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### **School District of Jefferson Referendum Projects are in Design Phase**

**Jefferson, Wis., January 24, 2023** - Following a successful facilities referendum on November 8, 2022, the School District of Jefferson (SDOJ) has begun post-referendum architectural design. Over the next several months, Eppstein Uhen Architects will gather feedback from district staff and develop detailed architectural documents.

“We're extremely excited to get underway,” said District Superintendent Charles Urness. “The district and design team are in the process of engaging staff in the design process. Feedback our staff provides will help ensure referendum-funded additions and renovations support our teaching and learning goals.”

The successful \$34 million facilities referendum will allow SDOJ to:

- Modernize Jefferson High School's agriculture, woods, metals, and automotive facilities
- Revitalize East Elementary School
- Perform much-needed district-wide facilities maintenance
- Update West and Sullivan elementary schools and Jefferson Middle School

As the project progresses, the design plans will become increasingly detailed. Findorff, the district's construction manager, will review design documents to ensure the project stays within budget. Eventually, a comprehensive set of construction documents will be created, allowing the project to be competitively bid.

The district expects all referendum-funded projects will be completed in time for the 2025-26 school year. Many individual facilities maintenance projects (e.g. roof repairs; plumbing upgrades; electrical improvements; etc.) will be completed in 2023 and 2024.

“On behalf of the School District of Jefferson, I want to thank our community for supporting the recent facilities referendum,” said Superintendent Urness. “The successful passage of the referendum is a testament to the Jefferson area's support of our students and schools.”

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