



**Board Meeting Date:** 1/24/2023

**Title:** Edina Community Center Space Usage

**Type:** Report

**Presenter(s):** Dr. Randy Smasal, Assistant Superintendent; Dr. Anne Marie Leland, Director of Community Education and Strategic Partnerships; Karen Bergman, Principal, Countryside Elementary School; Chris Holden, Principal, Normandale Elementary French Immersion School; Jody Remsing, Director of Student Support Services; and Eric Hamilton, Director of Buildings and Grounds

**Description:** Due to the opportunity to increase student populations while maintaining our community partner organizations' needs, rooms within the Edina Community Center (ECC) will be reassigned for the 2023-24 school year. In collaboration between the Early Learning Center (ELC), Countryside Elementary, Normandale Elementary, respective Departments, and Buildings and Grounds, our team has identified existing rooms on the first and third floor of the ECC to meet these needs.

The Dual Language Spanish Program at Countryside will consist of four sections for the 2023-24 school year: two at kindergarten and two in first grade. The students in this program will spend the first half of the school year at the Edina Community Center, and the second half of the year (once Countryside construction is completed) at Countryside Elementary school. The information below describes some of the logistics associated with the placement of 1<sup>st</sup> grade Spanish Dual Language students at the ECC during that time.

**Recommendation:** This is an informational update for the board.

**Desired Outcomes from the Board:** Review the informational update and bring questions for the discussion to promote clarity as needed.

**Attachments:** See additional attached background information

#### Additional Background Information

To ensure adequate space for the Spanish Dual Language program the following adjustments are being made for the first half of the 2023-24 school year.

- Three classroom spaces currently occupied by Normandale elementary staff and students on the first floor of the ECC will be moved to the third floor on the west side of the ECC. Additional security doors will be installed to ensure the expanded space is secured.

- The current community vendor occupying the spaces on the third floor of the ECC will be relocated to new spaces, outside of the new secure zone.
- ELC programming will shift into the spaces vacated by moving Normandale Elementary students and staff to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.
- Countryside Spanish Dual Language program students in 1<sup>st</sup> grade will occupy two spaces on the west side of the ECC formerly used by the ELC staff. The kindergarten students in the Spanish Dual Language program will continue to use the space currently assigned to the Kindergarten Spanish students this year.

In the fall of 2023, there will be no available classroom space at Countryside Elementary for the two first grade sections of Spanish Dual Language due to the current needs of specialized services supports and the continuous progress enrollment. However, upon completion of the construction at Countryside Elementary, both Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade Spanish Dual Language students will move to Countryside. The vacated spaces in the Edina Community Center will then be available for expanded programming in the ELC.