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West Bend School District UPDATE

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Design & Construction

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Jackson Elementary Design Updated

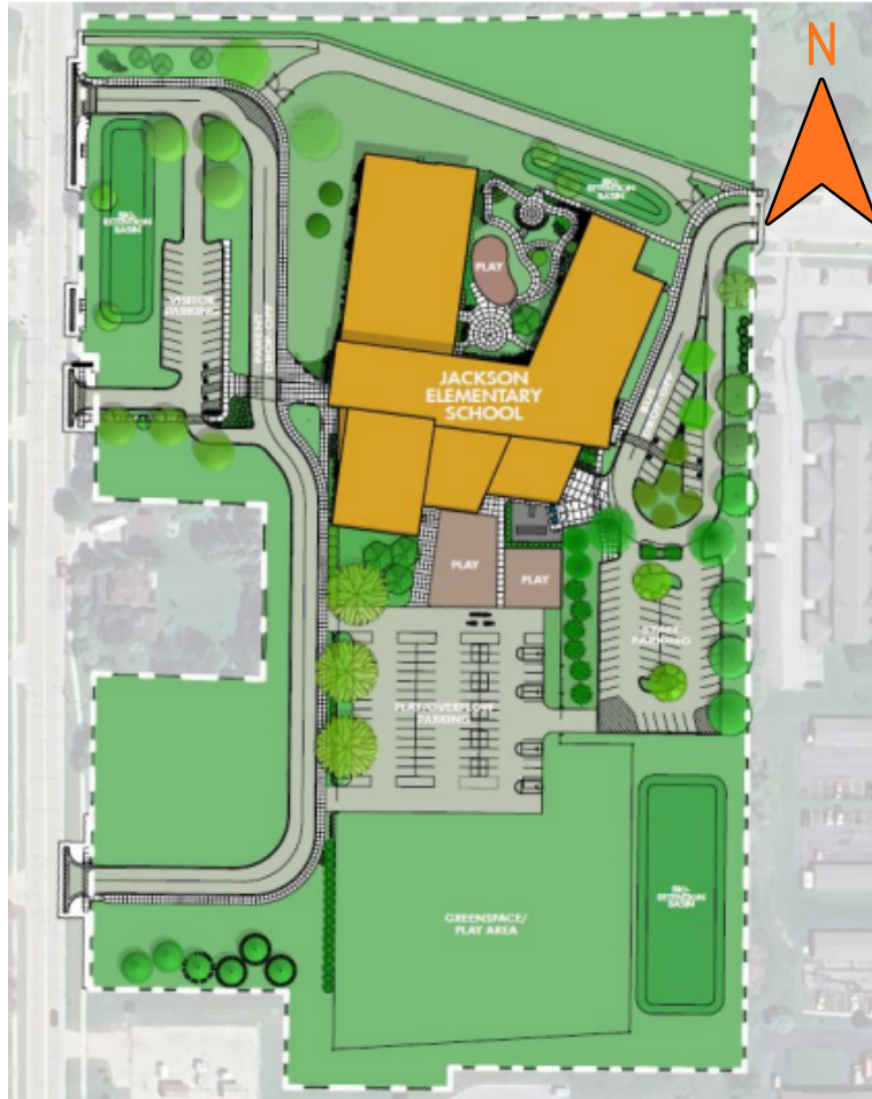
As the next important step in building the new Jackson Elementary School, the West Bend School District will be working with the Village of Jackson to gain approvals for the rezoning application, certified survey map, and conditional use permit.

In November, the District construction manager, Findorff, will open bidding on the project. This will continue through January. The start of construction is expected for spring 2026, with the potential for some demolition of old structures on the site prior to that.

Design: A west-facing building for optimal visibility from the outside and inside, the new Jackson Elementary School design also includes a "center spine" connecting the secure main and staff entrances. Details of the design were presented at the October 13 West Bend School Board meeting. Features of the building include:

- Two instructional wings, with the west wing being one level and featuring kindergarten and first grades, and the east wing featuring two levels with grades 2-5.
- An outdoor courtyard between the wings with a learning space and small playground.
- A library on the first floor in the center of the building.
- A gymnasium adjacent to a cafeteria on the south side of the building, close to parking for ease of community use.
- Public access from Jackson Drive consists of a one-way traffic lane that includes separate student drop-off and pick-up areas located along the west side of the school that is accessible from Jackson Drive.
- Primary access for the public will be from Jackson Drive, and the other access point will be from Spruce Street to the east.
- A playground and grassy play area on the south side of the building.

