Downers Grove North High School

Master Facility Plan Celebration

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2021

9 a.m.
DEDICATION AND RIBBON CUTTING

9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE
Musical Prelude
North High Wind Ensemble

Welcome
Dr. Courtney DeMent, Downers Grove North High Principal

National Anthem
North High Chamber Choir

Community High School District 99
Dr. Hank Thiele, District 99 Superintendent

District 99 Board of Education
Michael Davenport, Vice President
Member of MFP Core Planning Committee

District 99 Education Foundation
Julia K. Beckman, President; Former D99 Board of Education President,
Vice President and Member for 24 years

Wight & Company
Mark Wight, Chairman/CEO
Amy Tiberi, Project Manager/Lead Architect

Ribbon Cutting
DGN Student Board Member Jade Toledano

“Fanfare for a New Era”
North High Wind Ensemble

Reflection
Janice Schwarze, North High Principal 2016-2021

Closing Remarks
Donald E. Renner III, Former D99 Board of Education Member,
Member of MFP Core Planning Committee

Alma Mater
North High Wind Ensemble

DGN School Song
North High Wind Ensemble

Refreshments

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Then (right): Outdoor tables sat adjacent to the original 1928 building—and to dumpsters. Now: The area has been enclosed to maximize the space within our land-locked school; the West Events Plaza and Patio next to the Learning Commons provide outdoor dining options.

Then (top): Rooms created in the 1950’s served as Home Economics classes. Now: State-of-the-art culinary labs support student learning for both home and commercial kitchen settings.
Then (left): The cramped serving line resulted in long lines at lunch. Now: More food options are available in the expanded and updated servery.

Then (inset): The outside courtyard in the center of the school building was used infrequently. Now: Reclaiming the courtyard as inside space allows for increased usage all year round.

Then (right): The library lacked natural light and seating. Now: Skylights and the raised ceiling brighten the environment; a variety of seating makes the library a more inviting place to study.
MAP KEY

1. New Secured Vestibule at Main Street Entrance
2. Resource Rooms (College and Career, Student Activities, Study Rooms) and Learning Commons
3. Culinary Arts Lab
4. New Gymnasium
5. Cafeteria, Alley and Servery
6. New Academic Addition: Fine Arts
7. Learning Commons and Outdoor Patio
8. Outdoor spaces: West Events Plaza/New Stadium Seating and Squad Rooms

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August 2021 - The Master Facility Plan renovations are completed.

August 2018 - Air conditioning is installed in all learning spaces for the first day of the 2018-19 school year.

March 2018 - Voters overwhelmingly approve addressing $136.6 million in capital facility improvements.

2011 - Outdoor site plan improvements are made, including installation of synthetic turf fields.

2001 - Building projects are complete and include new classrooms, new fine arts wings, fieldhouses, parking lots and new heating, ventilation, water systems and limited air conditioning.

1998 - Voters overwhelmingly approve a $49.5 million expansion and renovation plan.

1975 to 1998 - Changes in curriculum and soaring enrollment spark the need for more space.

1970 - 23 classrooms, 12 labs, a learning center and offices are added at South High. A pool is added four years later.

1966 - For the first time, South High serves all grades, serving 1,700 students and anticipating up to 2,500.

1964 - South High opens its doors to 700 freshmen and sophomores with 32 classrooms, a library, gym and basement track.

1962 - Enrollment grows to 2,700, creating the need to rent space and buy portable classrooms. Voters approve the purchase of a 45-acre site at 63rd Street and Dunham for a second high school.

1955 - Voters approve a $2.9 million addition for a new three-story academic wing, gym for boys and auditorium as well as a remodeled library and cafeteria. The modernistic design changes the Gothic look of the Main Street view.

1953 - A two-story addition is built to house the library, chorus room and classrooms at a cost of $120,000.

1939 - A gym for girls, dressing rooms and band room are added at a cost of $120,000.

1936 - A three-story, 14-room addition is built west of the original building to accommodate growing enrollment at a cost of $44,000.

1928 - Downers Grove High School (now North High) opens, a three-story building with 20 classrooms and an auditorium/gymnasium, at Main Street and Prince Street.

1927 - Voters approve construction of a high school.

1923 - Residents vote on February 17, 1923, to form District 99 as a separate high school district.

1893 - High school students move to Washington School, built in 1891, before moving back to Lincoln in 1913 after an addition was built.

1877 - High school students attend Lincoln School, a four-room building that also educates elementary students.
We are grateful to the community members, parents, students, staff and faculty for supporting our effort to build a better future for our students through the Master Facility Plan.

In Appreciation

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