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Bond Referendum 2019: Facts for Eagle Heights Spanish Immersion

To help maintain Eden Prairie Schools' commitment to inspiring each student every day, district residents are being asked to vote May 14, 2019 on a one-question bond funding proposal to improve school learning environments and enhance school safety through construction projects at all schools.

A COMMUNITY VISION FOR **STRONG, SAFE** SCHOOLS AND **SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS**

Eden Prairie Schools staff, parents and community members spent the last three years developing a long-term vision for academic programs and facilities to support student learning. The School Board is asking voters to consider a one-question bond referendum that accomplishes four priorities identified by our community.



PRESCHOOL

- Four-year-old preschool would be housed in Oak Point (same campus as EHSI)
- Fee-based, optional program
- Half-day program: Teacher/staff supervision, age-appropriate & separate from older students
- Separate buses and start times
- EHSI families can choose Oak Point preschool if an older sibling attends EHSI
- If no older sibling at EHSI, 4-year-olds can attend preschool at neighborhood school



SAFETY & SECURITY

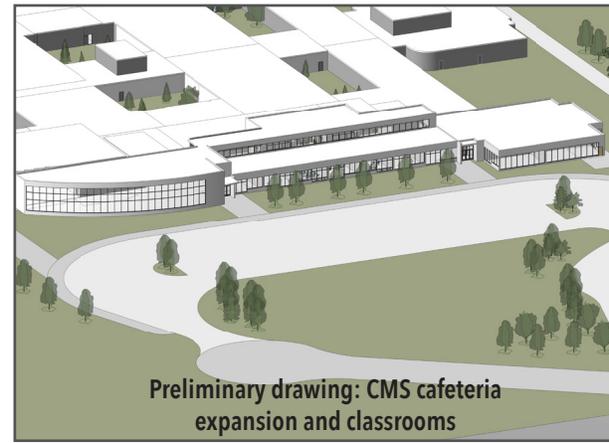
- If the referendum is successful, EHSI and Oak Point administration and district staff work together to identify specific building needs
- Schools already have strong security infrastructure and clear procedures for visitors. Additional layers of security will be less visible, which is by design.
- Options include doors to lockdown sections of the building, protective (shatter-resistant) glass, and improved communication systems.



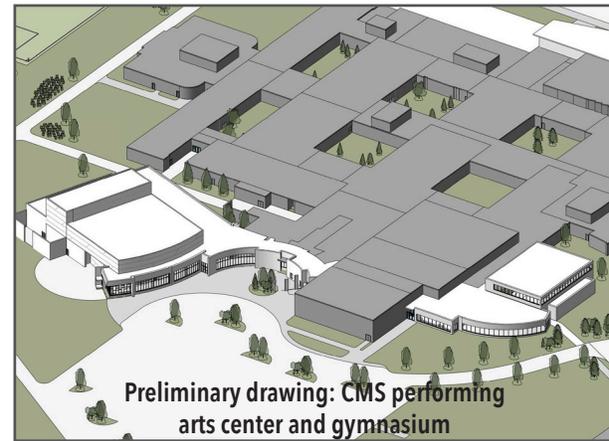
MOVING 6TH GRADE TO CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Strengthen middle school immersion

- Sixth grade immersion students will be placed on team with their peers (families have the choice to opt-out)
- Four classes will continue to be taught in Spanish (Eden Prairie Schools' 6th grade immersion will continue to provide more than any other west metro immersion school)
- Planning with staff, Central Middle School administration and families ahead of the 2021-22 school year will include discussion of how to maintain an appropriate immersion environment
- Spanish language experience for grades 6-8 will be improved due to the larger number of teachers and students joining CMS: Curriculum and teacher planning would take advantage of the size of the language program
- All 6th grade students would have more options for their exploratory classes
- All middle school students would benefit from new theater space, added personal wellness/gym space, a larger and brighter lunch room and classroom updates across the building



Preliminary drawing: CMS cafeteria expansion and classrooms

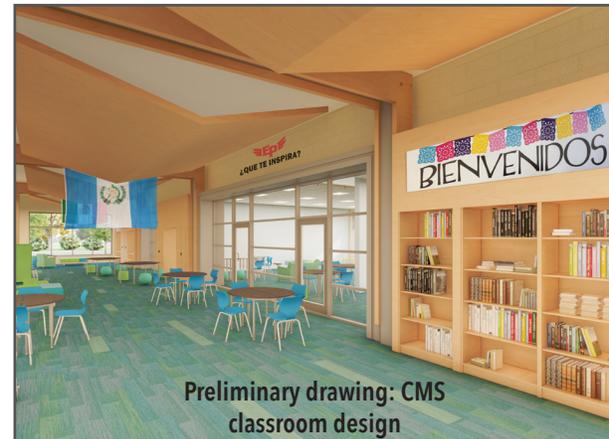


Preliminary drawing: CMS performing arts center and gymnasium



PERSONALIZED LEARNING & ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

- CMS was built in 1959 and designed for academic needs of the 1960s. Updates across the building are needed to match 21st century teaching.
- Planning will consider a unified look and feel across the building
- Classroom designs will be tailored to specific classroom needs (some classes might need more large group instruction, other classes will need more breakout/small group space)
- Classroom designs will reflect the middle school "team" model: CMS is the old high school, and currently does not have much common/shared space around classrooms.



Preliminary drawing: CMS classroom design

TIMELINE

Classroom updates and security improvements would start summer 2019 and continue over the next year. Sixth grade students would move to CMS in fall of 2021 (these students are currently in 3rd grade). Preschool at Oak Point would also open fall of 2021. Family and staff input will be included in the planning process.

VOTING INFORMATION

Polls will be open on May 14 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. All voters will vote at one of the four combined polling locations. Early voting is available at the District Administrative Services Center – visit EPVote2019.org for more information.

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