



Information Guide

MIDDLE SCHOOL RECONFIGURATION

The Benefits

WHAT BENEFIT IS THERE TO THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE BY DOING THIS?

The benefits of the plan will be to close the gaps between the two buildings and provide the same experience for all our middle school students. For example, no students from South can take swimming, whereas North students all get swimming.

Likewise, we are moving the high school career classes from South to the high school and adding many career feeder classes to South. The current plan is to offer busing between the middle schools to allow students to take those classes. By changing the grade configuration, it eliminates the need for a shuttle during the day and allows all students to have the same opportunities.

Additionally, this would remove the split between the two buildings from a community standpoint. Students would grow up together from an earlier age which would create a more cohesive experience across all of our programs.

WHAT BENEFITS ARE THERE TO THE CURRICULUM BY DOING THIS?

As mentioned above, we would be able offer the same programs for all students. This includes swimming, career and technical education classes, and even add 5th grade band for all students.

The career classes would enable students to begin exploring future career options earlier and enable them to focus on one or two pathways in high school. Because North does not have sufficient space to add those programs, by having all 7th and 8th graders at South, it would provide better opportunities for all students.



MIDDLE SCHOOL NORTH



MIDDLE SCHOOL SOUTH

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

SCHEDULES • CLASSES

When the fifth graders transition from class to class will they move with the same kids all day or intermix?

Although the final plan is still being determined, the ideal option is that they would travel with the same group of students and may have the same teacher for multiple subjects. I.e. Math, Science.

Will there be any effort to schedule students coming from the same elementary school in classes together so they can ease into this transition and at least have some familiar faces in their classes? I know that it's important for the schools to merge and everyone to make new connections and friends, but I feel that some of the fifth graders will be overwhelmed at first and to have classes with very few friends might be difficult.

Students would be mixed as they would be going into middle school traditionally.

The entire district in a grade level is a lot of students, especially when coming from an environment with about 75 students per grade. Will there be teams or pods to help the students find community and avoid "getting lost" in the crowd?

We are working towards having teams and common planning time so teachers can develop relationships with students as well as students having a teacher for multiple classes to create a gradual transition into middle school.

How will we establish an environment for 5th and 6th grade students that fits their ages? (They are still young and may benefit from "traditional" elementary class settings)

We will incorporate as many traditional 5th grade experiences as possible to make it a more gradual transition.

Will the 5th and 6th schedules look different?

Fifth grade will have fewer transitions. Their schedules will be similar to what we currently do at some of our elementary schools where they change classes for some core subjects. Our 6th grade will be very similar to what they currently have.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

SCHEDULES • CLASSES

How will 5th graders be graded? Will they be taking exams like the 6th graders or will it be like it is currently for 5th grade?

5th grade will be graded as they have been in the past and will not take exams. Currently 6th grade exams are only chapter/unit tests worth 5% of the overall grade.

Will 5th grade be mixed in with 6th for lunch?

There will be three lunch periods for the building so students with both 5th and 6th grade students mixed.

What will class sizes be like? Will 5th grade class sizes stay like they are now?

Class sizes will be in the mid-20's. Very similar to what they currently are in the elementary buildings.

Will swim still be an elective for 7th and 8th grade?

No, it will be offered in 5th and 6th grade. It is not feasible to bus 7th and 8th grade students for a one-hour class.

Will there be recess for 5th and 6th grade?

Yes, both 5th and 6th grade will have recess.

What does indoor recess look like on cold/rainy days?

It would look like it does in the elementary buildings, with the students in a classroom for recess.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

TRANSPORTATION • BUSES • START & END TIMES

What is the plan for start/dismissal? Will times be different for elementary, MSN, MSS, and High School?

Times have not been set yet, but there will be staggered start/end time between the buildings.

Will 5th and 8th grade students be on the same bus?

This has not been determined yet, but they may be together on the bus.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

TRADITIONS & ACTIVITIES

Will there be a PTO?

Currently North does not have a PTO, but with this realignment a parent group will be formed to help plan events and activities.

Will 5th grade still have things like holiday parties, birthday celebrations, book fairs, Santa Shop, field day, fun runs, etc.

We plan to continue many of the traditional 5th grade experiences next year. The parent group can assist us in ensuring that these traditions will take place.

Will the school names and mascots stay the same?

