

Countryside Construction Update

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Greetings Countryside Families!

As I mentioned in my Back-to-School message the first week in August, Countryside is preparing for the construction projects scheduled for our school this year. Plans include four “additions” or areas of construction to our building that will accommodate new classroom spaces for our Countryside Spanish Dual Immersion and Special Services programming, as well as the addition of a Multi-Purpose space. It is all very exciting and I am reaching out today to let you know that the process is beginning, and as you are out and about in the neighborhood or making visits to Countryside next week, you will definitely see changes to our beloved school.

Throughout the planning process, I have been working with district colleagues and our construction partners to plan for the safe and comfortable arrival of our students and staff in the coming days. We have developed safety protocols/routines, communications and signage that will help us all navigate our school through this exciting time. We will see many changes as the year begins for both our building routine and access, so it's important parents have information about the process and what preparations we have made to ensure another fabulous school year.

We want to keep parents “in the know” about our plans and preparations, so please be aware of the following opportunities to learn more:

- **School Board Work Session – Tuesday, August 23, 5:00 PM**
 - Our Edina School Board will receive a report at their upcoming Work Session on Tuesday, August 23. Look for presentation materials to be available on the district website, and I will plan to share links to the documents following the meeting.
- **Countryside Parent Meeting: Construction – Tuesday, August 23, Gym, 7:00 PM**
 - Please join us in the Gym at Countryside to hear about and see the plans for our construction project. Both district level staff and construction partners will be in attendance to share specific details and to answer questions. Join us in-person or virtually at this meeting link:
 - meet.google.com/bod-zrje-aux
- **Countryside Back to School Open House – Thursday, August 25, 3:00-5:00 PM**

- Students and parents will do self-guided tours of the building to see new access points and walk the building to get a feel for the changes to our “flow” or routines. New signage and directional maps will be in place to assist you on your tour.
- **Ongoing Updates and Communication Dashboard**
 - Frequent updates will be shared with students, staff and families along the way. And our EPS Communications Department is assisting with the creation of an online dashboard to facilitate a one-stop spot for district construction projects underway, to include Countryside.

Please plan to join us on Tuesday to hear and see more about this exciting process. We are anxious to share the planning and preparations for every facet of the project, and we welcome your suggestions and questions along the way.