

School District of Spring Valley Facility Update

Since the voters in the Spring Valley School District passed a referendum in April to repair and renovate our facilities, the Board of Education has been busy getting things lined up so that we can begin our projects. The first step was to hire a project manager to work through the bigger projects with the District. While we can certainly write specifications and get bids for projects such as flooring replacement, when it comes to items such as roof replacement, concrete replacement, window replacement, exhaust upgrades, and lighting upgrades, we need to have engineers and those working in the industry help write specifications, get bids, and oversee the projects. Following interviews, the District decided to work with Market & Johnson out of Eau Claire as our project managers.

The team from Market & Johnson quickly familiarized themselves with our facilities and priorities. They have been working on the scheduling of projects. Given the short time-line between the passage of the referendum and the summer building season, it is likely that some of the bigger projects that we had hoped to get done this summer (such as replacement of the sloped roof at the MS/HS) won't get done until next summer because contractors are already committed through the time we can make the buildings available for major projects. Scheduling projects is very important in terms of access to the building when needed and in terms of safety for our students, staff, and community members.

The Board recently toured the elementary facility with representatives from Market & Johnson to look at repairs that can be done at that facility in the near future. We plan to get started soon on exterior concrete replacement, flooring replacement in some areas, and exhaust upgrades in the kitchen and third floor. Along with those items we will be installing a generator, replacing the roof over the commons area, and replacing some exterior doors that are rusting out.

Meanwhile at the middle/high school we have been advised to re-order some major projects and work from the school out to the street. Specifically, three of the bigger projects will be roof replacement, concrete replacement, and parking lot asphalt replacement. Of those, we will do the parking lot last due to the size of the equipment needed to do the other two jobs. There is no sense in putting down a new parking lot and then having concrete trucks among the first to drive on it. Similarly, crews will need some big trucks and dumpsters to take off and replace our present asphalt shingled roof. There is no use in replacing concrete near the building if that type of equipment will be driving and parking on it in the near future. At this point, we are looking to do roof replacement at the MS/HS early next summer followed by the other major projects as we can get them lined up.

Our school district crew is in the process of getting bids for some projects such as flooring replacement at both schools, sealing parking lot cracks in areas that won't be replaced, replacing interior doors, painting, and performing general maintenance as they always do during the summer. We will keep you up to date on how things are going as we try to make the best use of your referendum dollars.