

A photograph of a modern school building with a large, curved glass facade and a brick base. The building is set against a cloudy sky. The text 'INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE' is overlaid on the image in large, bold, green and white letters.

INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

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COMMUNITY UPDATE

November 2014

Overview

On Nov. 5, 2013, voters within the Forest Hills Public School District approved a \$45 million bond issue to address safety and security, technology and building improvements. In March 2014, the Board of Education authorized the district to move forward in issuing \$25 million in the first series of bonds. On May 8, 2014, the district secured the first series of bonds. This first bond sale secured an interest rate of 2.9 percent. The district will issue the second series of bonds, the remaining \$20 million, in the future at a time determined by the Board of Education.

To avoid disruption in student instruction, much of the work that has been done, and will be done in the future, will occur during the summer months. We have outlined a list of projects that were completed during the summer of 2014, and those that are expected to be completed over the next two years.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

- ✓ Build a secure entrance for Eastern Middle and High School: 2014
- ✓ Build a secure entrance to Goodwillie Environmental 5/6 School: 2014
- ✓ Create a secure secondary entrance at Northern High School: 2014
- ✓ Replace buses: 2015, 2016
- ✓ Replace sidewalks and walkways at select schools: 2015
- ✓ Replace/update indoor security cameras where/when needed: 2016



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BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

- ✓ Make site drainage improvements at Ada, Ada Vista, and Collins Elementary schools: 2014
- ✓ Replace roofs at Central Woodlands 5/6 School, Northern Trails 5/6 School: 2014
- ✓ Replace select heating and cooling systems at Thornapple Elementary School, Central Woodlands 5/6 School, Northern Trails 5/6 School, Central Middle School, and Central High School: 2014
- ✓ Rebuild parking lots at Pine Ridge Elementary School and Central Middle School: 2014
- ✓ Replace the turf field at Central High School: 2014
- ✓ Replace the tennis courts at Eastern Middle and High School, and Northern High School: 2014
- ✓ Build an additional gym at Eastern High School: 2015
- ✓ Improve playground safety and accessibility: 2015
- ✓ Replace auditorium flooring at the Fine Arts Center: 2015
- ✓ Reconstruct school parking lots: 2016
- ✓ Replace the turf field at Eastern High School and Northern High School: 2016
- ✓ Improve or replace select lighting and flooring at Central High School: 2016
- ✓ Replace select school furniture: 2016
- ✓ Resurface the tennis courts at Central High School: 2016
- ✓ Upgrade the heating and cooling systems at Northern Hills Middle School and Northern High School: 2016

TECHNOLOGY

- ✓ Upgrade/expand the technological infrastructure, including cables, fiber optics and the wireless network: 2014, 2015, 2016
- ✓ Replace existing end-user devices (per replacement schedule) for students, staff, computer labs and media rooms: 2015, 2016
- ✓ Purchase additional end-user devices (per existing schedule) for students, staff, computer labs and media rooms: 2015, 2016
- ✓ Replace audio/visual classroom systems as needed: 2015, 2016
- ✓ Replace computer lab printers as needed: 2016
- ✓ Upgrade computer servers: 2016