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BOND UPDATE

Secured vestibules update; Technology upgrades and Chippewa School design plans

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

With beginning phase construction projects wrapped up, Okemos students, staff, and families are starting to utilize some of those improvements. Secured vestibules at **Okemos Public Montessori, Edgewood, Bennett Woods, and Cornell** are operational and staff is being trained on the new software solutions. Each school has a secured entrance to direct all visitors to the office instead of opening to the hallway. There is a new process when accessing these buildings that align with today's best practices for safety and security. We look forward to implementing more secured entrances at the remaining Okemos facilities in the next phase of bond projects.

NEXT PHASE UNDER DESIGN

Technology improvements are scheduled to get started in May to ensure completion by August 2024. Updates aim to improve wireless access, upgrade security cameras and door access, and update other technology infrastructure in each building in the district. Summer programming schedules are being coordinated with contractors to ensure minimal impact to summer school students.

Design work is complete for the secured vestibules at the **High School** and **Hiawatha**. Construction is scheduled to begin the summer of 2024. Temporary conditions will be addressed for the start of the 2024-25 school year at the Kickstart event in August, directly from building leaders. The scheduled work for Hiawatha will only address the vestibules and interior improvements. The carline and playground improvements have been postponed to further develop a plan.

The design plans for the new **Chippewa Middle School** were shared with the Board of Education on March 11 and received very positive feedback. The information shared at that meeting can be [found here](#). Bidding will occur in the spring and site work will begin in early summer. Construction is expected to last two years with anticipated completion being in 2026.

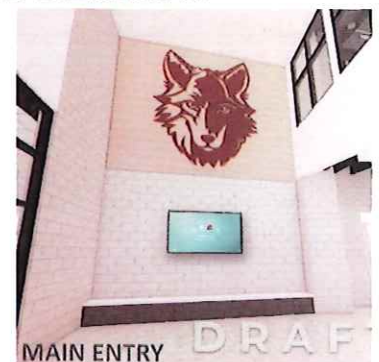
Finally, plans for the new **High School** baseball and softball facility are also getting underway as district leaders continue to work with community and township partners to thoughtfully address all needs for community and district athletics.

Stay tuned for continuing updates, and as always you can find our updates at www.okemosbond.net!

OHS ENTRY DESIGNS



STUDENT ENTRY



MAIN ENTRY

NEW CHIPPEWA MS DESIGN



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