That is the plan at this time.

Will there be an orientation for 5th graders before they start school?

We will have an orientation, including a visit to the building in the spring.

Will SACC be available before / after school?

The plan that is being discussed includes SACC at the 5/6 building.

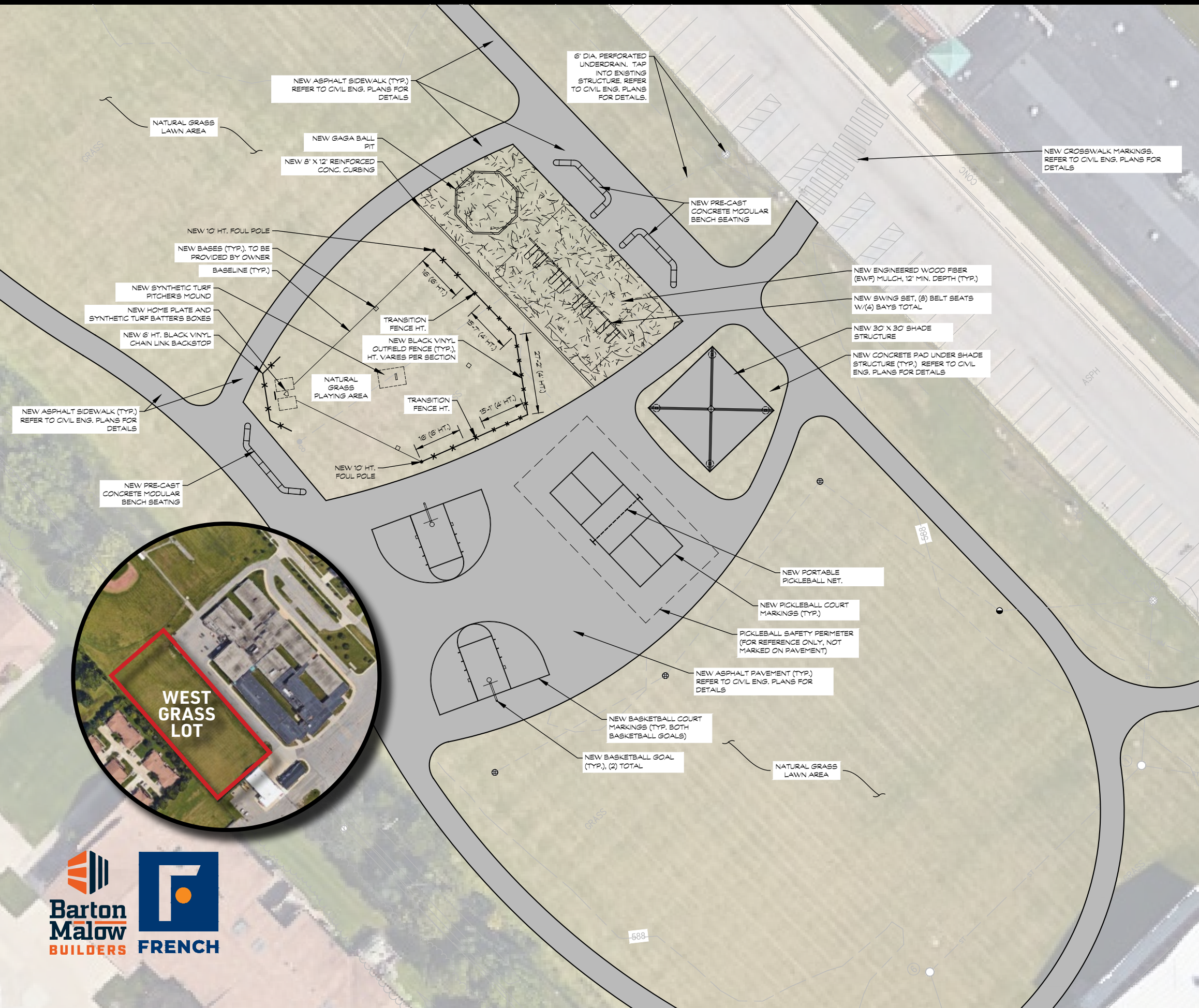
Will there be sports after school for 5th grade?

We plan of offering intramural sports for 5th grade boys and girls.

CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE



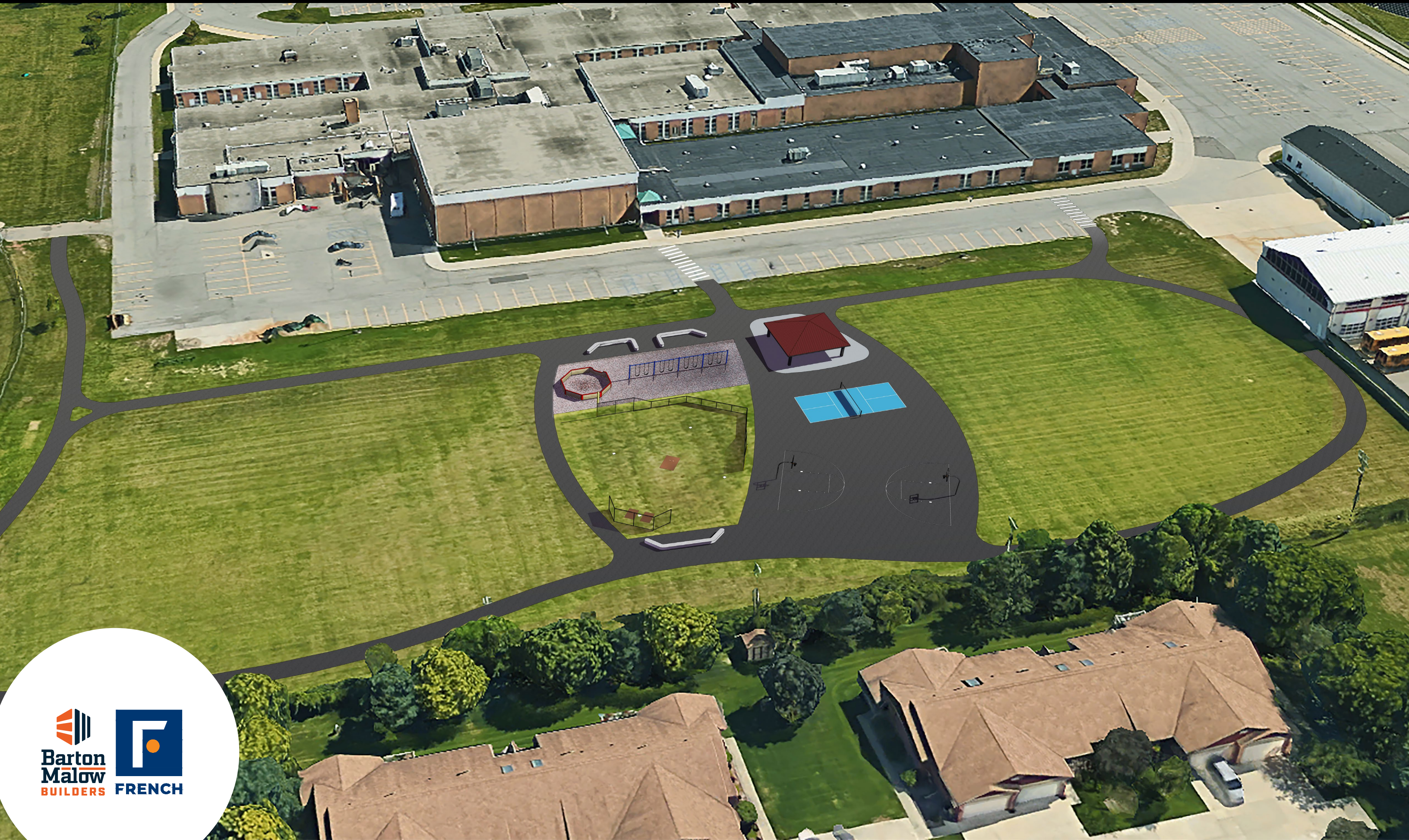
SUMMER 2025 SITE PLAN • MIDDLE SCHOOL NORTH - 5TH & 6TH PLAYGROUND



