



**Board of Education - Committee of the Whole Meeting
Northwood Middle School
945 North Ave.
Highland Park, IL 60035**

Tuesday, September 29, 2026 6:30 PM

Mission

North Shore School District 112 is a transformative learning organization where curiosity inspires minds, innovation shapes the future, and students, staff, and families engage to create a kind and connected community that is committed to excellence.

Agenda

No Live Stream

1. Call to Order/Roll Call (6:30 p.m.)
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Discussion
 - a. Teaching & Learning - Updated Accelerated Placement Process
 - b. Construction Updates
 - i. HVAC (*Trane*)
 - ii. Sherwood, Braeside & Wayne Thomas (*Gilbane*)
5. Public Comments - The Board welcomes comments and questions and gives them serious consideration. Comments are limited to 3 minutes for each person and comments will become part of the public record. Individual topics will have a limit of 30. Please fill out a comment card at the meeting and provide it to the Board if you wish to offer comments.
6. Other
7. Adjournment

Accelerated Placement Program

September 29, 2026

Committee of the Whole



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NORTH SHORE

SCHOOL DISTRICT 112

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STRATEGIC CHANGE AGENDA

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION IN MARCH 2025



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GOAL AREA 1

FOCUS ON STUDENT SUCCESS AND WELL-BEING

We are committed to empowering each student to achieve personal success, experience continuous growth, and feel valued as a unique individual in a safe, inclusive, and culturally responsive learning environment. We are dedicated to designing learning experiences that ignite curiosity, strengthen students' ability to adapt and persevere through challenges, and nurture a sense of purpose. Through innovative approaches, we personalize instruction and intentionally leverage the power of curricular resources and technology to make learning exciting, meaningful, and rigorous. Student success is defined, celebrated, and communicated.

Accelerated Placement Act

At its core, acceleration provides instruction focused on standards and skills typically taught at a higher grade level. An acceleration pathway is designed for students who consistently perform beyond grade-level expectations and whose learning needs cannot be fully met through traditional classroom enrichment and differentiation.

- ✓ Early Entrance Kindergarten
- ✓ Early Entrance First Grade
- ✓ Single Subject Acceleration
- ✓ Whole Grade Acceleration

(105 ILCS 5/14A) - Illinois Accelerated Placement Act



Components of APA

- Open Access To All Students
- Fair & Equitable Decision-Making
- Required Parental Decision Notification
- Multiple Valid Reliable Assessments



Timeline Overview

- November 2025: Initiated Internal Program Review
- February 2026: Hanover Research Project / Local School District Outreach
- Summer 2026: Legal Review
- Summer 2026: District 113 Feeder Alignment
- Fall 2026: Teacher & Leadership Team Presentations



Proactive District Identification

At the conclusion of each MAP Testing Window, District 112 proactively reviews existing data for all K-8 students. Students who meet the initial eligibility criteria for single-subject acceleration will be identified through this proactive audit.



Parent/Guardian Request

Parents or guardians may request that their child be considered for acceleration by submitting a formal application.

- **Parent/Guardian Request:** Requests must be submitted via [this form](#).
- **Direct Notification:** Upon review of the request and relevant student data, District 112 will contact the family directly.



Procedural Clarity

Minimum English Language Proficiency

- **English Language** – English must meet the minimum proficiency as a condition for admission.
- **English Language Measure** – Students must score at least 100% on a test of English language skills (minimum based measure of the grade they would expect to achieve) and students for whom the minimum is not met must be placed in an English language program.
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Final Placement Decision

Final placement decisions are based on the results of the English language proficiency test and the results of the English language proficiency test. Students who do not meet the minimum proficiency will be placed in an English language program.

Reassignment and Gifted Grade Students

Gifted and talented students are identified by the results of the English language proficiency test and the results of the English language proficiency test. Students who do not meet the minimum proficiency will be placed in an English language program.

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Additional Information

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Elementary

Single Subject - ELA & Math

Initial Criteria

- **MAP Criteria:** Students must score at the 99th percentile on at least two of the last three NWEA MAP tests of the grade they would skip to be considered for further testing.

