



REFERENDUM UPDATE

AUGUST 2019

Message to the Spooner Community From the District Administrator

Dear Community Members,

The Spooner Area School District created a 2019-2023 strategic plan centered on the District's mission of preparing each student for a successful future. One of the strategic priorities established in this plan was to stabilize District operations and infrastructure.

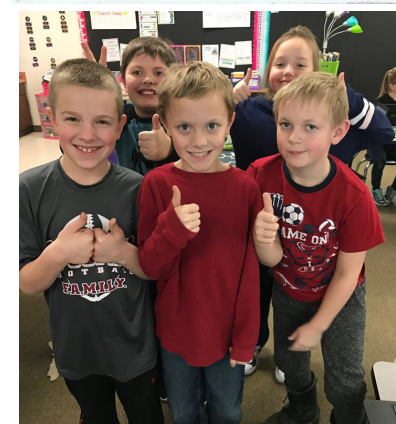
In keeping with this goal, the District revisited a facility study that was conducted in late 2016. The audit identified many deferred maintenance items. This included everything from aged roofs to 30-year-old doors in the elementary school. Bathrooms in multiple facilities were outdated and in need of new fixtures and finishes; air conditioning and dehumidification issues had caused environmental concerns and comfort issues for building occupants, and structural problems in the small gym at the middle school caused a major concern. Technology and safety concerns were also pinpointed in the report.

The District took this information and conducted a staff survey in January 2019 to understand how the facilities support daily operations and productivity. Survey results mirrored the findings from the facility audit, with the top complaint being temperature problems due to outdated HVAC equipment.

The District formed a facility committee consisting of school staff, administration, and community members to analyze these findings and subsequent feedback and develop a long-term plan. Their conclusions were recently seconded by the Board of Education. Now the District needs your help to determine the next steps.

A survey will be sent out in the next few weeks to gather input on suggested repairs. Community walkthroughs will be held in September to review proposed projects and collect valuable feedback. I urge you to participate in one or both of these opportunities, so we can ensure we are considering the good of the community as we continue to prepare each student for a successful future.

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SCHOOL PERCEPTIONS SURVEY

While our focus will always be on fulfilling our mission, *preparing each student for a successful future*, the District has also been working on a plan to update and expand our schools. Therefore, we are conducting a community survey to establish planning priorities as well as determine how to fund the projects.

To collect this feedback, the District is working with School Perceptions LLC, an independent firm with expertise in conducting community surveys. All survey data will be returned to School Perceptions to ensure all responses stay anonymous. This survey will provide valuable feedback as the Board of Education considers its options moving forward.

COMMUNITY WALKTHROUGHS

Your input is important. The Spooner Area School District invites you to attend a community walkthrough of the elementary and middle school facilities. This meeting offers a chance for citizens to view identified projects and share potential solutions. If you have any questions or need any special accommodations, contact Katelyn Riewestahl at 715-635-2171 ext. 4001 or riewestahlk@spooner.k12.wi.us.

- ▶ **Tuesday, September 10 at the Middle School: 6:00 PM**
- ▶ **Thursday, September 12 at the Elementary School: 6:00 PM**

For more information on the 2020 spring referendum, visit spooner.k12.wi.us/referendum