Welcome to the Parade of Schools!

In November 2017, St. Louis Park voters overwhelmingly approved a $100.9 million bond referendum to help St. Louis Park Public Schools address increasing enrollment, aging facilities and a need for flexible learning spaces to accommodate next century learning.

The school district is currently in the middle of four years of construction that will conclude in 2021. When construction is completed, the facility improvements will benefit ALL learners from our youngest, to our seniors in high school, to our adults and seniors in community education classes.

The October 26, 2019, Parade of Schools event showcases the work that has been completed. We invite you to visit Aquila Elementary School (8500 West 31st Street), Park Spanish Immersion Elementary School (9400 Cedar Lake Road South), and St. Louis Park High School (6425 West 33rd Street).

Park Spanish Immersion Elementary School is where visitors will see the biggest transformation after the District renovated the building formerly known as Cedar Manor School (constructed in 1957). Visitors will have an opportunity to tour the school’s new main office, cafeteria, media center, and Makers Space. Visitors will also have an opportunity to walk inside renovated classrooms that were designed for next century learning. These classrooms feature flexible and dynamic learning spaces, new technology, and spaces for small group and independent learning.

At Aquila Elementary School, the classrooms have also been renovated for next century learning. Don’t miss out on touring the Aquila Media Center, which has been completely renovated to create new learning opportunities. The school’s kitchen also received important updates as the District continues to move in a direction that will allow the School Nutrition Department to provide our students with more healthy and nutritious meals.

At the High School, construction is ongoing and will continue through 2021. As part of today’s Parade of Schools event, we are pleased to be able to showcase the new Main Office, Student Services, and Health Services offices on the Northwest side of the building adjacent to West 33rd Street. Future Parade of Schools events will showcase more projects at the High Schools including the new Fitness Center/Weight Room, new Locker Rooms, new Dining Commons and new Link and Learning Commons.

All of our facilities work – completed and upcoming – is driven by our Mission Statement, which states: As a caring, diverse community with a tradition of putting its children first, we will ensure all students attain their highest level of achievement; prepare all students to contribute to society; offer high quality opportunities for lifelong learning; provide multiple pathways to excellence; challenge all learners to meet high standards; and provide a safe and nurturing environment that energizes and enhances the spirit.

We hope you enjoy the Parade of Schools!
Next Century Classrooms

Classrooms at all four of the District’s elementary schools are being renovated for next century learning. These classrooms provide flexible and collaborative learning spaces that meet the changing needs of students and teachers. They feature furniture that is lightweight and multifunctional, which allows teachers to design learning spaces that support specific learning objectives. Students are able to work in groups or independently, or arrange the room to maximize space and create an interactive learning environment. Fall 2019, classrooms were completed at Park Spanish Immersion and Aquila Elementary Schools; classrooms will be renovated at Peter Hobart and Susan Lindgren Elementary Schools in the Summer of 2020.

Safety and Security

Providing a safe and nurturing environment that energizes and enhances the spirit is mission critical in St. Louis Park Public Schools. Secure main entries have been constructed at all four elementary schools guiding visitors to enter through the main office. In addition, Park Spanish Immersion Elementary School and Aquila Elementary School have had new classroom doors installed that allow teachers and staff to lock doors from inside the classroom, as opposed to having to use a key on the outside of the door to lock the classroom. Peter Hobart Elementary School and Susan Lindgren Elementary School will have these same classroom doors installed during the Summer of 2020.

School Nutrition

A key component to the November 2017 referendum included healthy meals for all learners. While the District’s Central Kitchen at the High School is not scheduled to be completed until Fall 2021, the elementary school kitchen renovations are underway. Kitchens have been renovated at both Park Spanish Immersion and Aquila elementary schools to enable cooking and serving of more made-from-scratch meals. The kitchens at both Peter Hobart and Susan Lindgren Elementary Schools are scheduled to be renovated in the Summer of 2020.
Playgrounds

New inclusive and accessible playgrounds have been installed at Park Spanish Immersion and Susan Lindgren Elementary Schools. These playgrounds incorporate a variety of safe and fun equipment that allows students of all ages to play and exercise individually or collaboratively during time away from the classroom.

Community Spaces

Funding from the referendum has helped to create several spaces that can be utilized by community members. The cafeteria at Park Spanish Immersion Elementary School was strategically located on the first floor near the school’s main entrance so that it can be used before and after school. Gathering spaces have also been remodeled at Lenox Community Center. Future construction at the High School and Middle School will continue to add to the list of community spaces available to St. Louis Park residents.