Single-Subject ELA Acceleration Criteria Reading MAP RIT Cut Scores			
Student's Current Grade	Spring* (previous year)	Fall (current year)	Winter (current year)
2nd	N/A	227	232
3rd	236	238	241
4th	243	244	246
5th	248	248	250

Single-Subject Math Acceleration Criteria Math MAP RIT Cut Scores			
Student's Current Grade	Spring* (previous year)	Fall (current year)	Winter (current year)
2nd	N/A	220	231
3rd	239	234	244
4th	252	244	252
5th	259	247	256

**Note: Spring MAP scores for the current academic year are not available at this time.*

Spring MAP scores from the previous academic school year will be used for the identification process.

Assessments and Criteria

- **MAP:** Students must score at the **99th** percentile on at least two of the last three NWEA MAP tests of the grade they would skip to be considered for further testing.
 - **CogAT:** Demonstrates high cognitive aptitude on a nationally normed assessment.
 - **Curriculum-Based Measure:** Demonstrates grade-level readiness in math or ELA for the target grade.
 - **Social-Emotional Criteria:** Demonstrates age-appropriate social-emotional readiness for acceleration.

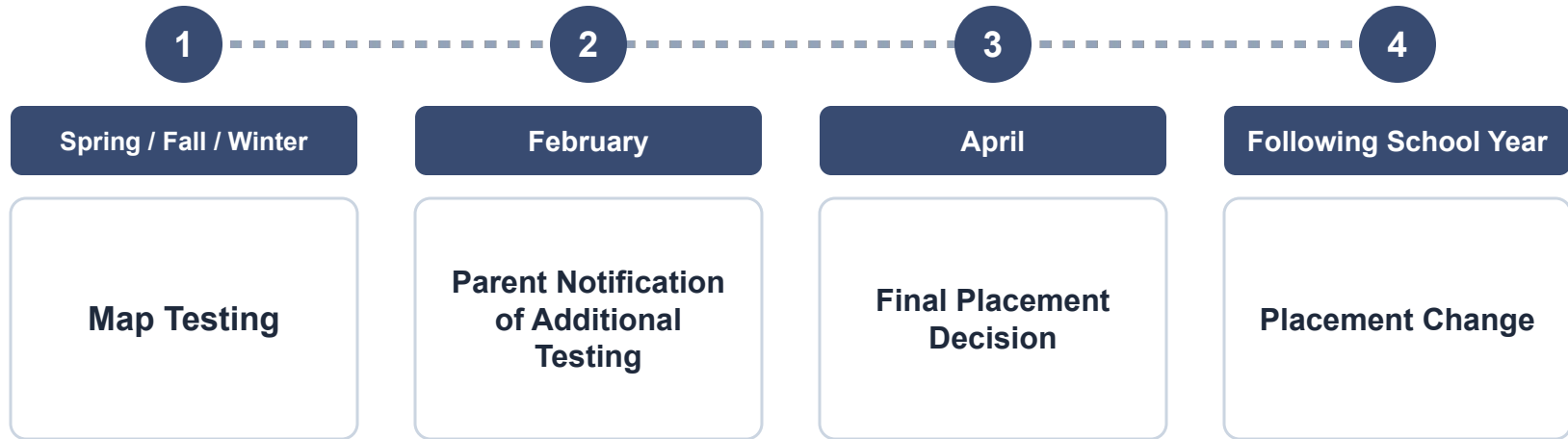


Whole Grade

- **Criteria:** This involves placement into the grade level immediately following their typical age peer group and applies to the **entirety** of the school day, encompassing all core academic subjects, creative arts courses, PE, lunch and recess.
- Students must qualify for ELA and Math to be eligible for Whole Grade Acceleration.



Elementary Timeline



**This process applies to students in grades 2–5.*



Middle School

Single Subject - ELA

Grade Level Courses → Accelerated

- **MAP Criteria:** Students must score at the RIT score associated via the NWEA IAR Linking Study that projects a student to be “Above Proficient” in 6th grade.
- **Course Performance Criteria:** Students must score an average of 90% on all unit reading tests and unit essays in their current ELA course.



