood school site. We are working with the City of the Highland Park and will establish a construction plan that will denote hours of construction, construction parking and other information in an effort to minimize the impact on the neighborhood. This information will be posted on the District's website and the City's website. Much of the work will be internal. The external work is anticipated to be completed prior to the winter.

The attached packet of information has drawings and information to illustrate what we're doing and what the modernized school will look like. In addition to this packet of information, the City's Plan Development process includes a public hearing and public meetings. If you would like to receive an email about upcoming meetings, please contact the City of Highland Park at cityhp@cityhpil.com or call 847-926-1000. The first public workshop will be held at the City of Highland Park Plan and Design Commission on Tuesday, April 16, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall. The agenda for this meeting will be posted to the City's website at www.cityhpil.com the preceding Thursday.

Please reach out to me with any questions at mlubelfeld@nssd112.org or 224-765-3001!

Sincerely yours,

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Superintendent of Schools

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NORTHWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL |
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- CIRCULATION
- SCIENCE
- SUPPORT
- FACULTY/ADMINISTRATION
- MAKER/ART
- MUSIC
- GRADE LEVEL CLASSROOM
- STEM
- LIBRARY/DINING COMMONS
- PHYSICAL EDUCATION
- STUDENT RESOURCE
- AUDITORIUM
- COMMUNICATION MEDIA ARTS



SECOND FLOOR PLAN

DEPARTMENT LEGEND

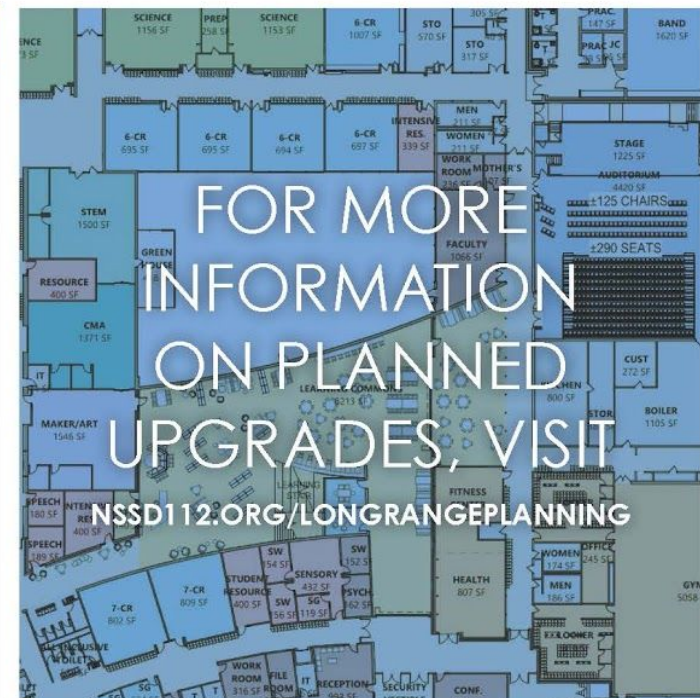
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LONG-RANGE PLAN PHASE I (2019-2023)

During Phase I, the district's two middle schools will undergo significant upgrades to improve the learning environments for students and staff. In addition to new classrooms and critical improvements to core building systems, each school will see enhanced libraries, multi-function areas, and performing arts spaces. The list of planned upgrades at both schools include:

NORTHWOOD	EDGEWOOD	PLANNED UPGRADE
•	•	Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) enhancement for entire school
•	•	Learning commons combining dining and Library Media Commons
•	•	Learning stair area
•	•	Enhanced performing arts spaces including music, band, orchestra
•	•	Modern classroom additions
•	•	Increased natural light and other 'light and bright' changes throughout building
•	•	Cafeteria remodel and addition
•		Rebuilt multi-purpose room with retractable auditorium seating
	•	New gymnasium





TRANSITION

During Phase I of construction, students will attend alternative sites while the work on the middle schools are finished. District 112 is committed to ensuring that all students being temporarily relocated will receive the best education possible regardless of their school site. Below is an overview of the initial relocation efforts currently underway:



