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With positive attitudes and effective communication between NPUSC and the community, we strive to make 2016-17 the best school year yet.

Building Renovation Update and Plan

The goal of this article is to update the NPUSC community on the final aspects of the NPUSC Facility Renovation Project. The summary includes final project cost, actual taxpayer impact after the Nov. 2016 bond sale and an update on the final list of projects to be completed with referendum and NPUSC funds with a project completion timeline for Spring 2017-19.



Visual of the high school's future exterior renovation.

To the right is a comparison between taxpayer approved referendum tax impacts from the May 2016 referendum vote (Bond Sale 4% Interest) and the **ACTUAL tax impact after the Nov. 2016 bond sale.** (Note: final bond sale interest rate was 3.36%).

The NPUSC Facility Renovation Referendum is going to cost NPUSC taxpayers LESS than approved or advertised due to a lower final interest rate than advertised last spring.

Referendum Approved Tax Impact above Current Property Taxes

Property Value	Estimated Monthly Tax Impact Spring 16'	Actual Final Monthly Tax Impact
\$50K Home Value*	\$1.53	\$1.50
\$100K Home Value*	\$5.02	\$4.91
\$150K Home Value*	\$10.01	\$9.79
\$200K Home Value*	\$15.00	\$14.66

Property Value	Estimated Yearly Tax Impact Spring 16'	Actual Final Yearly Tax Impact
1 Acre Agriculture Land**	\$3.77	\$3.53
\$100K rental/commercial	\$15.34	\$15.00

*Includes standard deduction, supplemental homestead deduction, and mortgage deductions

**Assumes agricultural land is assessed at \$1,960 per acre per most recent state legislature guidelines.

Final Project Summary and Cost

After community approval of the NPUSC Renovation Project in May 2016, NPUSC has been working through final proposals from construction/architectural teams. We have conducted final evaluations of our facility needs and finalized project details and timelines.

After a formal process under the Indiana Design-Build Construction law, Performance Services, Inc. (PSI) from Indianapolis won construction management of the project as lead design-builders after completing a competitive process with two other finalists. PSI was selected through an evaluation/voting process by a six-member committee comprised of NPUSC leaders and independent construction professionals appointed by the NPUSC School Board of Trustees.

In the fall and spring of the 2015-16 school year, NPUSC communicated to the school community that the estimated project cost would be \$37 million for construction costs, \$42 million total cost including soft costs such as financing and equipment. The Spring 2016 Referendum Ballot stated: "Estimated not to cost more than \$42 million." PSI's final project winning proposal was for a \$38.4 million construction cost.

Through additional NPUSC dollars that will be used to finance projects, plus additional bond revenue due to the lower than expected interest rate, NPUSC has been able to add some additional scope to the Renovation Project, **while still executing the project in a way that will cost taxpayers LESS than advertised (see included chart) due to savings in total interest cost.** The NPUSC Renovation Project taxpayer principal cost will be \$43,775,068.40. Construction cost will be \$40.6 million. Due to reduced interest costs, ***the total cost of the NPUSC Renovation Project will be \$3 million dollars LESS than the voter approved project.*** Through reducing soft costs, value engineering, and adding additional revenue to the project (within taxpayer approved limits, plus NPUSC funds) the following projects will be able to be addressed in addition to projects discussed last spring:

- More complete renovation of the Rolling Prairie main office to improve the secure entry, supervision and expand the Student Health Clinic.
- Expanded middle school band classroom with storage area to address space/program needs.
- Full renovation and expansion of the NPHS athletic weight room (present facility sits in the old middle school cafeteria and choir rooms). Expansion will consolidate and expand the facility and eliminate structures from the old facility that are obstacles to maximum support for all NPUSC students and student-athletes.
- Middle school athletic football/soccer field facility that will support middle school football and the New Prairie soccer program. Facility will include one athletic field, bleachers, press box and restroom facilities adjacent to New Prairie Middle School.
- Two additional classrooms in both New Prairie middle and high school.
- Installation of updated and expanded perimeter security monitoring systems and cameras to improve supervision, safety and oversight of facilities during all hours at all NPUSC facilities.



What makes our schools so great? It's our students, who are focused and determined to succeed.

Employee Spotlight:

Ann Santa

Although NPUSC has many model employees, custodian Ann Santa has been especially noticed by her fellow employees and supervisors. She has come to work each day for the past 13 years with a positive attitude and a impressive work ethic.



