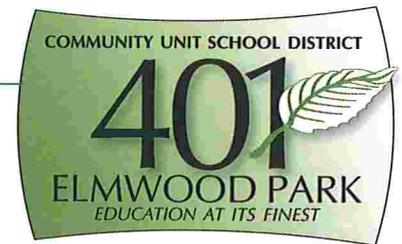


Elmwood Park C.U.S.D. #401

Elm Middle School
Office of the Principal



August 1, 2019

Dear Families of Elm Middle School,

As you know, Elm Middle School has gone through major construction this summer. I have had the pleasure of watching Elm transform into a remarkable space that will support the learning of all students. When we first thought about the middle school we wanted to provide for Elmwood Park, we wanted to make sure that the space had the capacity to support the 21st century learner with technological supports and was a place where students could fully surround themselves with learning. I am excited for each of your children to see how hard the district is working for them to create that space.

Construction has moved swiftly and the crew is on target for the completion of Phase 1, which is the remodel of the existing building. During Phase 2, The construction crew will be focusing on both additions to the middle school (the new classrooms and new gym). Although the construction crew will not be accessing the building during the school year, Phase 2 does create a few challenges.

The building will only be able to be accessed through the main entrance. Mrs. Groeneveld, the Assistant Principal, and I are currently working on the best and safest plan for entry of all students and dismissal of all students. Officer Chuck Lombardi, Mrs. Groeneveld, Deputy Chief Flaherty, from the Elmwood Park Fire Department, and I met to discuss safety for any emergency that should occur. The construction crew are currently building evacuation exits for all drills that are conducted or if any emergency should occur.

Construction sometimes is loud. I have been working with ICI to ensure that the reduction in noise level will be as significant as possible during the school day. We are very fortunate to have a Construction Crew that is as devoted to the learning opportunities of students as we are.

Please enjoy the images of the phases of construction that have occurred this summer and if you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Siegel
Principal

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Siegel", is written over the typed name and title.

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