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Facility and Site Changes Algonquin Middle School and Forest Elementary School

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. What changes are planned for Forest Elementary School (FES)?

A. There are several changes planned for FES. The most significant change will be a building addition that will house early learning students. Early learning students are currently housed in schools throughout the district. Centralizing these services will allow us to serve students more efficiently and effectively, and allow us to provide an environment focused on the needs of early learners. A small addition on the north side of FES will be necessary to accommodate the kindergarten classrooms. The entrance to FES will be relocated and will provide enhanced security to the main entrance. Health, safety, security, and infrastructure upgrades will account for 75% of the work scope and associated costs in the existing building.

Q. What changes are planned for Algonquin Middle School (AMS)?

A. New construction will include a building addition for cafeteria and kitchen space, space for mechanical operations, and additional student usage space. Health, safety, security, and infrastructure upgrades will account for 75% of the work scope and associated costs in the existing building. Improvements are being made to vehicle circulation, which will allow buses to pick up and drop off students on site, and not on Algonquin Road.

Q. When will site improvements begin?

A. Site improvements are scheduled to commence in late March 2010.

Q. When will the work be completed?

A. Improvements to the FES existing building are scheduled for completion in August 2010. The addition for early learning is scheduled for completion in August 2011. The projects at AMS are scheduled over two years with anticipated completion in August 2011.

Q. Will there be sufficient drainage on the campus?

A. The improvements to the AMS and FES sites have been designed in accordance with the laws and ordinances governing development and storm water management within the City of Des Plaines. A swale and dry bottom detention basin are proposed along the east property line of the district property, and are intended to hold the storm water runoff on the district's property and slowly release it over time to the City of Des Plaines storm sewers.



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- Q.** Will the land and parking lots slope away from neighboring properties?
- A.** The site, where applicable, has been designed to drain into the swale and dry bottom detention basin, which ultimately connects to a city storm sewer along Forest Avenue directing storm water runoff away from adjacent properties to the east.
- Q.** Are there any other precautions that the district has taken regarding flooding?
- A.** The project that the district is undertaking cannot eliminate flooding; this is part of a much larger problem that the city is working on. The district has a design that exceeds the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) requirements. Additionally, the district has taken every precaution to make sure that the proposed improvements, at a minimum, meet the applicable storm water regulations, and by regulation will not contribute to the flooding problems experienced by our neighbors.
- Q.** Where I can I find more information about the master plan?
- A.** More information about the master planning process is available on District 62's website at <http://d62.org/masterplan/index.html>.