

REFERENDUM PROJECT UPDATE

JUNE 2025



DESIGN PROCESS

Since the successful passing of our capital referendum in November 2024, the School District of Washburn has been hard at work transforming vision into reality—and we're excited to share the progress! Over the past several months, our team has been deeply engaged in the design process, working hand-in-hand with the talented professionals from ISG and Miron Construction.

From the start, our focus has been on collaboration and listening. ISG architects and Miron's project team have made numerous visits to our school, meeting directly with our dedicated staff. These sessions—often referred to as user group meetings—are where the magic happens. Teachers, support staff, and administrators have had the opportunity to share their insights and needs, ensuring that the new designs support teaching, learning, and student success at every level. Many rooms, hallways, and learning spaces are being thoughtfully planned with input from the people who use them every day. This process helps ensure the renovations not only align with the District's long-term vision, but also stay within the budget that our community so generously supported.

We are energized by the progress so far and incredibly thankful to everyone who has been involved. Big things are ahead for the Middle/High School building—and we can't wait to see it all come to life!

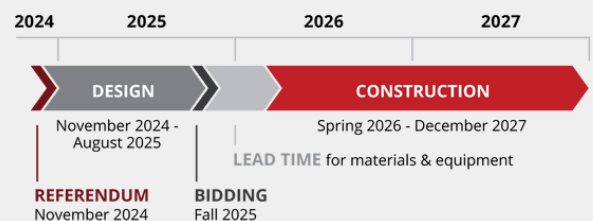
Thank you again for your continued support and trust in our schools. Stay tuned for more updates as we move closer to groundbreaking!

PROPOSED MAIN ENTRANCE

This illustration shows the redesigned main entrance of Washburn High School. Thoughtfully planned and designed, the new entrance will serve as the primary access point for students and visitors, offering both improved accessibility and enhanced security



PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE



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Meet the Team!

Behind every successful school renovation is a team of dedicated professionals working behind the scenes to bring the District's vision to life. Two key members of our design team in Washburn are an interior designer and a structural engineer—experts whose early planning and creative problem-solving are essential before the renovation begins.



ARCHITECT PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Caitlin Cusick
ISG

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How would you describe your role as an Interior Designer?

I work closely with the District and other design professionals to provide a functional, durable, and beautiful space(s) for them. This can include space planning, casework, furniture, ceilings/lighting, acoustics, codes/accessibility, finishes, signage/graphics, etc. My role includes a lot of coordination and collaboration in all phases of design and construction.

Favorite part of working on the School District of Washburn project?

The staff have been so great to work with - kind, responsive, and grateful for the work we are doing. I'm excited to see how the planned updates will positively impact their day-to-day.

Where do you live?

Burnsville, MN

Hobbies?

Chasing around my 3 year old son!



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Jake Ebert
ISG

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How would you describe your role as a Graduate Structural Engineer?

My job as a structural engineer is to design buildings to withstand forces of nature and human use. We make sure that the structures provide adequate support and are safe to use and aim to minimize maintenance.

Favorite part of working on the School District of Washburn project?

It has been very cool to see how hands-on the employees at the Washburn School District have been. This has been evident from their interest in design meetings along with questions and thoughtful responses.

Where do you live?

Mankato, MN

Hobbies?

In my free time, I enjoy golfing, fishing, hunting, & jiu jitsu.