Single Subject - Math

Grade Level Courses → Advanced

- **MAP Criteria:** Students must score at the RIT score associated via the NWEA IAR Linking Study that projects a student to be “Proficient.”
- **Course Performance Criteria:** Students must score an average of 90% on all unit tests and quizzes in their current math course.



Single Subject - Math

Advanced → Accelerated

- **MAP Criteria:** Students must score at the RIT score associated via the NWEA IAR Linking Study that projects a student to be “Above Proficient.”
- **Course Performance Criteria:** Students must score an average of 90% on all unit tests and quizzes in their current math course.



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* Middle School Whole Grade Level Acceleration mirrors the testing process for Elementary



Thank you



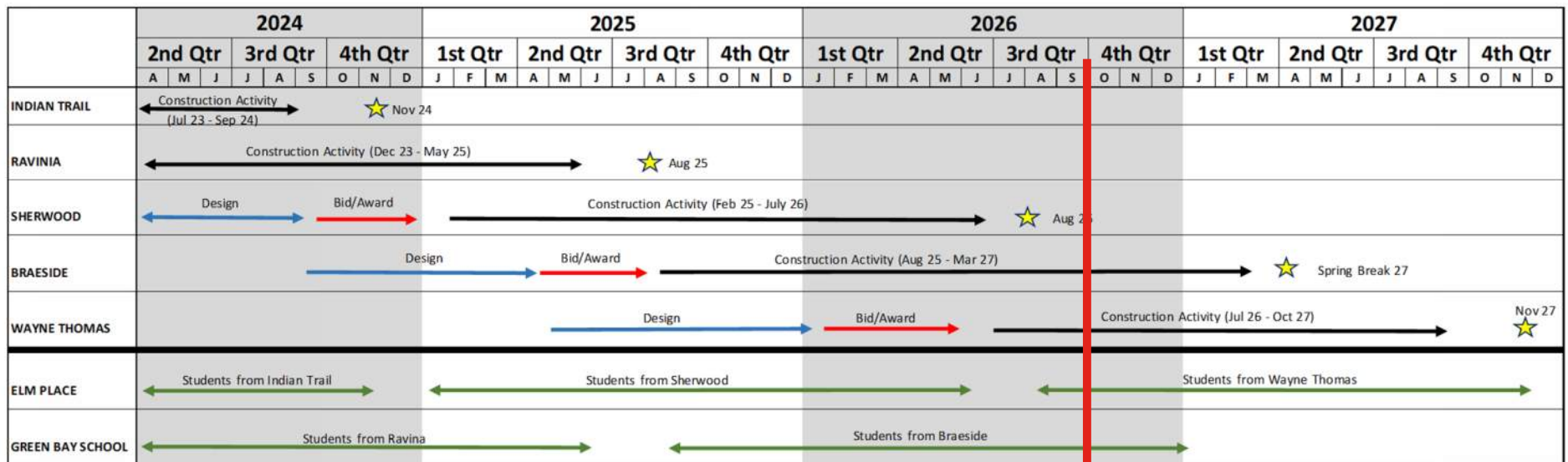
NSSD Update: Sherwood, Braeside & Wayne Thomas September 2026



