



PILLAR #12 - SCHOOL FACILITIES

Dr. Eugene T. W. Sanders, CEO & Superintendent

Introduction and Overview of the Building Better Dreams Facilities Vision

This is an amazing and exciting time to update the community on the Building Better Dreams facilities vision. We want to pause to say thank you once again to the voters of Sandusky who overwhelmingly supported Issue 12 back in 2016, which led to the 70-million-dollar construction vision for the district. Also thanks to the State of Ohio for contributing over 65% toward the cost of the project. Without question, without the support of our citizens, we would not be engaging in the single largest construction project for schools in the history of our district. As a reminder, the project includes three new elementary schools:

- The Intermediate School will be located just north of the high school, on the site of the former Memorial Hospital. Thank you to Mr. Mel Stauffer, a former local attorney and president of the Erie County Foundation, who had the wisdom and insight to ensure that the Sandusky City Schools were able to purchase the property years ago for future district purposes. The Intermediate School will house all students in the district in 3rd through 6th grades. Construction of this site is well underway and the school will be opened in August 2020.
- The Ontario Primary School is being built on the current Ontario Elementary School site. Progress on this building is well underway and will be open to students in the 1st and 2nd grades from throughout the district. The school will also open in August 2020.
- The Hancock Preschool-Kindergarten building will be housed at the current Hancock Elementary School site and will host all district students in grades Preschool and Kindergarten. The current Hancock Elementary School will be demolished in the summer of 2020, and we anticipate opening the facility to district students in 2022. Starting in the fall of 2020, all district Preschool and Kindergarten students will temporarily be housed at the Mills Elementary Building until 2022, when the new Hancock Preschool-Kindergarten will be open.

Additional Facilities Updates:

- The Frohman Planetarium: We are thrilled to continue updating the community on the significant improvements to the Frohman Planetarium. The district invested nearly \$500,000 in technology and structural updates to the Planetarium. This is the single largest improvement to the Frohman Planetarium in 50 years. Again, thanks to the Sandusky tax payers, we now boast the best-equipped planetarium in Ohio and likely in the Midwest. We are now fully able to fulfill our commitment to STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics). A re-dedication of the facility occurred in spring 2019.
- Faculty and students are now enjoying the first upgrades to the high school science, chemistry, and physics labs in the last 60 years. Our commitment to science has never been stronger.
- Room 300 and Room 301 are now college-level lecture halls updated with new wireless technology and new seating and carpeting.
- We now enjoy high quality theater-level sound and lighting in the Sandusky High School (SHS) auditorium as part of our Building Better Dreams facilities vision.

Communicating and Engaging our Citizens

Please contact the Chief Executive Officer and Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Eugene T. W. Sanders, with any questions about the facilities vision or any other questions about the Transformation Plan, or our 2030 Strategic Visioning Initiative, at 419.984.1000 or ASKDRSANDERS@SCS-K12.NET.



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2019-2020

GOALS

1. Creation of a 2030 Strategic Visioning Team that will review all district facilities, capital plan, and innovative program designs to ensure the Sandusky City Schools are a cutting-edge 21st-Century school organization
2. Review all logistics for the seamless transition to the opening of the Intermediate School and the Ontario Primary School
3. Implement a video system that will allow all residents to view the construction sites in real time as well as ensure safety of the project
4. Ensure that all faculty and staff are updated on district facilities transition an logistical dates to affirm readiness for August 2020
5. Communicate all updates via the district's website, Sandusky Register, and social media and ensure all questions are answered within 24 hours



2020-2021

GOALS

1. Open the Intermediate School and Ontario Primary School on time and on budget
2. Communicate all updates to the parents and larger community on the progress of the buildings
3. Ensure all buildings are physically ready and equipped with the right instructional materials to improve student performance
4. Review options to ensure the Global Education Center at the Intermediate School has multiple uses for adult learners in the Sandusky community
5. Work with the leaders of the Sandusky Aquatic Center in order to build a new natatorium at SHS
6. Seek out more effective ways to communicate to our internal and external constituents
7. Continue to review the goals of the 2030 Strategic Visioning Team



2021-2022

GOALS

1. Review and implement all plans and goals of the 2030 Strategic Visioning Team
2. Ensure that the Hancock Preschool-Kindergarten building opens in 2022 on time and on budget
3. Host community forums and meetings to ensure all stakeholders are briefed on the facilities vision
4. Develop a decade-long maintenance plan and logistical plan for all buildings and programs
5. Ensure there is leadership and organizational stability through succession planning and logistical organizational priorities for the district's students and families