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MEMBER DISTRICT AND MASA SPONSOR TEAM UP TO BREAK GROUND ON MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Spring Lake Public Schools students, staff and community members can look forward to some big changes next year and beyond. As a result of the community's approval of a \$54 million bond issue, multiple construction projects are currently underway in this beautiful western Michigan district, just a mile from the shores of Lake Michigan. IMP Architecture is providing design services for the projects.

At Grabinski Stadium, a new entryway, ticket booth, visitor bleachers and concessions stands will improve the fan experience. At the high school, two new synthetic turf fields for soccer and lacrosse as well as bleachers, an announcer's booth, new scoreboard and new lighting will create a destination for not only the high school teams, but for outside group events as well.

At Jeffers and Holmes Elementary Schools, a new gym, stage, kitchen and cafeteria will be added, along with a two-story classroom addition. At Holmes, a new secure entrance and administrative office will greet students and visitors, and a new library and computer lab will create collaborative, technology-rich spaces for students. At both schools, furniture will be replaced, and infrastructure such as paging systems and wireless access will be upgraded, along with upgrades to roofing, mechanical systems, lighting and cabinetry.

A much-needed makeover of the Intermediate/Middle School's band room and media center are planned, along with technology upgrades throughout the school. New secure front entrances identifying the middle and intermediate school creates a safer environment for students and staff, while classroom and media center renovations will result in 21st century learning spaces for students as they prepare for high school. The roof on this aging building will be replaced, along with mechanical systems and lighting. Athletics will be enhanced with improvements to the gym and locker rooms.

Minor improvements to the high school will include technology infrastructure upgrades, site improvements and furniture replacement. Ten new buses for the district will also be purchased to replace aging buses that are nearing the end of their lifespan and are costly to maintain.

Construction at the two elementary schools and intermediate/middle school is slated for completion by fall 2016. Work at the athletic fields is anticipated to be complete this fall. Dennis Furton, Spring Lake Public Schools Superintendent, is pleased with the projects' progress and team: "We've had a great experience with the TMP team. They...have had A LOT to do to keep pace with the schedule and to meet our expectations. The work has consistently reflected our input while still managing to push us in directions that we need to go but hadn't, perhaps, considered."

Photo Below: Students and staff gather for the Jeffers Elementary School project groundbreaking ceremony, April 14, 2015. Photo courtesy of <u>TMP</u> Architecture. Inc.

