

SCHILLER PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT 81 MISSION...

“to ensure success in all areas of development, and is a shared responsibility among schools, students, families and our community. We are dedicated to providing a child-centered environment.”



CONTACT INFORMATION

Dear Community Member,
The Board of Education and District 81 administration hope you will attend the informational meeting on January 20th at Kennedy Elementary School. Please use the below contact information if you are unable to attend and have questions regarding the project. Project information will be continually updated on the SD81 website.

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING

Wednesday, January 20th, 2016

6:00 pm

**John F. Kennedy
Elementary School**

3945 Wehrman Avenue,

Schiller Park, IL

- Take a tour of Kennedy School
- Ask questions in a 1 to 1 setting
- Learn details about the Kennedy School Construction Project

KENNEDY SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Student enrollment at John F. Kennedy Elementary School has grown by 140 students over the last five years. This is equivalent to nearly 7 classrooms of students. Since 2014, the Board of Education has been discussing options to address overcrowding, and participated in an extensive process to find an architect. A committee comprised of the BOE, community members, and administration, with guidance from DLA Architects, collaborated to develop a plan that would address the District's growing enrollment. This resulted in the Kennedy School addition and renovation plan. The project will be completed in five phases, with work beginning in spring of 2016.

WHAT ARE THE PROJECT SPECIFICS?

- A 35,000 square foot addition will be added to the existing building. This will include classrooms, a media center/library, and remodeling to accommodate growing enrollment.
- Facility/Site updates, improved efficiency for arrival and departure of students.
- The plan addresses all pending life-safety issues.
- Renovations to convert the original building (1965) to a 21st Century Learning Facility.

WHY IS THE PROJECT NECESSARY?

- Based on a traditional teaching model, Kennedy should serve 622 students. The building currently serves almost 800 students ages 3-9. Kennedy School is 22% over capacity.
- The Board's goal is to maintain a 21 to 1 student-teacher ratio. Current average student-teacher ratio for grades K-2 is 26 to 1.
- Delivery of education programs including reading room, bilingual education, special education related services, music, art, and media center usage have all been changed as a result of growing enrollment.

HOW IS SD81 FUNDING THE PROJECT?

- Funding will be a combination of utilizing the District's fund balances and Working Cash Fund Bonds.
- The BOE is committed to maintaining a flat bond & interest rate. The Bond & Interest rate is dropping from .95% to .77% for the 2015 tax bill. The District is committed to maintaining the lower bond and interest rate of .77% over the next ten years, assuming no change in EAV for the District.
- SD81 has applied for \$9.9 million in Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB). Interest on these bonds is 0% to the District. It is subsidized by the federal government.