

Wauwatosa School District: To celebrate referendum-funded elementary schools with open houses and ribbon-cutting ceremonies

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WAUWATOSA, WI — The Wauwatosa School District will hold ribbon-cutting ceremonies and open house events for its four new elementary school buildings, starting Thursday, June 2, 2022.

The ceremonies will be accompanied by remarks from Wauwatosa School District Superintendent Dr. Demond Means, board members and principals. All four of the schools—Lincoln Elementary, McKinley Elementary, Underwood Elementary and Wilson Elementary/WSTEM—welcomed students into their new spaces between September 2020 and September 2021.

“Although these four buildings have been open for our students for a while, we are incredibly excited to share them with our broader community through these ribbon-cutting and open house events,” said Dr. Means. “This is a fantastic opportunity for our community to help us celebrate the wonderful accomplishments that were funded by the 2018 facilities referendum. We continue to be grateful for the support of our community in making these critical projects a reality.”

The first event will be held on Thursday, June 2, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at Lincoln Elementary School. In addition to the ribbon-cutting ceremony at 4:10 p.m., festivities will include a building tour led by student leadership guides, open house-style classroom visits, a science fair and an all-school reading event. A bake sale will also take place throughout the evening.

The open house and ribbon-cutting event for Underwood Elementary School will run in conjunction with the school's annual carnival. It will begin at 4 p.m. on Friday, June 3, and will run until 8 p.m. The event will give parents and students a chance to tour the building, meet incoming principal Mr. Tahir Abdelmawla and say goodbye to outgoing principal Mrs. Jenny Keats.

McKinley Elementary School will hold its event on Saturday, June 4, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The ribbon-cutting ceremony will begin at 10:15 a.m. and will be followed by building tours. The event will also feature an auction for faience tiles from the original school building and the opening of several time capsules from previous classes. Attendees will also have the opportunity to search for their seed pod tile and take it home as a keepsake.

The final ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place at Wilson Elementary School and Wauwatosa STEM at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 8, and will run until 7:30 p.m. After the ribbon is cut and a new community mural is unveiled, guests will have an opportunity to meet the mural's artist and tour the new facility. Attendees will also be able to purchase dinner from food trucks and bid on goods made by local artists.

The four new construction projects were made possible by a voter-approved referendum in 2018.

About the Wauwatosa School District

The Wauwatosa School District is a high-achieving, forward-thinking, richly diverse

public school district serving approximately 7,200 students and families. The District consists of 16 schools: 11 elementary schools, two middle schools, two high schools and the Wauwatosa Virtual Academy.

Among these are two charter schools: Wauwatosa Montessori and Wauwatosa STEM. A full STEM program is offered at Underwood Elementary and at both middle schools. Additionally, the District provides education for several county programs including Children's Hospital and Vel R. Phillips School. The educational community's long history of excellence has been recognized both regionally and nationally.

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