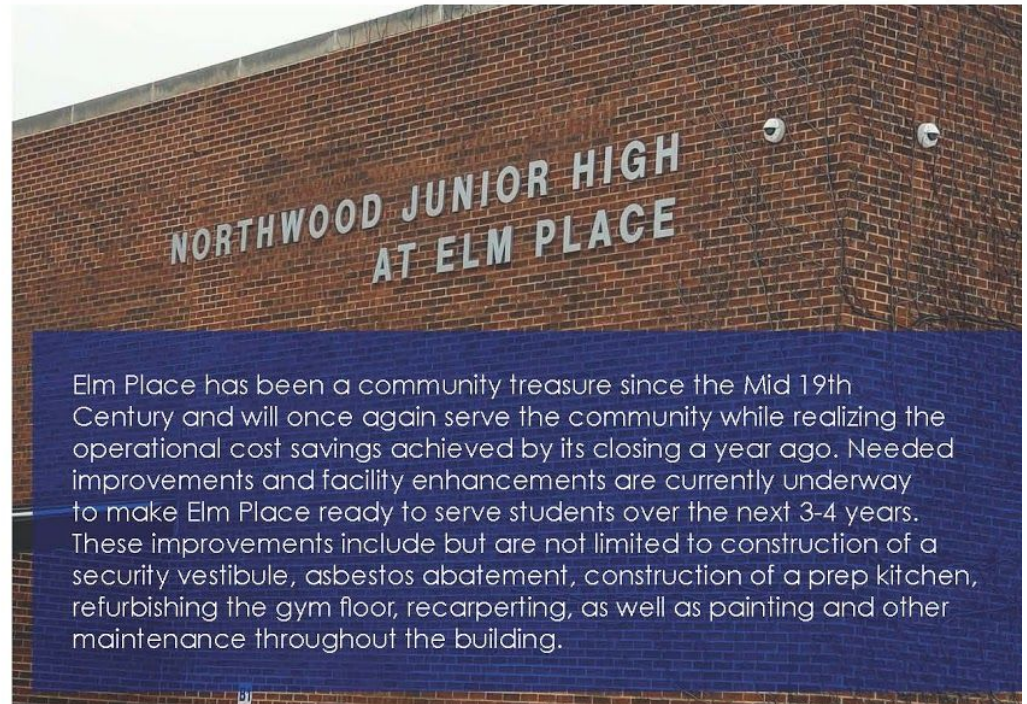
NORTHWOOD

Northwood students will attend classes at the Elm Place campus while their school is under construction. Current students in grades 4-7 at WT, RO, OT, and NW will be affected by this transition. It is planned to have NW students and teachers visit Elm Place this school year to help with the transition next year.



EDGEWOOD

Students from at least two grade levels will attend Elm Place during construction. The location of one grade level will likely have to be at an alternative location that is yet to be determined. Students will remain together by grade level. Current students in grades 2-5 at BR, IT, RA, and SW will be affected by this transition.



ABOUT OUR SCHOOLS

District 112 seeks to maximize opportunities for student success and ensure a consistent and enriching experience for all students. In District 112 all schools are rated Exemplary or Commendable by the State of Illinois.



7 Elementary Schools



2 Middle Schools



1 Early Childhood Center

>70% of teachers have a masters degree or higher



Our average class size is **16 Students**



*Source: 2017-2018 Illinois Report Card

LONG RANGE PLAN PHASE I 2019-2022

In November 2018, the District 112 Board of Education passed Phase 1 of a Long-Range Plan to ensure modernized learning facilities are available to all students. Phase I leverages existing resources and alternate revenue bonds to re-construct facilities at our Northwood and Edgewood Middle School campuses for a total cost not to exceed \$75 million. No new taxes due to the construction & bond issuance will be raised as a part of this work.



Building the Foundation. The Long Range Plan builds on research and insights from engagement and planning efforts spanning nearly a decade by the highly involved, invested, and knowledgeable District 112 community. Phase I provides a foundation for making the greatest possible impact with existing resources while planning for modernization needs in our elementary schools, which will be addressed in Phase II, once Phase I is complete.



