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October 29, 2025

Dear Western Community and Families,

We are excited to share an important update regarding the opening of our new elementary building. While there is still work ahead, we are committed to making this move with care, preparation, and the celebration it deserves.

Like many construction projects, we experienced a few minor setbacks and supply chain delays that pushed our original timeline back slightly. However, the finished result is truly worth the wait — a beautiful, state-of-the-art school designed to serve our students, staff, and families for many years to come. This building represents our community's shared investment in the future of learning, and it's something we can all be proud of.

Our first official day of school in the new building will be February 2, 2026. Leading up to that exciting day, we will host opportunities for everyone to get familiar and comfortable in the new space. These will include classroom setup days for staff, student visits to explore their new classrooms, and community open houses for families to tour the facility.

More detailed information will be shared in the coming months regarding moving days, classroom visits, and community events. For now, please know that our team is working carefully to ensure a smooth, organized, and positive transition for everyone involved. We also want to share that there will not be any work days scheduled over the Christmas Break, so families and staff can enjoy the holidays without the added stress of the move. We **will not** be changing our Winter Break schedule, and school will resume on **Thursday, January 8, 2026.**

This transition marks an exciting and meaningful milestone for Western. By taking the time to do it right, we'll ensure that our students and staff can begin this next chapter in a way that is both joyful and memorable.

Thank you for your continued support, patience, and enthusiasm as we prepare to open the doors to our new elementary school — a place built with pride, purpose, and love for our community.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Smajda". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and a stylized "S".

Michael Smajda
Superintendent