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IPS Community,

As you may know, on November 4, 2025, our community approved a bond that focused on five important areas: *Safety & Security, Modern Infrastructure, Air Quality Improvements, Right-Sized Facilities, and Theater, Band, and Choir*. We are grateful to our community for your support; we are excited to get started on these upgrades.

After the bond was approved, our IPS Facilities Team began implementing our bond program, enlisting our engineers, architects, and construction managers to begin these projects as soon as possible.

It is important to note that IPS will not receive the entire bond amount at once. The bond proceeds will be delivered through three separate bond sales series over the next several years. This is common for a bond of our size, consistent with our bond plan, and is responsible because it allows us to avoid borrowing from the State's School Loan Revolving Fund.

Based on the schedule for receiving bond proceeds over several years, the design processes, and competitive bidding requirements, the following is our tentative project construction timeline. Please keep in mind that timelines can sometimes shift due to factors such as supply chain disruptions, labor shortages, or other unforeseen circumstances. As we communicated leading up to the bond election, a few key priorities of the bond were to provide safer, updated facilities for students and staff and ensure our facilities are right-sized to our enrollment, which led to the decision to retire the 103-year-old Emerson Elementary building. At this time, Emerson Elementary will remain open for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years, and possibly the 2028-2029 school year.

<i>Boyce Elementary</i>	New Wing and Renovations: Spring 2027 – Fall 2029
<i>Rather Elementary</i>	Secure Entry: Summer 2027 Remaining infrastructure and air quality improvements: 2028 – 2029
<i>Jefferson Elementary</i>	Secure Entry: Summer 2027 Infrastructure improvements: 2029
<i>Twin Rivers Elementary</i>	Secure Entry & New Playground: Summer 2027 Infrastructure and Air Quality Improvements: 2030
<i>Ionia Middle School</i>	Secure Entry & Windows: Summer 2027 HVAC / Air Quality improvements: 2029 – 2030
<i>Ionia High School</i>	Secure Entrances: Summer 2027 Performing Arts Center: 2028 – 2030 Infrastructure Improvements / Air Quality Improvements: 2029 - 2031

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions. Have a great second semester!

Sincerely,

Benjamin Gurk