Construction Plans. Phase I work will begin with construction at the Northwood campus to begin in Fall 2019. Once the Northwood campus is complete, construction will begin at Edgewood, which is scheduled for completion by the end of 2022.



Stay Involved. For more information on the Long-Range Plan and to find out how you can be involved, visit the District 112 Long-Range Planning website at www.nssd112.org/Long-RangePlanning.

LONG-RANGE PLAN PHASE I OVERVIEW

10-SCHOOL MODEL

- Green Bay Early Childhood Center (GB)
- Red Oak Elementary - Dual Language (RO)
- Oak Terrace Elementary - Dual Language (OT)
- Wayne Thomas Elementary (WT)
- Indian Trail Elementary (IT)
- Sherwood Elementary (SW)
- Braeside Elementary (BR)
- Ravinia Elementary (RA)
- Northwood Middle School (NW)
- Edgewood Middle School (EW)

NORTHWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL

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EDGEWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Construction during 2021-2022 (possibly 2022-2023) school years.
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Recent Academic Improvements. During the past year, we have worked to develop a guaranteed and viable curriculum in core subject areas to ensure all students have an equal opportunity to learn. We have also introduced collaborative learning strategies in all our classrooms, increased professional development and training for our teachers, and introduced enhancements to our special education and dual language programs. District 112 began offering Full-Day Kindergarten during the 2018-2019 school year.



**North Shore School
District 112 Information
January 2019**

DISTRICT 112

North Shore School District 112 proudly serves 4,000 Pre-K through 8th-grade students from the communities of Highland Park, Highwood, and Fort Sheridan. We foster inspiring, innovative, and engaging environments to educate our students and prepare them for life success in a dynamic world.

In District 112, we recognize that the Future Starts NOW, and we are working every day to propel our schools to the next level of excellence. During the 2018-2019 school year, the district welcomed a new superintendent, Michael Lubelfeld, Ed.D., as well as several new administrators at the Principal, Associate Principal, and district administrative levels.

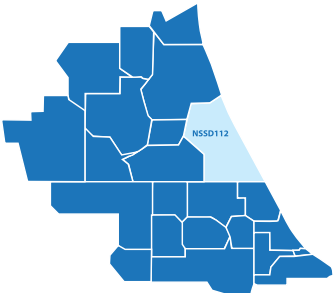
The district is in the midst of a process to bring a refreshed, viable, and consistent curriculum designed to educate all students in all schools. We have implemented new academic enrichment programs across the district, introduced new curricular resources in core language arts & mathematics, and we achieved passage of Phase I of an historic Long-Range Plan to renovate and modernize our middle schools. We hope that any family looking for a new home will consider joining our educationally & culturally rich communities.

Inspire...Innovate...Engage



WHO WE SERVE

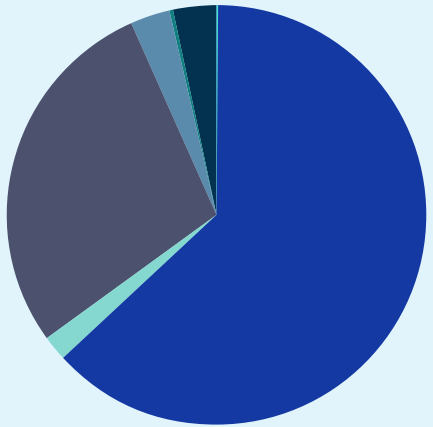
District 112 students come from Highland Park, Highwood, the Town of Fort Sheridan neighborhood, and military family housing at Ft. Sheridan.



3,964 STUDENTS

RACIAL/ETHNIC DIVERSITY

Percentage of students who belong to a particular racial/ethnic group



63.3% White	0.3% American Indian
2% Black	3% Two or More Races
28.3% Hispanic	0.2% Pacific Islander
3.1% Asian	

OUR MISSION

The mission of North Shore School District 112, a community partnership committed to a world-class education, is to nurture every child to become an inspired learner, a well-rounded individual and contributing member of a global community by striving for excellence within an environment that fosters innovation, respect, engagement, and intellectual inquiry.

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Explore the D112 Long-Range Planning Process: www.nssd112.org/Long-RangePlanning

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