



## District Update

April 4, 2025

### Referendum

You may recall receiving a referendum update in November and I just wanted to give you additional details about the progress.

- LPES Expansion – The roof installation is, with the exception of some punch list items, complete. Below you will see the completed roof, with several rooftop units already in place. Windows have also been installed. You can see in the second row of pictures that most of the brick work has been completed as well. The district's technology coordinator, Sean Brophy, is working with our architect/engineer to finalize our wiring, electric, electronic needs and licensing for the four new classrooms being constructed. Mrs. Bammer has also been working with the architect on final color selections, classroom furniture and wall units.

At this point in time it appears the construction project at the elementary school is on schedule. The anticipated completion date is August 15.





- HVAC – The Board of Education has approved all of the HVAC equipment and installation in both school buildings as part of the referendum project. Starting in June and working through the summer we are planning to install seventy new unit ventilators which will include air conditioning units. We will also be putting HVAC rooftop units in the middle school All Purpose Room and the gymnasium.
- Security Vestibule/LPMS Office Renovation – When we speak about a security vestibule we are essentially speaking about a space where routine items may be dropped off or picked up without actually entering the building; for example, parents dropping off items for their children, 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. Additionally, we are planning a middle school office renovation including significant upgrades in technology. We are planning to complete the vestibule construction and office renovation in the summer of 2025. The same contractor that is handling the LPES expansion project will be handling the security vestibule and office renovation.
- Boiler Replacement – There were two boilers at the middle school replaced through referendum funding. Please see the pictures below.



- Roof Replacement – The referendum project called for the replacement of several roof sections at the middle school and the roof over the gymnasium at the elementary school. You will remember that during the replacement, the roof at the elementary school leaked badly ruining the gym floor. The elementary gym floor was replaced with a state of the art installation paid for by the construction company's insurance. The roof replacement at both schools is complete with the exception of a few minor punch list items.

- STEM Project – The wall units have been installed by Nickerson in the STEM lab and new furniture has been received. Some minor electrical work is yet to be completed. We are also planning to replace the existing SMART Board and purchase at least one laser printer.
- Windows – The referendum included the replacement of some windows in both schools. Whenever you have a multifaceted construction project, you need to have one flexible initiative. At this point in time we have not gone out to bid for the windows because of escalating costs on the entire referendum project. Once other referendum tasks have been completed we will be able to determine how many windows, if any, can be replaced.
- Funding – The referendum had many projects which either have been completed or will be completed over a number of years. The prices for just about everything have gone up due to Covid-19 and inflation. Tom Strauser from Solutions Architecture has been working with us to keep a watchful eye on the budget.
- Concern – I do have some concerns about the supply chain issues relative to the seventy unit ventilators and the rooftop units. We are not certain whether the potential tariffs on steel and aluminum will affect availability and delivery dates. We need to be very careful not to begin removing the unit ventilators before we have assurance that the new units will be available on time.