



## District Update for October 2018

With the seasons quickly changing, we realize this school year is moving just as quickly. We have had an exciting and successful first few months of school, that have kept everyone busy. The renovations we completed over the summer at the Middle School and the High School were well worth it. We are eager to move forward with the new building plans over the next few months. As you may have read earlier this month, the Sandusky Board of Education voted to take a bold and strategic new direction with the Building Better Dreams facilities program. The Board of Education voted to terminate for convenience, the contract with the Construction Manager at Risk firm, Gilbane-Ozanne, and decided to seek a new firm to complete the building program. This was not a decision made lightly, and the following were the three main reasons we decided to move in this direction:

- The need to have more competitive pricing in a changing market with fluctuating steel and aluminum pricing
- To seek a more aggressive engagement with local vendors in the construction and facilities market
- To expand our sub-contracting partners to include more prime firms and agencies to participate in the project

We appreciate the contributions that the Gibane-Ozanne construction management at-risk firm provided to the district. This decision will not set us back in our timeline for opening the new Intermediate School and the new Ontario Building in 2020; we are very confident in that. A new construction management at-risk firm should be on board by mid-December, and we will continue on to the next phase of the building process. The Lesko Architectural firm will still be working with us throughout the Building Better Dreams facilities project. We are excited to see our plans come to life and to move forward with our vision. We will keep you informed and remain transparent throughout the entirety of the process. Thank you for your constant support as we all have the student's best interests at heart. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me or any of your building principals.

Go Blue Streaks!



## An Update from Lesko Architecture

### Design of the New Schools

The revised construction documents and specifications for the three new schools to reduce the cost of the new buildings have been completed and are ready to be sent out to re-bid. The goal is to have revised bids on the Intermediate School and Ontario School by the middle of December to begin the building construction in the spring.

As we indicated last month, the Phase 1 site work at the Intermediate School is now complete and the building demolition and site preparation work is completed at Ontario. Both sites are ready for the new schools to be constructed after bids are received.

### Renovations to Sandusky Middle School & High School

The renovations to the Middle School and High School spaces are complete, including the Science Rooms, Rooms 300/301 and the Auditorium. Only some finishing touches are left to be done. The Planetarium renovations are also complete. The District had the pleasure of hosting representatives of the Frohman family for a demonstration of the renovated state-of-the-art Planetarium. Since the Planetarium was first constructed in 1967, their family has continued to support the District's program.

# UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS

DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION OR CONCERN?

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Fall Break  
November 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>

## PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2018

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2018

2019 Staff Professional  
Development Days  
(No School for Students)

Wednesday, January 30, 2019  
Thursday, March 7, 2019