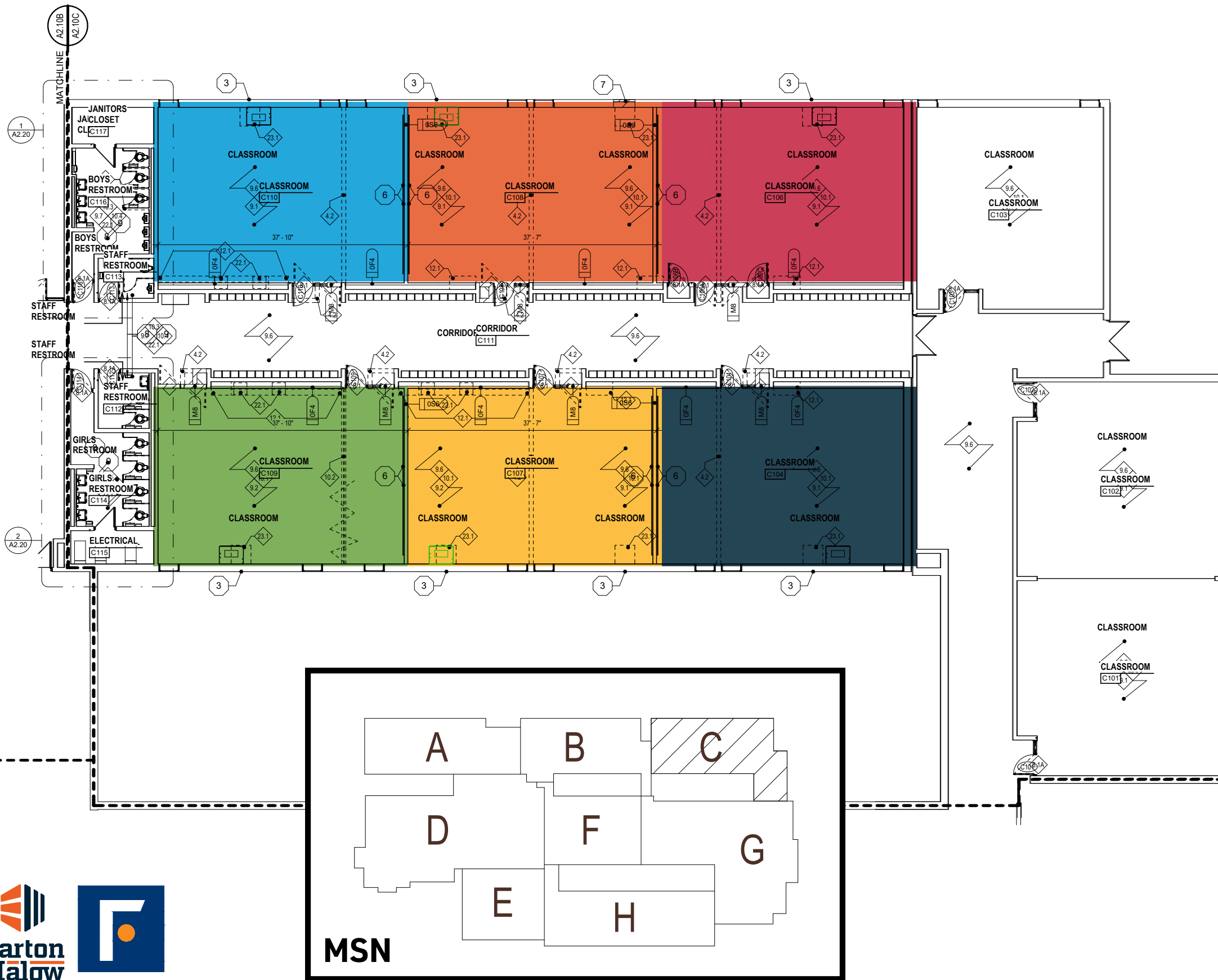
- includes:*
- BASKETBALL COURT
 - PICKLEBALL COURT
 - GRASSY AREAS FOR PLAY
 - BASEBALL FIELD WITH SYNTHETIC TURF
 - SWING SET
 - COMMUNITY WALKING PATH



