

WESTERN SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Western Community,

GOOD NEWS! That's right– I am writing to you with good news, or at least I hope you will view it as good news. Western School District has an opportunity to create an exciting learning experience for our elementary students and it could happen sooner than any of us had hoped.

During the last bond project (2012), we focused heavily on the Dearing Road complex, which includes WMS and WHS. Some of the larger parts of that project were parking lot improvements, access to Michigan Avenue, larger gymnasium, new classrooms, high school commons, auditorium seating and sports fields (youth and high school) up on the Maxson Farm to name a few. We knew back in 2011 that 10-15 years down the road we would need to give more attention to our elementary schools.

Well, it is 10 years later and the timing is favorable to dramatically address the needs of our elementary schools. We can do this **without increasing property tax rates** and build a new elementary complex on land the district already owns. *Western Elementary School* would become a new state of the art, energy efficient K-5 elementary complex located near WHS/WMS that would replace our aging, well-used elementary schools. Western has a reputation of excellence in the community and our facilities should reflect the quality programming and education happening within our buildings.

A decision like this will have a long-term positive impact on our community and we value your input as we move toward finalizing a plan. We will have three (3) community meetings to share information, seek input, and answer questions. All of these meetings will be held in the Western Community Arts Center (WCAC) at 6:00 p.m. Livestream information will be forthcoming for those who wish to attend virtually. These community meetings will be a great opportunity to learn more about the work that has already been done to assess the current state of our facilities, outline building needs, and present our vision for a central elementary complex.

Thursday, September 30, 2021

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

We are very excited about the future of Western Schools and Western Elementary School.

Sincerely,



Michael Smajda
Superintendent

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