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OSHKOSH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction work at Menominee Elementary School continues as crews take advantage of the mild weather ahead of the holiday season. Many portions of the project are active, with footings being finalized on the south side of the building and walls and steel structure rising on the north and wrapping around the east. As the walls rise, steel joists and roof decking will cap the building while mechanical, electrical, and plumbing trades work within to get systems in place. Construction remains on target to be completed in the first week of August, which will allow furniture to be moved in and staff to get organized before students arrive in September.

As construction work progresses, the OASD and Bray Architects continue to finalize the school's new logo and branding. The district recently announced that the new mascot for Menominee Elementary School will be the Blue Jays. We are happy to share the finalized mascot design below, and are excited to incorporate it into the full design of the building, which has a strong tie to the neighboring Menominee Park and adjacent Lake Winnebago.

SCHOOL MASCOT & LOGO

The Oshkosh Area School District worked with the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin to identify mascot options that would align with the tribe's rich history and culture. Students and staff from the three schools that will combine to form Menominee Elementary—Merrill Elementary, Washington Elementary, and Webster Stanley Elementary—were given the opportunity to vote on three potential mascots: the blue jay, cardinal, or robin. After collecting 327 responses, the blue jay was selected by an overwhelming 53% percent.

In Menominee traditions, blue jays are revered for their observation skills and for the belief that they alert the tribe that change is coming. Blue jays are also often seen as symbols of communication, curiosity and confidence. As Menominee Elementary brings together three school communities into one new unified learning environment, the blue jay reminds students and staff to observe and learn from one another, while welcoming the exciting change ahead.



WHAT'S NEXT?

- » Footing pours will be finalized.
- » Steel structure will continue into January, with enclosures to follow.
- » Masons will continue to work in conjunction with the steel erection and head towards the south.
- » Exterior masonry and window installation will begin on the two-story classroom portion on the north.



RENDERING OF MENOMINEE ELEMENTARY EAST FACADE



STEEL PLACEMENT AT THE CAFETERIA



CONCRETE FOOTINGS BEING PLACED