

MAPLEWOOD SCHOOL

REFERENDUM PROJECT UPDATE

REFERENDUM RECAP



\$99,700,000 | **PASSED**

Referendum Question: Authorized funding for the construction of one new building to operate as two schools (intermediate for grades 5-6 and middle school for grades 7-8) for approximately 1,000 students located directly behind the existing Maplewood School.

ARCHITECTURE 101

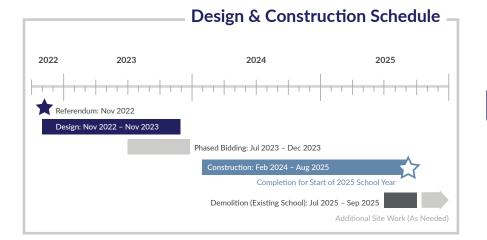


Once voters gave the District approval to move forward with the project, we kicked off the design process. The total process will take about 12 months and includes these 3 distinct phases to advance preliminary concepts developed prior to the referendum into construction-ready blueprints.

Schematic Design (SD): With District input driving the design, drawings are developed that provide definition to interior and exterior functions, space requirements, adjacencies, and overall design intent.

Design Development (DD): Advance design concepts with precise details including structural design, specific mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems, and cabinetry, fixtures, and material selections are finalized.

Construction Documents (CD): Final drawings and specifications used to construct the building will be produced. These documents are used in the competitive bid process.



Dear Menasha Joint School District Community Members,

On November 8, 2022, the residents of Menasha Joint School District approved a facilities referendum question that authorized the District to invest \$99,700,000 to construct one new building to operate as two schools (intermediate school for grades 5-6 and middle school for grades 7-8).

We appreciate the support of our voters and are excited to bring these plans to life! Staff and students have already been actively engaged in the process, and continue to provide invaluable feedback to our design and construction partners. We will continue to work with our partners, Miron Construction and Eppstein Uhen Architects to refine the scope and manage the budget.

As your Superintendent, I am proud of this community and your support of our children's educational experiences and look forward to being involved in the design and construction of our new Maplewood School.

Thank you for this opportunity—we are excited to get started!

Sincerely,

Chris L. VanderHeyden, Superintendent

FINANCING UPDATE



We are working with PMA, our financial advisor, to secure bonds to fund the referendum project at a favorable interest rate.

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DESIGN KICK-OFF

We hit the ground running in the design process! Less than a month after the successful referendum. we kicked off the design process with our architectural (EUA) and construction (Miron) partners. By meeting every other week since kick-off, the team has continued progress in schematic design.

Staff interviews were held with both EUA and District administrators in order to provide staff the opportunity to share their feedback on design; the first of these interviews were held in late January.

PRELIMINARY PLANS



The District continues to explore options

for creating one building with two distinct schools within it, including the 5/6 grade intermediate and the 7/8 grade middle school.

Preliminary Building Diagram

- 5/6 Intermediate School
- 7/8 Middle School
- Separate school admin areas
- Shared entrance and circulation spine
- Shared student services
- Shared encore spaces
- Shared physical ed spaces

Keep your eye out for future updates. We hope to share design updates, including a rendering of the future Maplewood School, later this year!

First Floor - Preliminary Plan





BUILDING TOURS

To gain valuable insight into current educational trends at the intermediate and middle school levels, a group of

MJSD staff and administrative team members toured DeForest Area Middle School, Waunakee Intermediate School, Granite Ridge School, Meadow View Elementary, and West DePere Intermediate School in early December 2022. Attendees for both tour dates included representatives from the District's partners, EUA and Miron, the MJSD administrative team, school board members, and Maplewood Middle School staff.

The group was able to ask questions about the functionality of space, layout of the learning environments, and student experiences. The tour included some of the most up-to-date intermediate and middle school spaces in Wisconsin. The knowledge gathered from this experience will assist in the planning of our new Maplewood School!



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PARTNER SPOTLIGHT



Jay Mathes, Virtual Construction Miron Construction

How long have you been at Miron? *I have worked at Miron for just over 5 years.*

Where do you live? Downtown Appleton near Lawrence University.

Favorite part of being involved in the project at Maplewood MS? My favorite part was helping everyone learn that construction can be more than just hammers and nails. It can also be about design and technology, working on a lot of different projects at the same time, and supporting the field teams in many ways.

How would you describe your role and responsibility in virtual construction? My role in Virtual Construction is to use 3D models to build a project virtually to eliminate issues prior to construction, limiting constructability issues when they start actual construction.

What are your hobbies? I play basketball and volleyball almost every week, video games, travel, and renovating my 1895 Queen Anne style home.

Favorite food? Yellow curry from either Mai's Deli or Thai Ginger Bistro.

Favorite place you've visited? Filzmoos, Austria. It is a small, relaxing mountain town in the center of Austria. It is near Salzberg, Austria which is known for "The Sound of Music."

Personal goal for the next year? Become proficient at curling. My wife and I just joined the Appleton Curling Club this year and we are looking to improve!



PARTNER SPOTLIGHT



Jackie Michaels, Sr. Project Manager Eppstein Uhen Architects

How long have you been at EUA? 7 years

Where do you live? Wauwatosa, WI

Favorite part of being involved in the project at Maplewood MS? I enjoy learning, through students, staff and administrators, what it is like to be part of this great District. Each school district is so different, so each project is an opportunity to learn something new. I have truly enjoyed meeting the students, staff, board and administrators here in Menasha!

How would you describe your role and responsibility at EUA? I oversee the design team, making sure team roles are defined and filled and the project remains on schedule. I collaborate with the construction manager to keep the project on budget through the design process. I am a key point of contact for the District, city, engineering team, and others, so I get a lot of email and am on the phone a lot keeping all team members are on the same page and working together.

What are your hobbies? I enjoy hanging out with my 2 daughters and husband going to parks, teaching them to ride bikes, and coloring. I also enjoy cooking, reading a good book, and traveling when life allows.

Favorite food? My husband's homemade pizza. He is starting to dabble in wood-fired pizzas, which has been a lot of fun!

Favorite place you've visited? Harry Potter World outside of London was amazing! Otherwise, Portland, OR, will always be a special place to me.

Personal goal for the next year? I would like to take my girls to a few national parks. I grew up doing this, and I would love to share the experience with them!





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