NSSD Timeline



North Shore School District 112 Construction Schedule



★ Students return to school

NSSD Phase 2 Program Costs

NSSD 112									
NORTH SHORE SD 112 - LONG RANGE FACILITY PLANNING - PHASE 2									
PROGRAM ESTIMATE									
Highland Park, IL									R27.0
ESTIMATE TRACKING									September 22, 2026
				BASE BUDGET (\$M)	BASE BUDGET (\$M)	BASE BUDGET (\$M)	BASE BUDGET (\$M)	BASE BUDGET (\$M)	BASE BUDGET (\$M)
				<i>R18 – February 25, 2025</i>	<i>R21 – June 30, 2025</i>	<i>R22 – October 7, 2025</i>	<i>R24 – March 3, 2026</i>	<i>R25 – April 15, 2026</i>	<i>R27 – September 22, 2026</i>
BUILDING - DESCRIPTION	CONSTRUCTION START								
Ravinia - Renovation & Expansion	<i>Start 2024</i>			36.0	36.0	36.0	36.3	36.3	36.3
Indian Trail - Renovation	<i>Start 2023</i>			24.3	24.2	24.2	24.2	24.2	24.2
New Central Kitchen - Indian Trail Campus	<i>Start 2023</i>			0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Sherwood - Renovation & Expansion	<i>Start 2024</i>			29.2	29.5	29.1	29.2	29.0	29.1
Braeside - Renovation	<i>Start 2025</i>			27.7	26.6	26.3	28.1	28.2	29.4
Wayne Thomas - Renovation	<i>Start 2026</i>			22.4	24.2	24.2	23.8	24.6	24.6
SUBTOTAL COST				\$139.6M	\$140.5M	\$139.8M	\$141.6M	\$142.3M	\$143.6M
Ravinia - Reroof Building (Not in initial referendum budget)				5.1	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.1
Northwood - Kitchen Upgrades				0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Edgewood - Kitchen Upgrades				0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Indian Trail - Out of Scope Changes				0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Sherwood -HVAC (Removed from Referendum Scope)				3.7	3.9	3.9	4.1	4.1	4.1
Sherwood - Reroof Building Scope (Moved to Base Bid)				0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Braeside - Reroof Building Scope (Removed from Referendum Scope)				0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Braeside – HVAC Mechanical System Scope (Removed from Referendum Scope)				4.0	4.3	4.2	4.4	4.4	4.4
Wayne Thomas - Reroof Building Scope (Removed from Referendum Scope)				0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Wayne Thomas – HVAC Mechanical System Scope (Removed from Referendum Scope)				3.6	4.0	4.0	4.5	4.4	4.4
TOTAL PROJECT COST				\$156.M	\$157.8M	\$157.M	\$159.7M	\$160.3M	\$161.6M

NSSD Phase 2 Program Costs

Cost Updates - April 2026 to September 2026			
Ravinia	Added Parking Scope	\$	63,484
Sherwood	Added Owner Soft Costs	\$	95,188
		\$	95,188
Braeside	Additional Contingency May 2026	\$	677,047
	Fence Rebid Costs	\$	20,265
	Additional Contingency September 2026	\$	266,167
	Extended Construction Duration	\$	200,804
	Additional Owner Soft Costs	\$	52,875
		\$	1,217,158
Wayne Thomas	Reduced Owner Soft Costs	\$	(58,080)
		\$	(58,080)
		TOTAL	\$ 1,317,750

Risks:

- Braeside Enclosure
- Wayne Thomas ComEd

Sherwood Project Overview

Work In Progress

- Project Complete!



