



# New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva Public Schools

Independent School District No. 2168

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*Empowering students with knowledge and skills to succeed.*

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## Facility Design and Build Update

Dale Carlson, Superintendent

November 2019

Our vision as a school community is to *be the school district of choice, inspiring excellence in academics, arts, and activities*. We strive to do this every day by *empowering students with knowledge and skills to succeed*.

The facility remodel and addition project planning continues to move forward. Since June, identified staff have been working with the architects to develop preliminary designs of the identified Secondary School classrooms as well as the Elementary School office and secure entrance remodel. Based on the preliminary design work as well as continued examination of the infrastructure and mechanical upgrades, the District's Construction Manager (Knutson Construction) has worked closely with the Architects/Engineers (ISG) to establish preliminary costing estimates for the project.

The Board of Education (BOE) has given authority to the District's Core Planning Team (CPT) to make design and budgetary decisions on behalf of the BOE within a maximum limit. The CPT continues to provide input and direction to Knutson and ISG regarding components of the project. At this time, preliminary cost estimates are close to what was projected and approved by the Board that led to the development of the ballot question that went to voters on April 9, 2019.

The project scope has not changed. Project highlights include:

- Infrastructure and mechanical upgrade to both schools that includes electrical, HVAC, casework, tuck-pointing, moisture mitigation and boiler upgrades/conversions as identified. Dehumidification/Air Conditioning is planned throughout the majority of both buildings.
- Elementary School Secure Entrance and Office Remodel that will direct visitors into a reception area to sign in before being admitted to the main school building where students and staff are present. At this time, the District is focusing in on the East Entrance for the remodel.
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) restroom upgrades as identified
- Secondary School Science classrooms remodel
- Secondary School Construction Trades Shop addition that doubles the existing 3500 square foot shop area
- Secondary School Family and Consumer Sciences 575 square feet expansion and remodel (displacing small classroom) to accommodate the addition of an instructional culinary arts classroom and kitchen
- Secondary School Greenhouse construction

An estimated timeline calls for finalized plans to go out to bid in January 2020 with construction beginning late spring 2020. The majority of the project is planned to be completed over the summer of 2020 with the shop addition at the Secondary School being completed by late 2020.

A reminder that the School Board conducts its regular monthly meeting on the third Monday of each month. The location of the meeting is rotated monthly between the NRHEG Secondary School Media

Center in New Richland and the NRHEG Elementary School Media Center in Ellendale. The November 18, 2019, School Board meeting will be at the Elementary School beginning at 6:30 pm and the December 16, 2019, School Board meeting will be at the Secondary School beginning at 6:30 pm.

The public is invited to the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing to be held at 6:00 pm on Monday, December 16, in the Secondary School Media Center. A review of the District's budget as well as the proposed tax levies to be considered for certification by the School Board at its regular meeting immediately following the public hearing will be presented.

We celebrate together in the accomplishments of our students because we are in this journey together as a school community. Thank you for all you do to support NRHEG Public Schools and our students!