



# TRI-VILLAGE LOCAL SCHOOLS

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Dear Patriots,

The Tri-Village Local School District Board of Education's vision is to continue to create a first class environment for our students and families while responding to our district's growth and community needs.

Our Board of Education began strategically planning three construction projects (Transportation Garage, Patriot Early Learning Center and Patriot Activity Center) for the district approximately two and a half years ago to meet a variety of needs; including additional classroom space, the growing demand for use of our facility by our community, in-season and off season athletics, youth athletic programs, more office space and storage of our district's bus fleet.

With that being said, due to the uncertainty presented by the pandemic the district put two of the three projects on- hold but was able to complete one of the projects on campus during the above mentioned timeline. In early May of 2021, the district officially moved in to a 4,800 square foot two bay Transportation Garage located on the east side of campus. The addition of the garage allowed the district to move all transportation operations on campus for the first time in my tenure as an administrator.

The other two construction projects of mention, the Patriot Early Learning Center and the Patriot Activity Center were put on the back burner but over the last several months have picked up steam as the district contracted with both Garmann Miller, a K-12 Education and athletic facility-focused architectural and engineering design firm from Minster, and Level MB Construction, a construction management and general contracting company from Troy, to get these projects off the ground.

Furthermore, I'm ecstatic to report that the Tri-Village Board of Education recently approved a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) proposal from Level MB Construction to put the two other projects in motion for construction in 2022. Level MB Construction's GMP proposal was based on soliciting competitive pricing proposals from several qualified and local subcontractors to complete the upcoming construction work beginning in January.

The Patriot Early Learning Center, a 6,190 square foot new building addition, will be attached to the existing building and will consist of the following:

- A 500 square foot entrance lobby
- Two 1,200 square foot 21<sup>st</sup> Century Preschool Classrooms

- An 1,100 square foot elementary classroom with the possibility of adding another elementary class offering.
- Two new fenced in playground areas behind the Early Learning Center for our preschool and kindergarten children to play.

The Patriot Activity Center, a 32,398 square foot new building, will be free standing and will consist of the following:

- A 2,200 square foot Community Fitness and Wellness Weight Room for students, staff and stakeholder use.
- A 14,925 square foot gymnasium with seating capacity nearing 1,700 spectators encompassing a 94 foot college length wood floor and will be our main competition gym for high school volleyball and basketball.
  - Bleacher seating under one basket for our students and pep band to call home.
- A 4,200 square foot commons leading into the gymnasium area with ADA-accessible access to large-group restrooms and family restrooms for men and women.
- Two 550 square foot locker rooms, two offices/officials rooms, a state of the art training room outfitted by Wayne Healthcare and space for equipment storage.
- A 500 square foot concession stand for all home high school basketball and volleyball events.
- A multimedia film room outfitted by two local donors for all athletes to use.
- A new and improved central office location with an 800 square foot community board room for staff and stakeholder use.

The rationale for moving forward with these projects at this time are:

- The additional classroom space will enable the district to increase enrollment in our 5 Star Rated Preschool Program.
  - The Board of Education strongly believes the earlier we get children on our campus, the more positive impact we can make. Thus, increasing the likelihood the child will remain with the district for their entire educational career.
  - Moving our preschool children out of the high school and into the elementary wing will improve our student and staff collaboration. Consequently, opening up two JH/High school classrooms for potentially more class offerings in the future.
- Our athletic facilities are in high demand from our community members for various practices, events and activities. We appreciate the public wanting to use our facilities and we make every effort to accommodate the requests that we receive; however, often our current gymnasiums are booked until at least 9:00 p.m. on weekdays during the winter months.
- We are one of if not the only district in the newly formed Western Ohio Athletic Conference with only one “playable” gym. By playable, we mean the ability to host games due to enough seating for patrons. The addition of another competition gym will allow us to simultaneously host multiple events and provide greater flexibility with scheduling while marketing our facility as a potential Southwest District Tournament Site.

- We want to offer our community and children what many other communities possess. Our goal is to give people , especially young couples who are looking to start a family, a well- rounded educational environment with first class facilities.
- We wish to retain and attract students while staying competitive with our county schools regarding facilities, programs and services. It is vital that our facilities set us apart and continue to move us forward.
  - Currently, our K-12 open enrollment numbers are the highest they have ever been topping out at 199. Educational choice is at an all- time high, the district must continue to make itself marketable in all facets of education.
- We wish to be good stewards of public funds entrusted to us while utilizing those funds responsibly to ensure continued growth and success. Our current economic environment and financial position makes this a great time to invest in our children and community. Because of financial stewardship by the Board of Education and Treasurer’s office, all of these improvements will be financed directly from the district. This means there will not be a request for additional community funding to complete these projects.
  - The Patriot Early Learning Center will be primarily funded by the federal funding received through our ESSER dollars.
  - The Patriot Activity Center will be funded through the general fund, donations, state wellness and financing dollars.
    - *If interested in donating toward the project please contact Kim Chowning or Josh Sagester.*

In closing, it’s certainly an exciting time to be a Patriot and we look forward to watching these projects take shape. We will continue to update you on the progress of both projects as the approximate completion date for the Patriot Early Learning Center is August 2022 and October 2022 for the Patriot Activity Center, thank you for supporting Tri-Village Local Schools.

Yours in Education,

  
Josh Sagester