Sherwood Final Photos



















Braeside Update

Braeside Project Overview

Work In Progress

- Interior Buildout
- MEPFP Trim
- Roof and Windows
- Elevator Structure

Upcoming Work

- Interior Finishes
- Elevator Installation

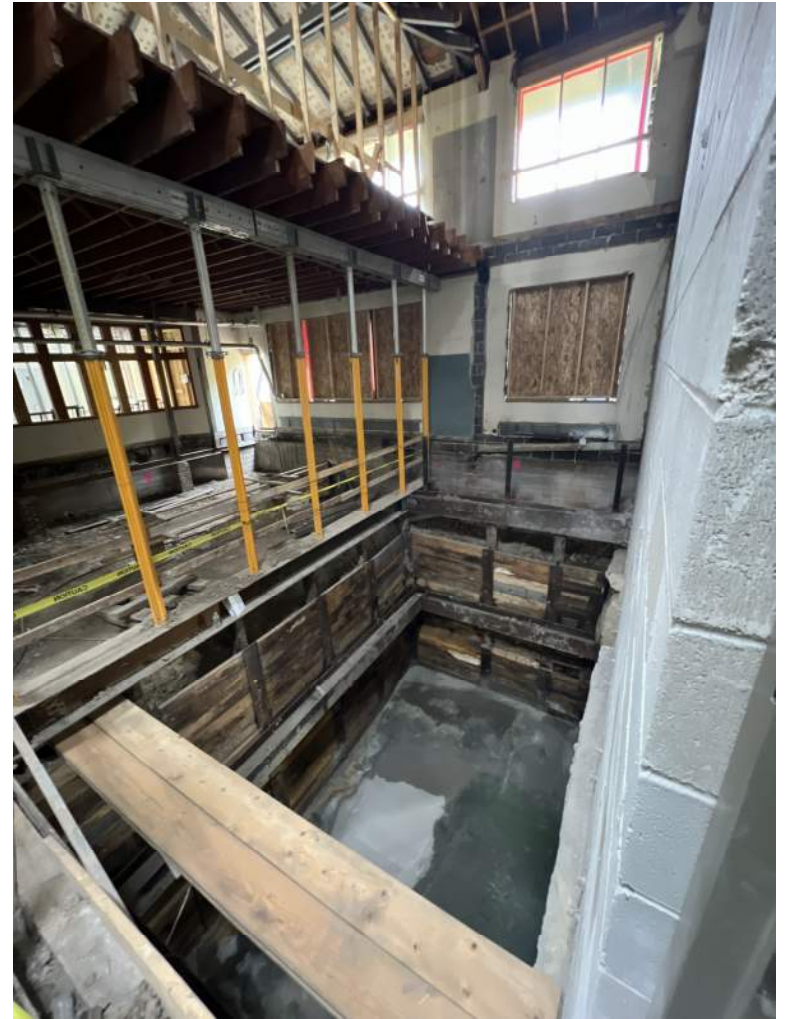
Issues / Constraints

- Schedule compression
- Weather

Braeside Project Overview

















Braeside Budget Summary



NSSD 112 BRAESIDE ELEMENTARY RENOVATIONS

FINANCIAL SUMMARY AS OF 9.24.2026



	Forecasted Amounts	Baseline Amounts	Forecasted vs. Baseline
Current Trades + Site Services	\$20,964,996	\$18,825,015	\$2,139,981
Potential Contingency Usage	\$691,983	\$0	\$691,983
Remaining Construction Contingency	-\$20,509	\$941,251	(\$961,760)
Gilbane CM Costs	\$2,912,809	\$2,663,829	\$248,980
Total Gilbane Contract Value (Billing % Complete: 48%)	\$24,549,279	\$22,430,095	\$2,119,184
OCO-4	\$466,971		
A/E Costs (included in Soft Cost)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Owner Soft Costs (as of 05/6/2026)	\$4,382,379	\$4,216,283	\$166,096
23A Mechanical Work - Equip, Labor, Temp Control (TRANE discount included; 2/11/26)	\$4,389,270	\$4,281,551	\$107,719
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$33,787,899	\$30,927,929	\$2,392,999
Final Gilbane Estimate Budget:	\$31,299,116	\$31,299,116	
(Under) / Over Budget:	\$2,488,783	(\$371,187)	\$2,859,970

Braeside Schedule

Braeside Elementary Renovation		367	25-Aug-25 08:00 A	03-Jun-27 08:00
Milestone Summary		369	25-Aug-25 08:00 A	02-Jun-27 17:00
MS-1020	Construction Summary	369	25-Aug-25 08:00 A	03-Mar-27 17:00
MS-1040	Foundations Start	0	03-Sep-26 08:00	
MS-1060	Structure Start - Elevator Shaft	0	11-Sep-26 16:00	
MS-1130	Finishes Start	0	18-Sep-26 08:00	
MS-1050	Foundations Ready for Vertical Structure	0		30-Sep-26 16:00
MS-1055	Foundations Complete	0		02-Oct-26 16:00
MS-1070	Structure Top-Out Achieved - Elevator Shaft	0		20-Nov-26 16:00
MS-1080	Elevator Start	0	30-Nov-26 16:00	
MS-1110	Final Building Weathertight - Roof & Window Scope Complete	0		01-Dec-26 17:00
MS-1210	Contractual Substantial Completion (1/8/27)	0		08-Jan-27 17:00*
MS-1100	Elevator Complete	0		08-Feb-27 16:00
MS-1280	Inspections Complete	0		25-Feb-27 17:00
MS-1170	Building Systems Ready for Commissioning	0		01-Mar-27 16:00
MS-1190	Forecast Substantial Completion	0		03-Mar-27 17:00
MS-1200	Punch List Complete	0		09-Mar-27 17:00
MS-1180	Commissioning Complete	0		29-Mar-27 16:00
MS-1220	Final Completion	0		02-Jun-27 17:00

