



# WAUNAKEE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

## WORKING TOGETHER for a STRONG FUTURE



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#### HERITAGE ELEMENTARY CONSTRUCTION

Crews are working diligently on closing up the exterior of the building and have made excellent progress at Area E (Early Childhood and Kindergarten), Area C (1st and 4th grade), and Area D (2nd and 3rd grade). The steel stud framing and drywall are complete in these areas and crews have also installed window frames and glass at Area E. In areas that glass or window frames haven't been installed, the project team has provided temporary enclosures made out of either plastic or plywood. This has allowed crews to hook up temporary heat which will allow crews to begin the installation of finishing materials such as drywall mud.

#### WAUNAKEE COMMUNITY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Guided by core principles, Waunakee Community Middle School is committed to fostering a dynamic and inclusive educational environment. Prioritizing principles of **Welcoming and Inclusive**, the school ensures a safe space that reflects district values. It is dedicated to being **Encouraging and Inspiring**, promoting growth through creativity and hands-on learning. With a focus on **Sustainable and Responsible** practices, the school adapts to evolving needs while prioritizing health and efficiency. Lastly, the school is **Empowering and Enabling**, preparing students for the future with a focus on independence and responsibility. These Middle School plans were presented to the Waunakee Plan Commission on November 13th and were approved.

#### UPCOMING MILESTONES



Installing interior masonry blocks



Interior framing in 1st - 4th grade wings



Drywall installation in Early Childhood and Kindergarten wing



Gymnasium roofing



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Gymnasium



2nd Floor of the 4th Grade



Art, Music, 1st and 4th Grade



## HANDS-ON LEARNING

The Vogel Bros. Building Co. project team brought hands-on learning to a WCSD 4th-grade classroom in December. The students learned about the updates on the new Heritage Elementary School and got the inside scoop on the upcoming WCSD Middle School. They learned how to read blue prints and the project team challenged the students to envision and construct their future middle school with marshmallows and pretzels. It required the students to work together as a team, use their creativity, and problem-solve. The Vogel Bros. team left a lasting impression, proving that learning about construction can be fun! The future looks bright with these future engineers and builders in the making!

## LOCAL PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Founded in 1992 by brothers Todd and Trent Hellenbrand, Hellenbrand Glass has emerged as the premier provider of innovative glass solutions in southern Wisconsin. With a steadfast commitment to quality and customer satisfaction, the company has become the trusted choice for architects, builders, and homeowners alike.

Hellenbrand Glass stands out through its blend of experience and innovation. With over 30 industry experts working collaboratively, the company seamlessly blends experience and creativity. Their cohesive team approach ensures the successful execution of diverse projects, reflecting a shared commitment to excellence.

In order to create excellence in the classroom, studies show that sunlight and fresh air play a pivotal role in promoting learning by enhancing mood and enhancing cognitive function. With over 15,000 square feet of glass and over 200 operating windows in the new Heritage Elementary School, Hellenbrand Glass is cultivating an environment abundant in these natural elements which contributes to an elevated academic success.



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