

# Bond Update

*Preserving Tradition, Pursuing Excellence.  
Building our future together.*

The Caledonia Community passed a bond proposal in May of 2014 for capital improvements for Caledonia Community Schools. The first phase of implementation consist of collaborative work with our financial organizations, architects, engineers and construction companies as we prepare for the construction phase to begin. This phase of implementation includes the sale of bonds, creating a project schedule, site work preparation, design, architectural development, and preparation for construction bids. We will begin our first construction phase next spring/summer. Below you will find an update on the construction schedule, as well as updates on our projects in the first phase of construction. We thank the Caledonia Community for your support on this endeavor.



Aerial photo of Paris Ridge Elementary

## *CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE*

The Caledonia Community School Bond Proposal was approved to build a new high school facility, renovate 5 existing schools for school safety, complete necessary site improvements, complete minor projects in other buildings and to improve technology. The following construction schedule was developed to ensure an optimum time frame to complete our projects as well as maximize our expenditures (the bond dollars) for our building projects.



Caledonia High School

### SUMMER 2015

- Emmons Renovation
- KMMS Renovation
- Emmons/TMC Drive
- TMC Parking Lot
- CHS New Facility

### SUMMER 2016

- CHS New Facility
- DLECC Renovation
- Duncan Lake Renovation
- Dutton Renovation
- Kettle Lake Renovation
- Cal EI Renovation

### SUMMER 2017

- CHS New Facility
- CHS Renovation
- Athletic Renovation

# 2015 Construction Phase

The following projects are well underway for ground breaking in the summer of 2015. We are looking forward to watching the Caledonia transformation over the next three years.

## Emmons Lake Entry Way

The Emmons design team has completed an assessment of the Emmons facility and has created an initial schematic drawing for the new safety vestibule at the main entrance. The existing entrance will be redesigned to maintain a warm and friendly lobby while at the same time securing access to the rest of the school building. The new office space will be designed to promote friendly service for our teachers, students, and families while promoting a safe and secure environment. The architectural drawings will be completed and ready for construction bids in January 2015. The bidding process will take place in the winter allowing us to break ground in the spring/summer.

## Kraft Meadows

Kraft Meadows Middle School requires a more complex remodel to create a secure entrance. The offices will trade spaces with the current art room in this renovation project. The office is currently located in the center of the building away from the primary visitor entrance. We will relocate the office to the primary visitor entrance which will require visitors to visit the office prior to gaining access to the

school facility. The office will also serve students, teachers, and families from multiple access points allowing us to control the flow of traffic in the building, therefore providing an environment of greater safety. The architectural drawings will be completed and ready for construction bids in January 2015. The bidding process will take place in the winter allowing us to break ground in the spring/summer.

## Emmons/Transportation Maintenance Center

The road that spans from Kraft Avenue to Emmons and the Transportation Maintenance Center (TMC) will also be replaced next summer. The project includes complete removal of the current asphalt, site work and repaving. We are planning to add a short turning lane on the right hand side at the entry points for Caledonia High School and Emmons. These right hand lanes will allow drivers access to those schools without restricting traffic flow to and from other locations. The architectural drawings will be completed and ready for construction bids in January 2015. The bidding process will take place in the winter allowing us to break ground in the spring/summer.

## New Caledonia High School Facility

The primary project of the Caledonia Community School Bond is the new high school facility. We are currently designing a 600 student capacity building that will be located adjacent to the existing high school. We will remain one high school with two facilities, and students will have courses in both buildings. While designing this building, we will also plan for the potential expansion to a 1200 student facility to accommodate potential future growth.

The design team has spent time over the past 6 months visiting many different high school and college campuses to explore innovative learning opportunities through technology, space, and furniture. The design team has also gathered input from groups of staff and students, and we will soon begin schematic drawings of the potential building. The architectural drawings should be ready for construction bids in the spring (of 2015). Ground breaking will be determined by the outcome of the bids and constructions schedules. This will be a three year building project.

When we build a new school, we also work with local agencies to prepare the site appropriately for a new building. Part of this process also includes both an internal and external traffic study. The internal study evaluates how we move traffic once vehicles are located on our property. The external study provides us with comprehensive data and recommendations to work with our local township officials and the county road commission.

This is an exciting endeavor for Caledonia High School and we look forward to continuing serving our community as we pursue excellence.



Secure entry way at Caledonia Elementary

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