Wayne Thomas Update

Wayne Thomas Project Overview

Work In Progress

- Demolition
- Underground Plumbing
- Framing
- Masonry

Upcoming Work

- Roofing
- Elevator Excavation

Issues / Constraints

- Unforeseen Conditions
- ComEd

Wayne Thomas Project Overview

















Wayne Thomas Budget Summary



NSSD 112 WAYNE THOMAS ELEMENTARY RENOVATIONS FINANCIAL SUMMARY AS OF 09.24.2026



	<i>Forecasted Amounts</i>	<i>Baseline Amounts</i>	<i>Forecasted vs. Baseline</i>	<i>% Complete</i>
Current Trades + Site Services	\$17,186,493	\$17,186,493	\$0	5%
Potential Contingency Usage	\$169,375	\$0	\$169,375	0%
Remaining Construction Contingency	\$689,950	\$859,325	(\$169,375)	0%
Gilbane CM Costs	\$2,764,568	\$2,764,568	\$0	17%
Total Gilbane Contract Value	\$20,810,386	\$20,810,386	\$0	6%
A/E Costs (included in Soft Cost)	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Owner Soft Costs	\$3,742,351	\$3,800,000	(\$57,649)	
23A Mechanical Work - Equip, Labor, Temp Control	\$4,378,759	\$4,378,759	\$0	
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$28,931,496	\$28,989,145	(\$57,649)	
Final Gilbane Estimate Budget (March 2026):	\$28,297,688	\$28,297,688		
(Under) / Over Budget:	\$633,808	\$691,457	(\$57,649)	

Wayne Thomas Schedule

Wayne Thomas Elementary Renovation LIVE		581	Aug-22-25 A	Dec-10-27
Milestone Summary		404	Apr-21-26 A	Dec-10-27
MS-1000	Notice to Proceed	0		Apr-21-26 A
MS-1010	Gilbane Contract Executed	0		May-27-26 A
MS-1030	Mobilization	0	Jun-19-26 A	
MS-1020	Construction Summary	323	Jun-19-26 A	Oct-12-27
MS-1120	Interior Start (rough-in)	0	Sep-28-26	
MS-1040	Foundations Start	0	Oct-23-26	
MS-1260	Temporary Building Weathertight - Roof & Window Scope Partial C	0		Nov-03-26
MS-1060	Structure Start - Elevator Shaft	0	Nov-06-26	
MS-1055	Foundations Complete	0		Nov-23-26
MS-1150	Building Temporarily Enclosed - Roof Vapor Barrier Installed	0		Nov-23-26
MS-1130	Finishes Start	0	Dec-14-26	
MS-1070	Structure Top-Out Achieved - Elevator Shaft	0		Dec-29-26
MS-1270	Temporary Building Weathertight - Elevator Roof Partial Complet	0		Jan-04-27
MS-1080	Elevator Start	0	Apr-13-27	
MS-1100	Elevator Complete	0		Jul-20-27
MS-1110	Final Building Weathertight - Roof & Window Scope Complete	0		Jul-21-27
MS-1170	Building Systems Ready for Commissioning	0		Jul-28-27
MS-1200	Punch List Complete	0		Aug-23-27
MS-1180	Commissioning Complete	0		Aug-25-27
MS-1210	Contractual Substantial Completion (10/01/2027)	0		Oct-01-27*
MS-1190	Forecast Substantial Completion	0		Oct-12-27
MS-1220	Final Completion	0		Dec-10-27