



## District Update

November 12, 2024

### Referendum

I just wanted to give you an update about progress and ongoing planning for the referendum. Additionally, you will review some information regarding the new gymnasium floor at LPES.

- LPES Construction – The footings and foundation work have been completed. The construction company has installed storm water piping under the slab and the slab has been poured (see below). We have two very minor change orders, one for specialized bricks which closely match the existing brickwork and the second is for some additional cement that needed to be poured. These two change orders will be reviewed, but they fit well within our contingency plans.

At this point in time it appears the construction project at the elementary school is on schedule. The anticipated completion date is August 15. There are circumstances that can affect the work schedule, such as strikes, weather, lead time for purchases of equipment, etc.



- Boiler Replacement – There were two boilers at the middle school to be replaced through referendum funding. This project has been completed. We do have some funds remaining in this line which may be able to be used on other referendum projects, such as those listed below.
- Windows – The referendum included the replacement of some windows in both schools; we do not know exactly how many will be replaced. This project has not gone out to bid yet. This will probably be the last item to address because of unknown final costs with the other projects.
- Unit Ventilators – There is approximately \$3.35M in the referendum for replacement of unit ventilators and some air exchange units in the multi-purpose room and gymnasium of the middle school. Depending on budgetary constraints, the unit ventilators would take priority over the two air exchange units. These unit ventilators will be connected to air conditioning condensers which are housed on the roof. District-wide, we anticipate the need for seventy of these unit ventilators with climate control function.

Awhile back the district went out to bid on the unit ventilators. They received only two bids which were considerably over budget. Based on recent bidding in other districts the architect and engineer feel this is a good time to go out to bid – prices seem to be more competitive. The engineer and architect are preparing bid specifications and Victor will be placing an ad in the paper in the very near future.

- **STEM Project** – The casement work has been installed by Nickerson in the STEM lab and new furniture has been placed (see pictures below). The electrical work has yet to be completed. We are planning to replace the existing SMART Board with a large flat panel TV and purchase at least one laser printer. The cost for these flat will be embedded into the referendum project.



- **Roof Repair** – Both roof projects have been completed. There are only some punch list items remaining.
- **Security Vestibule** – When we speak about a security vestibule we are essentially speaking of a space where routine items may be dropped off or picked up without actually entering the building; such as parent drop off of sneakers or lunch, and the secretary would simply collect the items and contact the student. In order to get in the building, the person would need an appointment and would need to be buzzed in through two doors. We are planning to complete the vestibule construction in the summer of 2025.
- **Funding** – The referendum had many projects which will be done over a number of years. Typically some of the projects will come a little over the budget while some will be under budget. The prices for just about everything have gone up due to Covid-19 and inflation. Tom Strauser from Solutions Architecture will be working with us to keep a watchful eye on the budget and we will keep you posted. We would like to leave a project such as the windows later to determine how many windows could actually be part of the project.

### **LPES Flooring**

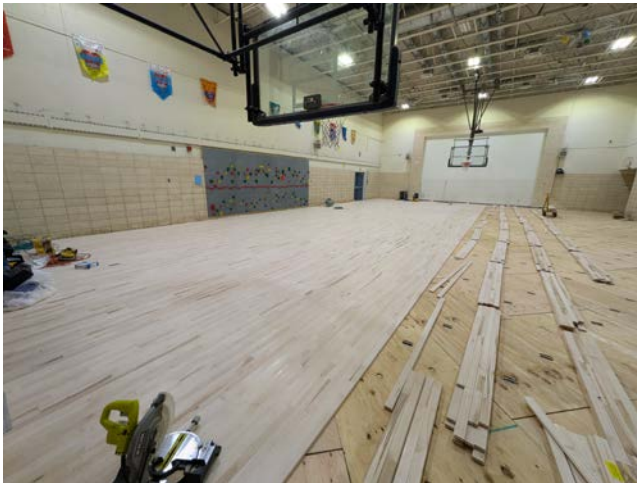
The gym floor is finally complete at the elementary school. The pictures below are of the project at different stages along the way. This was not a referendum project, rather the gym floor replacement was due to a rain event and poor planning on the part of the construction company. The insurance company for the construction company covered the cost.



*Above: Area of old floor base being removed (L); new concrete poured to level floor (R)*



*Left: Moisture barrier under subflooring*



*Above: Installation of maple planks*





*Above and below: Completed floor*

