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BOND UPDATE

Addressing secure vestibules, pressing needs, and athletics projects

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Construction update

Construction and design progress continues for Okemos Public Schools, where students, staff, and community members are starting to see the completion of the first phase of projects from the 2022 Bond. The renovation and additions of secure vestibule entries at **Edgewood Early Childhood Center, Bennett Woods, Cornell, and Okemos Public Montessori at Central** are nearly finished, and after a few months of closure and off-site competition, athletes and fans have returned to the newly renovated High School Stadium.

An official ribbon-cutting ceremony for the facility will occur on Friday, October 6th, before the Wolves's Varsity Football game against Dewitt High School. All Wolves fans and Okemos community members are encouraged to attend to experience the new barrier-free plaza entry and updated bleachers and celebrate this exciting first step for Okemos.

Next Phase Under Design

This month, our architects and engineers presented an update to the Board of Education regarding the new **Chippewa and Kinawa Middle Schools** and the efforts being taken to ensure the designs align with the needs of Okemos students and staff. Multiple community input sessions and weekly meetings with various focus groups have been held, including current middle school students. The design team shared schematic designs, or high-level plans and drawings, of what the new middle school campus could look like and asked for feedback from the Board and community members present. Professional stakeholder engagement will continue so the design team can provide a refined design solution in early 2024.

The next 2022 Bond update will occur at the December 2023 Board meeting, where the construction and design teams will provide a Design Development update on the secure vestibule and main office projects at the **High School**, the secure vestibule, main office and carloop improvements at **Hiawatha Elementary**, as well as additional utility infrastructure improvements to **Central**.

We appreciate the community's continued support of these projects and their flexibility and patience as we implement these amazing improvements. **Stay tuned for continuing updates, and as always you can find our updates at www.okemosbond.net!**



New entry plaza at Okemos High School Stadium



New secure entry at Edgewood Early Childhood Center

