

Mission: Provide all children with the relevant tools to develop a foundation for living, learning and working successfully.

Vision: The School District of Superior is a learning community characterized by a responsive, child-centered philosophy that respects diversity and supports high expectations for the learning of all in a safe and sustainable environment.



Breaking Ground Early

Mild Winter Weather Jump-Starts Groundwork for New Cooper School; Other Elementary, Middle and High School Projects Are Also Progressing

By Janna Stevens

A combination of great weather and soil conditions at the building site for the new Cooper Elementary School resulted in groundwork beginning in December instead of April. “Coming in early and under budget is what we want to see,” said Dr. Christina Kintop, vice president of the school board.

When final calculations were completed at the Cooper site, it was determined that the size and weight of the new structure would settle 1.6 inches over 30 years. The acceptable amount of settlement is one inch. Kraus-Anderson Construction Co. and LHB, the architecture and structural engineering firm, quickly put together a plan to begin site work early in order to maintain the construction timeline, which is to open the new Cooper school in the fall of 2018.

The bids for ground preparation went out in mid-November and were approved by the school board at a special meeting on No-

vember 28, 2016 – and the work began the very next day. It is this kind of teamwork that has characterized the collaborative work efforts of the LHB, Kraus-Anderson and School District of Superior team.

The final bid package for the new Cooper Elementary went out to bid on December 12, 2016. We received excellent bids for the groundwork at Cooper and are very hopeful we will receive excellent bids for the full Cooper project. Approval of final bids for Cooper was scheduled to take place at the committee of the whole meeting on February 6, 2017. The official groundbreaking will take place in April of 2017.

Our Superior High School (SHS) project is not far behind our Cooper project. The SHS staff, project oversight committee and KA/LHB have been working diligently over the last several months to finalize the plans for the new, remodeled high school. Bids for the



SHS project are expected to go out February 20, 2017, with approval by the school board on March 27, 2017. The official groundbreaking for SHS will also take place in April of 2017.

While these major projects are well under way, we are still making great progress on our other smaller projects. Some projects are 100 percent complete: roofs at the Bryant and Great Lakes elementary schools, parking lots at Four Corners and Lake Superior elementary schools, and security upgrades at Bryant, Four Corners, Lake Superior and Four Corners.

The two smaller projects still needing completion are security upgrades at Northern Lights Elementary School and Superior Middle School (SMS). We completed our bids for the security upgrades at Northern Lights Elementary on January 2, 2017; bids for SMS were scheduled to be approved on January 10, 2017. Our goal

is to complete the security upgrades at Northern Lights at the end of January and SMS at the end of February. Obviously, as with all projects, it will depend on the available of materials.

It continues to be a busy (yet exciting) time for the School District of Superior!

All companies selected to work on the referendum projects are listed on the board meeting agendas. Board meetings are held the first Monday of every month (at approximately 5 p.m.), as well as the second Tuesday of every month (at approximately 6:30 p.m. Meetings are open to the public and are held at School District of Superior Administration Office, 3025 Tower Ave. Agendas for the meetings can be found on the district website – www.superior.k12.wi.us. **P.S.**

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