"A school can be a very busy place with lots of needs and not enough help," says Director of Buildings and Grounds, Greg Dudeck. "Ann has a great work ethic, is never late for work, doesn't complain and always gets her work done. She is always polite and courteous with students and staff. Staff know they can count on her to get their areas clean and provide extra help when needed."

Santa's duties include cleaning and upkeep of all areas of the building and grounds so as to provide students and staff with a clean and safe environment. This includes cleaning of classrooms, hallways, office areas, library, gymnasium and locker room, as well as set up and tear down of athletic events and other activities.

"I take great pride in having a model employee like Ann Santa. She has come to work each day for the past 13 years with a positive attitude and an impressive work ethic," said Dudeck.



Supporting our students is not the main thing, it's the only thing.



Shown are visuals of the high school's future exterior renovation (left) and the "Hall of Excellence" corridor (right).



Project Completion Timeline

Note: Renovation of the NPHS pool/natatorium was completed in Fall 2016 to accommodate school swim season this winter.

May 2017-Aug. 2017 (Summer 2017)

Rolling Prairie Elementary Renovations

- Cafeteria addition
- Restroom expansion/remodeling
- Main office, student health clinic and classroom renovations (casework/carpeting)
- Improvement of secure main entry, to be connected to main office renovation
- Relocation of teacher work room, after-school programming space addition
- Boiler and chiller replacement
- Energy savings management system HVAC and lighting

Olive Township Elementary Renovations

- Secure main entry addition
- Roof replacement
- Boiler and chiller replacement
- Restroom remodeling
- Classroom renovations (casework/carpeting)
- Energy savings management system HVAC and lighting
- Education intercom system replacement

Prairie View Elementary Renovations

- Secure main entry addition
- Roof replacement
- Boiler replacement
- Restroom remodeling
- Classroom renovations (casework/carpeting)
- Energy savings management system HVAC and lighting

New Prairie High School Renovations

- Roof reinforcement along corridors adjacent to future NPHS auditorium for future snow drift loads from new auditorium
- New north parking lot between NPHS softball field and cafeteria
- Modifications to south parking lot to accommodate bus drop-off during new construction
- Creation of high school construction staging areas
- Boiler, chiller and electrical infrastructure replacements/upgrades
- Energy savings management system HVAC and lighting

May 2017- April 2018

New Prairie High School Additions/New Construction

- New main entry exterior/interior high school administration offices
- "Hall of Excellence" corridor connecting east and west wings
- New auditorium
- Targeted roof replacement near auxiliary gym
- Building exterior envelope repairs, fire suppressionsSystem installed throughout project
- Renovation of old auditorium for new classroom spaces for band and choir programs
- Begin renovation of east wing for career/technical/elective programming

- Renovation of east wing weight room facility (Jan. - Aug. 2018)
- Completion of agricultural program addition

New Prairie Middle School Additions

- Gymnasium Addition (performing arts and athletic space)
- Band room and storage room addition
- Employee health clinic
- Energy savings management system HVAC and lighting

April 2018 – July 2018

Upon completion of new NPHS Auditorium, the existing NPHS auditorium will be vacated and renovated to house temporary classroom space during NPHS classroom renovations

Summer 2018

New Prairie High School Renovations

- Renovation media center/library
- Construction of Student Learning Commons adjacent to media center and cafeteria expansion
- Connect "Hall of Excellence," Student Learning Commons, east-west and north-south circulation spines for improved and more efficient student movement
- Cafeteria expansion
- Conversion of administration offices to classroom space
- Complete renovation of east wing for career/technical/elective programming
- Complete new bus drive around east side of facility near baseball field to separate bus traffic from student-parent traffic
- Complete new south parking lot and drive configuration for high school facility
- Complete new west parking lot and student drop-off configuration for high school facility
- Complete band practice lot adjacent to west parking lot
- Complete NPHS Football Halftime Building
- Storm water management circulation improvements

Aug. 2018 – Dec.2018

New Prairie High School

- Classroom renovations to west wing plus selected classrooms in east wing, utilization of re-purposed old auditorium for temporary classroom space

Jan.– July 2019

New Prairie High School

- Renovation of old auditorium for new classroom spaces for band and choir programs
- Installation of perimeter security monitoring system
- Space renovation for district technology and maintenance areas, includes relocation of district technology department to NPHS
- Renovation of NPUSC central office basement for a new meeting space in previous district technology area
- Completion of new storage spaces for band and choir programs in previous classroom and office areas

