

Dear Mustang Community—

We would like to pass along an update regarding the construction project.

First, the school board approved requesting a waiver to start the 2017-18 school year prior to September 1, 2017. We have mailed the necessary paperwork to the DPI and hope to hear back with 7-10 business days. If the DPI approves our request, we would start the 2017-18 school year earlier!! The calendar will be made available after we hear back from the DPI. In general the early start date would mean we would have in-service on August 17 and 18, and the open house would be August 21. The first day with students would be August 23. Graduation would be May 18, 2018, and the last day with students would be May 22, 2018. There is no guarantee our request will be approved but we want to get this to you so you are aware of the possibility of an early start date.

Secondly, on Tuesday, November 29, a group of school employees consisting of teachers, support staff, administration, and two school board members toured three different schools (La Crosse Northside Elementary, Whitehall Memorial Elementary, and Red Creek Elementary in Black River Falls) and proved to be very valuable as it allowed us to see three totally different designed school buildings. The consensus is that we liked a “little bit of each building” and hope to be able to incorporate these into our building designs. Again, the design phase is a long process and we have really just begun. It is extremely exciting to what lies ahead of us!!

The construction time schedule is a frequent topic of discussion. At this time the only definite plan is to start June 5, 2017 (or the last day of school) and remodel the high school English rooms, high school office and secured entry way, and music rooms. We have been told that this will be complete by August 15, 2017. More information will become available as the design becomes finalized. We will continue to pass along updates as they become available.

Thank you for your continued commitment to our kids, parents, and communities!

Proud to be a Mustang!