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### **School District of Jefferson Bringing Facility Upgrades to Life**

**Jefferson, Wis., February 27, 2023** - We are excited to share an update on the highly anticipated facility enhancement projects our community generously supported through the November 2022 facilities (capital) referendum. Thanks to voters' approval, the School District of Jefferson is addressing critical maintenance needs and improving safety, accessibility, and learning environments across all schools.

This past summer, we completed preliminary construction prep work, including asbestos abatement, capital repairs, and more at multiple locations. Major renovations will begin in the coming months, starting with Jefferson High School and East Elementary School this spring, followed by the other schools this summer. The phased timelines limit disruption to students and staff.

East Elementary School will see the most comprehensive updates, such as a secured main entrance, fire safety systems, LED lighting, renovated classrooms/offices, and full ADA accessibility. At Sullivan and West Elementary Schools, work also focuses on modernized security features, electrical, plumbing, and accessibility. The Middle School will receive automated exterior lighting, emergency backup fire alarms, and an upgraded HVAC system.

The showcase project lies in Jefferson High School's expanded agriculture and technical education wing with specialized engineering, woodworking, welding, agribusiness, and quality student learning space. This enhanced hands-on learning environment and other improvements throughout the district reaffirm our commitment to fostering college, career, and life readiness.

The district wishes to thank community members for their support in making these facility enhancements possible. We eagerly move forward in strengthening the learning foundations that Jefferson schools provide to students for generations to come. We will share more updates as projects progress. You can visit <https://www.sdoj.org/district/framing-our-future-facilities.cfm> for more information and updates on the ongoing projects.

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