SUMMER 2025 SITE PLAN • MIDDLE SCHOOL NORTH - 5TH & 6TH PLAYGROUND



SUMMER 2025 SITE PLAN • MIDDLE SCHOOL NORTH - 5TH GRADE WING

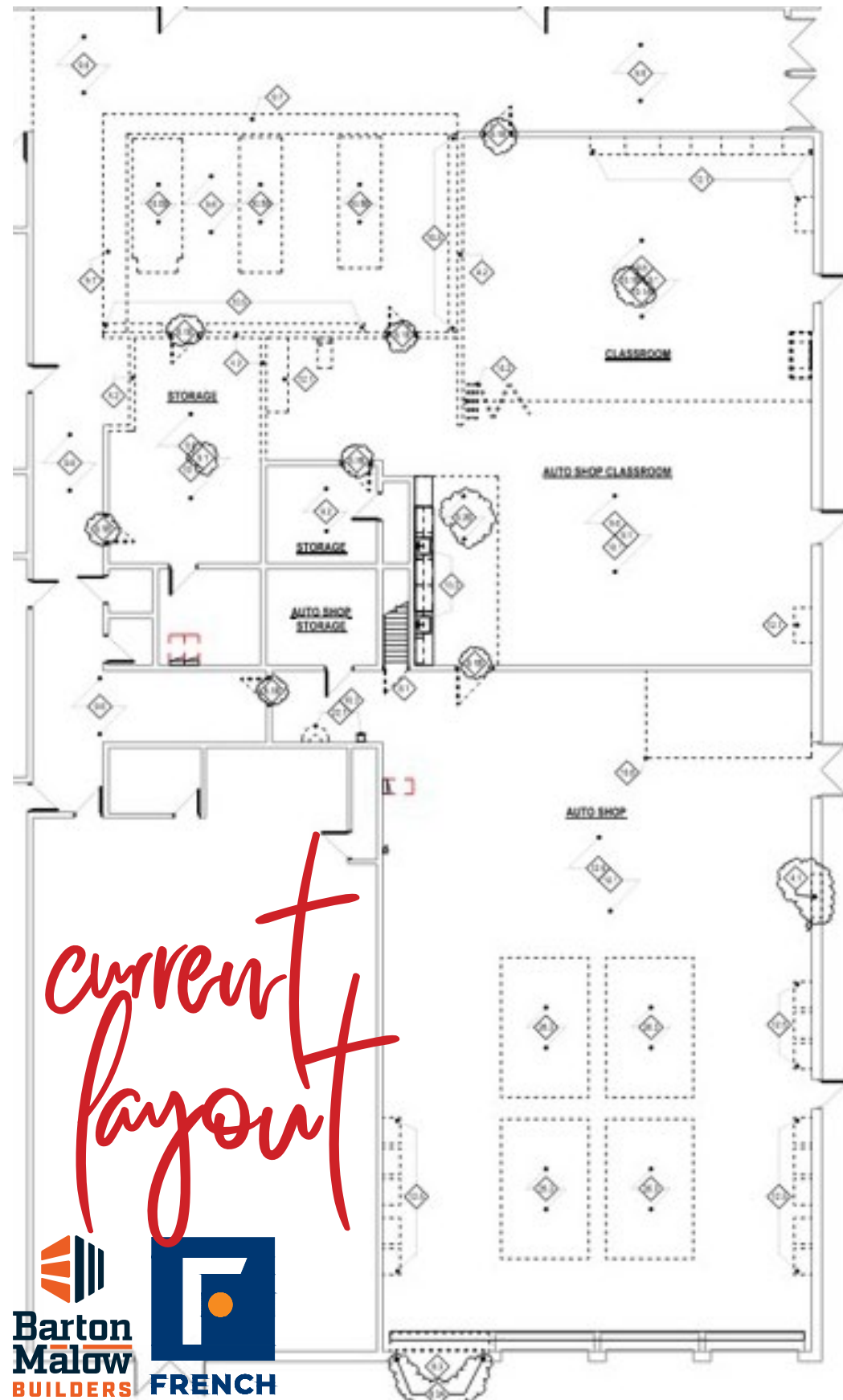


includes:

DEMOLITION & RENOVATION OF A, B, & C WINGS

**CLASSROOM ENLARGEMENT
TRANSITIONING FROM
8 CLASSROOMS PER
HALLWAY TO 6**

SUMMER 2025 SITE PLAN • MIDDLE SCHOOL SOUTH - BAND ROOM



current layout



coming soon

includes:

RECONFIGURATION OF
AUTO SHOP SPACE

CREATION OF NEW
BAND ROOM

SMALL BAND PRACTICE
AUXILIARY ROOMS



*Additional
Questions?*

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