

Stay up-to-date on Tri-City United Construction Projects

Thanks to voter approval of Tri-City United two school funding requests, we are now in the process of moving from concept proposals into a design phase, along with construction timelines, for our building renovations and additions.

Our Tri-City United School Board has moved forward with working with ATS&R Planners/Architects/Engineers as our architect for these projects. They are well informed with the details of what was included in the bond referendum and in order to stay consistent with what was presented to our residents and in the bond ballot, it was determined to be important to be consistent with planning and follow through.

We have established the following Design Focus Groups:

- TCU High School:
 - Ag Shop, Science Lab, Classroom Team
 - Auditorium/Theater/Dressing/Locker Room Team
- TCU Le Center
 - Secured Entry/Office Renovation Team
- TCU Lonsdale
 - Kindergarten and Additional Grade Levels (5 and 6) Team
- TCU Montgomery
 - Early Childhood/Early Childhood Special Education & Community Education Team

We anticipate the first phase of our Tri-City United Building Project to be the TCU Le Center roof replacement. From there, bids and construction timelines will continue with the additions, renovations, and HVAC installation.

Other steps that have occurred this spring include a contact with current TCU Lonsdale 4th Grade Parents/Guardians as to their intent for their children's attendance school location for 5th grade.

The timeline of this newsletter is such that we are sharing information as of April, 2018; yet you will receive it in May, 2018, which may cause changes to decisions. But at this point, we anticipate the TCU Le Center replacement to take place in the summer of 2018. The additions for TCU Lonsdale and TCU High School are anticipated to be bid this summer and begin in the fall of 2018. The renovations for TCU Montgomery and TCU Le Center are anticipated to be bid this summer or all and take place during the summer of 2019.

Due to the need for extended time for construction during the summer of 2019, Tri-City United School Board has approved a recommendation from district teachers and administration for a school calendar that has the students school start of the 2019-2020 school year to be on Monday, August 27, 2018. Before Labor Day student school day starts are allowed by the

Minnesota State Department of Education when construction is occurring that totals over \$400,000, which this construction project definitely does. This earlier start in the fall of 2018 and end of the school year in 2019 provides more time for construction and increases student safety for those areas of renovation that directly impact students and families.

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