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Floodwood School District Provides Update on Facility Improvement Design and Construction Timeline

Floodwood, MN – The Floodwood School District is moving from planning into the next phase of its facility improvement efforts, with design work underway and construction scheduled to begin in 2026. These projects are part of the District's continued commitment to maintaining safe, efficient, and reliable school facilities for students, staff, and the community.

Over the past several months, the District has been working with design and construction partners to develop detailed plans for the identified facility improvements. That design work is now nearing completion, and the primary construction package is scheduled to be issued for competitive bidding in mid-January 2026. Contractor bids are expected to be opened near the end of January, with contracts awarded in early February following review by the District. Final planning, coordination, and equipment ordering will take place through the spring, with construction scheduled to begin on May 1, 2026. Most work will occur during the summer months when students are not in the building, minimizing disruption to learning and school operations.

The first phase of construction will focus on behind-the-scenes systems that are critical to daily operations but largely unseen by the public. These improvements include replacing aging boiler equipment and upgrading ventilation and building controls to improve comfort, efficiency, and long-term reliability. The design team will meet with staff in January to discuss what to expect during the summer construction period, including which areas of the building may be temporarily unavailable and how the work will be phased.

Additional improvements are planned for later in 2026, including roof replacements on the oldest sections of the building. Because the work is funded through a new state program that begins July 1, roofing construction will start after that date. The District expects much of the roofing work to take place during the summer and fall of 2026, with some sections potentially extending into 2027 to ensure proper installation conditions.

The District is also moving forward with plans to improve school parking lots. Design work is currently underway, and construction timing will be coordinated to minimize disruption to school operations and community use of the site.

The Floodwood School District remains committed to improving its facilities in a thoughtful, well-coordinated manner that supports safe operations, energy efficiency, and long-term stewardship of community resources. Additional updates will be shared as the projects move through bidding and into construction. For more information, please visit www.isd698.org or contact the district office at 218-476-2285.