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Yellow Medicine East Schools Provide May Construction Update

Groundbreaking Ceremony Scheduled for June 1

Granite Falls, MN — Yellow Medicine East Schools is excited to officially kick off its transformational building project with a Groundbreaking Ceremony on Monday, June 1 at 2:00 p.m. The ceremony will be held north of Bert Raney Elementary near the current track complex. Community members, families, staff, students, alumni, and supporters are invited to join district leadership and project partners as YME celebrates the beginning of this exciting new chapter for the district and the surrounding communities.

The ceremony theme, “Revive the Hive: From Vision to Reality,” reflects the transition from years of planning and community collaboration into the start of construction on a project designed to serve future generations of YME students. Additional ceremony details will be shared in the coming weeks through the district website, social media channels, and local media outlets.

Construction Update

Construction activity on campus will begin increasing significantly over the next several weeks. Initial work will include construction of the new maintenance building and development of the north parking lot, which will be located on the hill east of the current track complex.

And yes — community members may hear a few unexpected “booms” throughout the process. Limited blasting may be necessary as site work begins.

“If you hear some construction noise, don’t worry — that’s simply the sound of progress,” said Superintendent Rich Schneider.

Once completed, the new north parking lot will eventually serve the main entrance area to the new school facility.

On May 11, the YME School Board approved the project’s largest bid package to date, allowing major phases of construction to officially move forward. While the project will occur in phases over the next 2½ years, many aspects of construction will overlap simultaneously throughout the process.

Due to the district’s compact campus footprint, parking availability during school days and major events — including athletic contests, concerts, musicals, and graduation ceremonies — will become increasingly limited throughout construction.

Overflow parking in nearby residential areas will likely be necessary at times.

YME Schools respectfully asks all visitors, guests, staff, students, and event attendees to remain mindful of neighboring homes and properties by avoiding blocked driveways and mailboxes and by following all posted parking signs and regulations.

“Our neighbors have always been tremendous supporters of YME Schools,” Schneider said. “We appreciate their continued patience and partnership as we navigate this exciting period of growth together.”

District officials also emphasized their commitment to addressing concerns related to parking, traffic, or construction activity as quickly and respectfully as possible throughout the duration of the project.

While the next few years may involve temporary inconveniences, district leaders remain focused on the long-term impact the new facilities will have on students, staff, and the entire YME community.

“The next few years may include a few detours, tighter parking spots, and the occasional construction soundtrack,” Schneider added, “but the end result will be something our entire community can be incredibly proud of.”

For continued construction updates and project information, please visit the YME Schools website and follow the district’s official social media channels.

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