Photos: 1) Jackson Elementary campus; 2) front of the school from Jackson Drive; 3) front of the school from the drop-off area; 4) staff entrance at the back of the school.





District News

Review of Proposed Culinary Class Resource

A curriculum resource for the high schools Culinary program is available for review by the public at the Education Service Center and West Bend Community Library. The recommendation is for the Culinary program to adopt the new, 3rd edition of the ProStart materials which include a textbook, lab manual, and teacher resources. A prior edition is currently being used. To see the times the review is open, go to the [website](#).

Pre-Planned Search Conducted This Week

On Tuesday, October 14, the West Bend Police Department, Hartford Police Department, Germantown Police Department, Mequon Police Department, Washington County Sheriff's Office, and the Wisconsin State Patrol conducted a pre-planned K-9 search at East and West High Schools and Badger Middle School. No arrests were made and no citations were issued.

During the searches, the schools were placed on a hold, which includes clearing hallways and having students remain in a classroom continuing to receive instruction until the "all clear" is given. During and after the hold, families of students in the high schools and Badger are notified via email.

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School Board Update

Board Will Examine Details on High School Configuration

Over the next few months, the School Board will examine several areas related to the current West Bend High Schools configuration. They will examine academics, co-curriculars, athletics, and financial analysis. The board will then determine if they would like to take next steps, which would include extensive community engagement in 2026 to further study the school configuration. Review the October 13 board meeting [video for discussion on the topic](#).



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Recap of the October 13 Meeting

The West Bend School Board held a regular meeting on Monday, October 13, 2025. The approved Consent Agenda, included:

- Minutes of the September 8, 2025 Regular Board Meeting and Executive Session, the Budget Hearing 2025-2026, and the 106th Annual Meeting of Electors
- Contracts
- Village of Jackson Professional Fee Reimbursement
- Start College Now
- Early College Credit Program
- Resource Removal of Outdated Former Curriculum Materials
- 2025-2026 Out of State or Out of Country Student Trips
- Disbursements posted to October 10, 2025

The Construction Report, Curriculum Committee Report, and Superintendent's Report were given. The board held discussions on Budget and Tax Levy Recommendation, District Library Plan, High School Configuration Review Process, and Career and Technical Education Updates. The board also took action on Policies in the 800 Series: School Community Relations as well as the 900 Series: Facilities Development. The Board will review the Facilities Use Policy at an upcoming meeting.

If you are interested in reviewing the details of the meeting, [see this tutorial](#) on how to access the agenda with links to the supporting documents. A [video of the meeting](#) is available.

Student and Staff Achievements

Gish Qualifies for State Tennis

West senior Sophie Gish qualified for the 2025 WIAA Girls Tennis Individual Championships taking place on Thursday and Friday in Madison by finishing third in first singles at the Oshkosh North Sectionals last week.



Volleyball Record for Miller

Emy Miller, a senior on the West Volleyball team, has recently set more records. She now holds the West record for digs with 1,558 and the record for service receives with 1,537.



Community Connections

Community Bulletin Board

There are various events and activities available on the WBSD's [Community Bulletin Board](#)!

Athletics

West Bend Lightning 10U Softball

Wildcats Wrestling Club

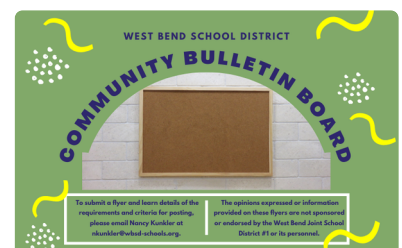
Kettle Moraine Figure Skating Club Try Skating for Free and Learn to Skate

Other

West Bend Boys and Girls Club Early Risers Care

Cub Scouts Pack 3784 (McLane)

St. Francis Cabrini Student Choir



Kettle Moraine Youth Aviation Club

YMCA

Free Swim Lessons at YMCA

Free Halloween Event

Fall 2 Programs

Before- and After-School Programs



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