



PERRY LOCAL SCHOOLS PROJECT UPDATE NEXT STEPS

April 2022

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Southway Elementary School Aerial

THE PROJECT

In early 2020, the Perry Community approved a bond levy to secure funds to update their educational facilities. This came after an intensive engagement process where the Perry Local School District, educators, community members and design professionals gathered to outline goals for how education could advance in Perry Township. **The community was clear** - addressing the need for **elementary schools** was the #1 priority.

After receiving feedback from educators, community members and design and construction professionals, the District is moving forward with the **construction of 3 new elementary schools**, along with **targeted improvements to the High School**.

Each school exemplifies one aspect of the Perry community. The school at Southway gives a nod to the area's industrial history, Watson exemplifies the importance of the arts and Lohr represents the agricultural roots of the community.

ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES

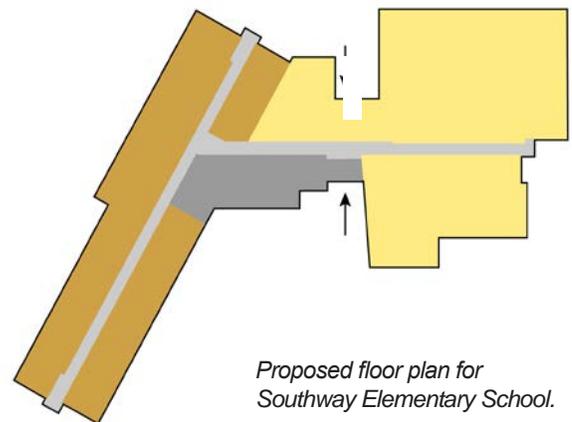
In each of the buildings, the school is **organized around a series of zones**. The community zone includes the gymnasium, student dining, restroom facilities and media center. The gymnasium doubles as a performance space, with an included stage. The academic zone is a two-story wing. Classrooms are larger than current facilities and banks of windows allow for more abundant natural light. The building administration zone is centrally located with space for guidance counsellors, a health clinic, and staff offices.

Safety and security is also enhanced by a secure vestibule which is connected to the main office for visitor check-in.

WHAT'S NEXT?

- Continued Planning Discussions
- Educate Community – www.perrylocal.org/nextsteps
- Ongoing Community Feedback – PerryFAQ@perrylocal.org
- Summer 2022 Site Work

SPACE DIVISION SOUTHWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Proposed floor plan for Southway Elementary School.

- ACADEMICS
- ADMINISTRATION
- COMMUNITY SPACES
- CIRCULATION
- ↑ MAIN ENTRY



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Understanding the community's desire to maintain more intimate, community oriented buildings, Perry Local Schools will construct three new K-4 elementary schools.

BENEFITS



- **The District will still address all grade levels with facilities improvements.**
 - Construction of three new K-4 elementary schools.
 - Construction of a new 5-8 Middle School (when state funding is secured).
 - Renovations to the high school.
 - The District will begin the roof replacement at the high school this summer.



- **The three new elementary schools will feature new dedicated academic areas and additional room for expanded community spaces.** This includes state of the art classrooms, upgraded technology, substantial space and resources for special education programs, dedicated physical education, music, and art spaces.



- **Honor our promise to maintain local neighborhood elementary schools with lower student enrollment.**



- **Safe, modern and efficient learning environments for our students.**



- If enrollment changes or something would dramatically change with the economy, then the District could consider the viability of a 4th elementary.

WHY NOW?

- Continue momentum on the project.
- Bonds have been sold.
- Acting now locks in our state funding of 62%.
- If we delay, we will likely see a continued increase in construction costs, which will produce even tighter budgets.
- Our plan allows us to deliver on promises to the community and provide accessible, modern educational environments for all our students.

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROJECT TIMELINE

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SCHOOL DESIGN PROCESS

Fall 2020 - Fall 2022



CONSTRUCTION

Fall 2022 - Spring 2024



OCCUPANCY

Fall 2024

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