



MAPLEWOOD SCHOOL REFERENDUM PROJECT UPDATE

GROUNDBREAKING CELEBRATION

On October 23, 2023, our community, staff, students, board of education, and administration came together to celebrate the groundbreaking of the new Maplewood School!

This momentous occasion is a result of a successful November 2022 referendum, wherein the community supported the Menasha Joint School District's \$99,700,000 referendum to replace the overcrowded and outdated Maplewood Middle School on the existing site with a larger 5-8th grade building, designed to operate as two schools: an intermediate school for grades 5-6 and a middle school for grades 7-8.

The groundbreaking ceremony included speeches from Menasha Joint School District Board of Education member Mark Mayer, Superintendent Matthew Zimmerman, past Superintendent Chris VanderHeyden, Director of Business Services Brian Adesso, and representatives from our partners, Eppstein Uhen Architects and Miron Construction. Our middle school band entertained attendees, and the event concluded with the ceremonial shovel turns.

Thank you to all who attended this exciting event!



Menasha Joint School District Board of Education members lead the ceremonial shovel turn at Maplewood School.



Maplewood Middle School Band plays during the groundbreaking ceremony.



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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

What's Happening Now at Maplewood School?

- Building foundations are 95% completed!
- Masonry for the kitchen, culinary, and lab areas is currently being installed.
- Steel is being erected on one of the classroom wings.
- Underground plumbing and electrical is over 80% completed!

What's Coming Next at Maplewood School?

- Concrete floor pouring began in April and will continue.



Steel is being erected in one of the classroom wings.



View from our live stream job site camera, taken April 15, 2024.



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PROGRESS PHOTOS



Building foundations are almost complete, as well as underground plumbing and electrical.



Concrete is being poured in the stairway shafts.



Another view of the steel being erected in the classroom wings.



Masonry for the kitchen, culinary, and lab areas is currently being installed.



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CONSTRUCTION PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

BEN SAMOLINSKI Project Manager, Miron Construction



Ben has been with Miron for 26 years.

Q: How long have you worked at Miron Construction?

A: I became an employee in 1998, working in the field and as a summer intern. My full-time employment began in 2001, so 26 years total.

Q: Where do you live?

A: Winneconne

Q: What is your favorite part about working on the Maplewood School project?

A: Having the opportunity to be a part of a project in the community I grew up in is very rewarding. I was also fortunate to be a part of the Menasha High School revitalization in 2014-2015, so it is gratifying to have the opportunity to work with the same group of people again.

Q: How would you describe your role and responsibilities as a project manager?

A: The best way to describe my role is collaborating and leading a team of passionate and focused individuals and contractors to assist an owner in bringing their dreams, vision and project to reality.

Q: What are some of your hobbies, outside of work?

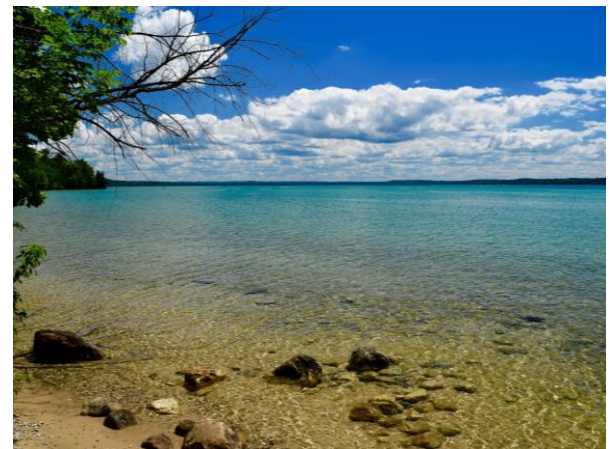
A: I enjoy boating, hunting, coaching and watching sports, as well as working on various home improvement projects.

Q: What is your favorite food?

A: Ice cream!

Q: What is the best trip or place you have visited?

A: A great place to visit is Torch Lake in Michigan.



Torch Lake in Michigan is one of Ben's favorite spots to visit.