



## PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT

### WHAT'S NEW?

The Kohler School District and Bray Architects have met weekly on our referendum projects. We formed focus groups for the three main areas of the project: the new School/Public Library, the updated K-12 school spaces, and the improvements at Ebben Field. Since May of 2021, the three focus groups have met twice a month to provide Bray with input on design and help refine the District's needs in each corresponding area. The focus groups concluded in February.

The library focus group included members from our school administration and faculty, Library staff, and the Village Library Board. The group helped define a beautiful 8,000 square foot space for our new School/Public Library. This new addition is flooded with natural light, and provides a new community meeting room, a classroom for teaching and projects, and additional seating for the community.

The K-12 focus group, with members drawn from school administration and faculty, helped define major improvements to our S.T.E.A.M. curriculum (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics). These areas include a new middle school science classroom, much-needed break-out space throughout the building, and a new Elementary S.T.E.A.M. lab space, which is one of only a few in the State of Wisconsin at the elementary level.

The Ebben Field focus group, made up of the school administration, athletics faculty and coaches, and Village Recreation Department staff, is finalizing upgrades for Ebben Field. Please stay tuned for more information!



Rendering of the new main public entrance at the Library

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- 1 Close Upper Road to Expand Area for Safe Drop-off / Pick-up and to Add Parking
- 2 Create Pedestrian Connection from Sidewalk at Greenfield Dr. to School with Area for Parent Drop-off
- 3 Create Two Separate Drop-off / Pick-up Drives
- 4 Widen Sidewalk Along Gym to Improve Safety of Student Drop-off / Pick-up
- 5 Reconfigure and Add +/- 40 Parking Spaces
- 6 Retain Playground and Grass Area



Rendering of the parking lot reconfiguration

## WHAT'S NEXT?

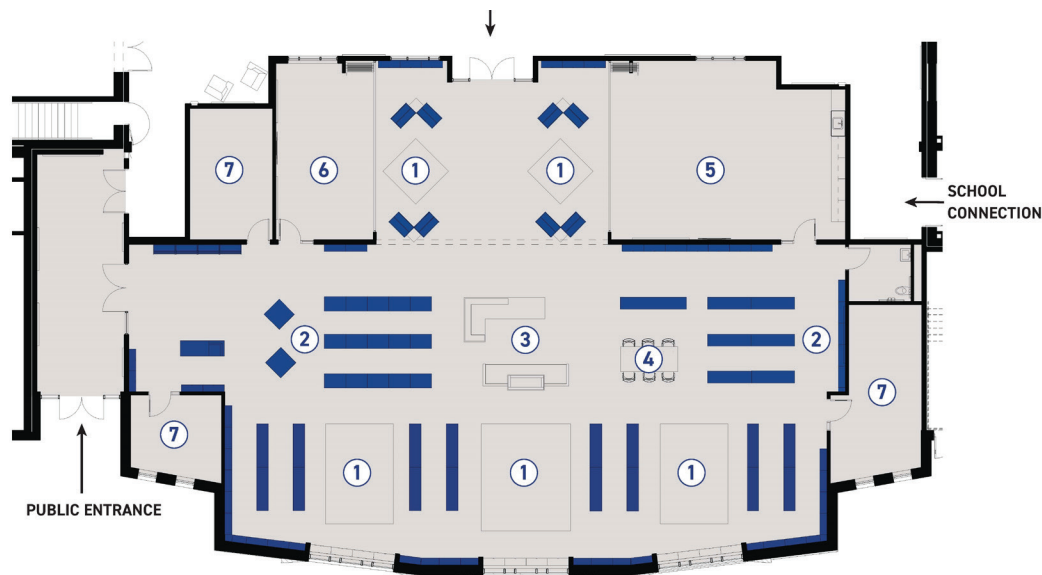
Bray Architects is wrapping up construction drawings this month, and C.D. Smith, our Construction Manager, will be obtaining bids for the work. Construction of the school's new parking lot will be done over summer break. Once completed, it will provide a safer environment for our students, with two separate drop-off loops for greater efficiency at the start and end of each school day.

A groundbreaking for the new School/Public Library will take place this spring - keep checking back here for an announcement on the date and time of this groundbreaking ceremony.

## OTHER UPDATES

Our Design phase has been conducted in a period of very high inflation and material shortages. The District has been working closely with C.D. Smith and Bray Architects to keep our plans in alignment with our referendum budget. Earlier this month, the District presented designs for the school improvements and new School/Public Library to the Village's Plan Commission, we received unanimous approval.

- 1 Seating Areas for Different User Groups
- 2 Library Collection
- 3 Circulation Desk
- 4 Public Access Computers and Book Search
- 5 Library Technology Classroom
- 6 Community Room
- 7 Offices and Storage



Overview floor drawing of the new Library addition