Environmental Sustainability

As each classroom and shared space is renovated within the schools, the District is updating all systems, structures, furniture, fixtures, and equipment for maximum environmental sustainability. From the carpet on the floors to the furniture in the classrooms, everything can be recycled when it reaches the end of its useful life for the school district. Energy-efficient lighting has been installed throughout the schools, air conditioning has been installed in all four elementary schools, and soon solar panels will be installed on the Park Spanish Immersion Elementary School and High School roofs.

Unique Spaces

Each of our schools offer unique spaces for student, teacher, and family learning and interaction beyond the classroom. The Aquila Media Center features new lighting to inspire learning. At Park Spanish Immersion Elementary School there are a variety of unique spaces for flexible learning including the Media Center, Makers Space, Theater, and Band/Music Room. A new Main Entrance at the High School offers a clear entrance to the school and a welcoming and inviting atmosphere for students and families to interact with school administration, student services, and health services.
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**Leased Space in Aquila Gym at Elementary**

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#### CHART KEY

- **AO**: Aquila Elementary School
- **C**: Central
- **DO**: District Office
- **HS**: St. Louis Park High School
- **MS**: St. Louis Park Middle School
- **PH**: Peter Hobart Elementary
- **SL**: Susan Lindgren Elementary School
- **PSI@CM**: Park Spanish Immersion Elementary School

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The 2019-20 school year marks Park Spanish Immersion Elementary School’s (PSI) first year in the building formerly known as Cedar Manor School.

**PSI projects include:**

- Exterior construction included moving the main entrance from the upper parking lot to the lower parking lot on the East side of the building. With the front entry move, the main office is also now located on the lower level adjacent to the new entry.
- A new bus loop has been constructed on the North side of the building.
- A new playground has been installed on the East side of the building.
- Renovations touched almost every square foot of the interior of the school including the classrooms, media center, cafeteria, multi-purpose rooms, and collaborative spaces for student services.
- All classrooms have been renovated for next century learning including new furniture, technology, lighting, carpet, and paint.
- The school’s kitchen and cafeteria have been renovated to allow for more nutritious and made-from-scratch meals.
- The school’s new media center and Makers Space also have new furniture, technology, lighting, carpet, and paint.
Aquila Elementary School was closed during the summer months of 2019 for a number of construction projects.

**Aquila Elementary projects include:**

- All of the school’s classrooms have been renovated for next century learning including upgrades to furniture, technology, lighting, carpet, and paint. These classrooms provide flexible and collaborative learning spaces that meet the changing needs of students and teachers.

- Renovations also touched the school’s kitchen and media center. Kitchen renovations will allow the school to serve more nutritious and made-from-scratch meals. Renovations in the media center include a new floor plan, updated furniture, technology, flooring, lighting and paint, a new testing area, and an updated computer lab.

- Air conditioning was also installed in the school’s gymnasium during the summer of 2018.
The space formerly occupied by the District Office on the Northwest side of the High School adjacent to West 33rd Street has been reconfigured and renovated to fit the needs of the High School Administration.

**High School projects include:**

- A new, secure entrance has been constructed along West 33rd Street that leads into the Main Office space where visitors enter the building. The Main Office houses the principal, assistant principals, police liaison officer, and other support staff.
- Inside the new Student Services Office, students and families will find counselors, social workers, the gifted and talented coordinator, BARR coordinator, and other support staff.
- A new Health Services office is configured to better meet student needs.
- New tennis courts were completed and used for competition Fall 2019.
- Construction work has also been completed on new athletic and physical education locker rooms, although those projects will be part of a future Parade of Schools event when other athletic facilities are completed.
Other Completed or Soon-to-be-Completed Construction Projects

Susan Lindgren Elementary School Playground
Play is so important in the healthy development of our learners! A new inclusive and accessible playground was installed at Susan Lindgren Elementary School featuring colorful play structures for all ages and a slide built into the natural hillside geography of the school.

High School Locker Rooms
The new high school locker rooms will feature a new layout, lockers, flooring, lighting, toilets, sinks, showers, and branding. There will also be new and improved storage areas, team rooms, and coaches offices, as well as a new common athletic training room.

High School Fitness Center
Construction is underway on the weight room and fitness center. When complete, the fitness space will provide all learners with access to a variety of equipment and activities to encourage the development of healthy lifelong fitness habits.

Middle School Media Center
Scheduled for completion Winter 2020, the Middle School Media Center addition will feature flexible learning areas, expanded options for individual and small-group study, digital learning, and large group meeting options for students, teachers, staff, and community.

Health Services
Both the Middle School and High School Health Services offices received an update to their spaces Summer 2019. Updated flooring, furniture, fixtures, and equipment are ready to meet the needs of all learners to ensure all learners attain their highest level of achievement.
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