



# FACILITIES *Update*

From Superintendent Mike Molnar

*Dear Amherst Community,*

I wanted to take a moment this afternoon to share with you where we are with our facilities planning. Thank you, once more, to our great community for rallying behind us in support of these much-needed facility updates, which help us to embody our mission of being "**A Community of Excellence**". These improvements will not only benefit our staff and students but all of you as well in the community. If you have any questions about the below facility upgrades or usage, please email me at [mike\\_molnar@amherstk12.org](mailto:mike_molnar@amherstk12.org). I would be happy to speak to anyone for a personal update!

## TRANSPORTATION CENTER

Over the last few months, the district has been working with GPD Architect Group to design the new Transportation Center. The center will be a 40,000 - 50,000 square foot facility with approximately 40-42 bays for the district's bus and van fleet. The center will also have spaces for our mechanics, maintenance staff, administrative staff, and transportation staff. The district evaluated multiple district-owned properties and has identified our S. Dewey Road property as the best location for the Transportation Center. GPD is designing the facility to be close to S. Dewey Road which will leave dozens of acres of woodlands and trees untouched and in their natural setting behind the facility. The Transportation Center is projected to be completed in August/September of 2025.



## ATHLETIC UPGRADES



The district is just beginning to work with GPD Architect Group on the proposed athletic upgrades. The primary work will revolve around the replacement of our aging tennis courts, track, stadium seating, fencing, and track event spaces. Over the last few months, I had the opportunity to meet with our local youth programs, various community groups, and booster programs to identify the needs and desires of our students, parents, and community members. Additional work may be completed due to the impact of the primary renovations and/or opportunities for improvement. Secondary work may include entrances, walkways, the press box, lighting, drainage, turf, pickleball courts, and visitor spaces. The athletic upgrades are projected to be completed in August/September of 2025.

## STEELE SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASSROOMS AND MAIN RESTROOMS

This summer, the district is planning to renovate two special education classrooms at Steele High School and renovate the main restrooms by the North gymnasium. The new special education classrooms will allow our teachers to better prepare our students for career readiness and the transition into adult life. The old communal restrooms will be replaced with contemporary individual restrooms. The attached image is an example of what that area could look like when complete.



## THE COMET CORNER

I am excited to announce the return of Comet Corner to Steele High School! Last August, we opened the Steele Makerspace and Workshop to house our technology, robotics, and automation classes. Next year, we are planning to introduce a new class to begin a career pathway in the area of business and entrepreneurship. To help support our endeavor, **the Amherst Schools Educational Foundation** is donating \$40,000 to help create a storefront at Steele High School which will give our students real-world experiences in designing a product, developing a business plan, and implementing the plan from marketing to sales. Stay tuned for more information regarding this awesome project!



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