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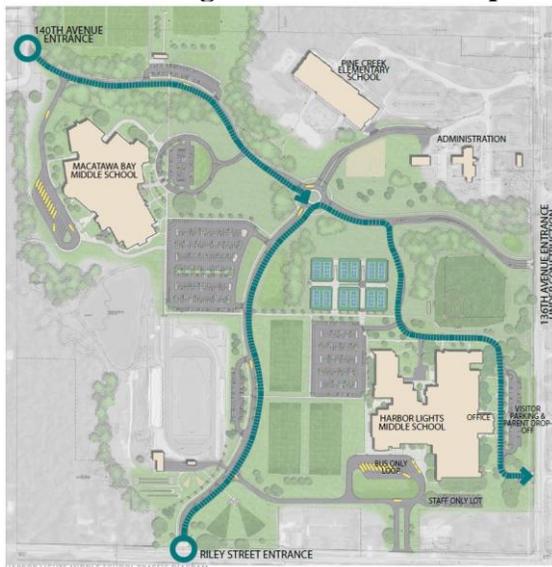
Dear Friends,

RE: BOND WORK ON SCHEDULE

I'm sure you have been able to track the progress of the bond work at both Waukazoo and the middle school campus as you drive around town. It has been exciting to watch the work at the middle school campus right outside my office window. The weather has cooperated and we are on schedule to have both sites ready for the beginning of school, including the October 1 date for the remodeled classrooms at Waukazoo.

As we have shared many times over the last couple of years, these two projects are focused on the safety of our students and providing a better and safer flow of traffic at each site. The middle school campus and Waukazoo will now have more room for student drop-off and pick-up off of 136th Ave. and Lakewood Blvd. respectively. The construction on 136th Ave. will slow the full access to Pine Creek and the middle schools until at least November. Below are maps of the traffic flow for both middle schools. On Page 8 of the [August 2016 district newsletter](#), you will find a map on how to navigate the new roundabout that will be in the center of the middle school campus. If you're a middle school parent, you will receive specific information from your building principal. I also want to alert you that **the entrance and parking for the football stadium is now on the north end of the campus** (see maps below). There is overflow parking for football in the PAC parking lot.

Harbor Lights Traffic Flow Map



Mac Bay Traffic Flow Map



Other projects that have been completed this summer are carpet replacement at Lakeshore, removal of the fueling tanks, demolition of the old transportation center (transportation is now at the former Glerum building), installation of the new fueling station and the replacement of part of the roof at Harbor Lights. Please reference our bond progress web page for more information.

There is more work in the planning phase, as we look to begin the work to replace the boiler system at Mac Bay. Due to the vast amount of work to be done, we have scheduled the work to begin in October and will work on nine classrooms at a time and then rotate classrooms. Restrooms will also be renovated during the school year on a rotated basis. By doing this throughout the school year, it will allow the work to be complete by the beginning of next school year and we should also realize huge savings. We have worked with Principal Anne Armstrong to ensure a safe learning environment while the construction takes place.

The students at the high school will receive a Chromebook this fall at registration. We have developed a system to ensure that students and their families have reviewed all of the policies governing the use and treatment of the devices. We are also excited to share that the pricing we received was so good that we can afford to move up the roll out to the 7th and 8th graders later in the fall. The exact date will be shared after we make sure that we are up and running at the high school. As you may recall, the original schedule did not call for 7th and 8th grade deployment until the fall of 2017. The roll out of Chromebooks for 6th grade students will remain on schedule with 2017 fall deployment.

Our fourth- and fifth-grade teachers received their Chromebooks late last February and participated in professional development throughout the spring. This fall each elementary building will have classroom sets of Chromebooks that works out to one device per four students. We are still working out the details of the K-3 training and deployment.

All of the buildings, with the exception of Mac Bay, have been equipped with a robust wireless network to provide Internet access for our students and staff. Mac Bay will have limited coverage until the duct work is finished.

As you can see, there has been tremendous progress made as we work through Phase 1 of the 2014 bond projects. We are excited to see all of the work come together that will ensure the safety of our students and added capacity that this instructional technology will provide to assist us in meeting the individual learning needs of all of our students. Thank you, once again, for all your support in preparing all of our students to be...College, Career and Life Ready.

My Best,

Thomas K. Martin
Superintendent of Schools