

Wiimaajikwad

"Where we grow"

2875 Gikendasso Way Mt. Pleasant MI 48858

Aanii Saginaw Chippewa Community Members,

We are in the eleventh month of construction on our new school and recreation center. Work on the site has been moving constantly with many aspects of the site nearing completion. The parking lot is taking shape. The masonry bearings and interiors are complete. Interior walls and painting are nearing completion. Right now the steel frame work for the gym is done and the concrete walls are being installed. It really is pretty awesome seeing the gym area come together and take shape.

A few tidbits from the last construction meeting; Konwinski Construction is on time to have the site completely enclosed for these cold Biboon months coming up. A lot of inside work such as the electrical and plumbing work will be done in the Biboon months, as well as IT work.

The safety and well-being of our children while at school or on the Wiimaajikwad property is a top priority. The building will have a great security system in place with locking doors at all entrances, cameras will be located throughout the building as well as other safety features. We have received a few comments from the community and they are noted. We appreciate that, please keep them coming!

We encourage comments, suggestions and questions from the community, please contact Bonnie Ekdahl or myself at;

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Upcoming Events

Move in Date

TBD

Count down

326 Days

Soft Completion

August 22, 2024

Important Announcement

Time Capsule

We are going to start collecting items this month to be placed in the time capsule. Please email Bonnie Ekdahl or myself and I can come and collect the items. So if you are going to add items to the capsule now would be a good time to narrow your selection and have those ready. It has been decided to do a 25 year time capsule for the new school and recreation building. How exciting?

Outside Spaces at Wiimaajikwad

The playground area will feature three playground island areas that are age appropriate and will feature natural playground equipment. Each classroom has its own door to access the playground area.

- Climbing wall
- Step logs
- Embankment Slides
- Swings
- Tricycle track for Sasiwaans
- 2 Basketball courts
- Bituminous paved walk way throughout the playground area and the back school ground area
- Lodge for teaching
- Amphitheater with data ports, events can easily access the internet from that area
- Benches located through the area
- Picnic tables

It is very satisfying knowing that these new spaces are going to be here for our Children and their families to enjoy, learn and grow together.



Community Interest

Walk-through's

Please email or call if you would like to be put on the list for a walk through of the new school/recreation building. Next walk through date is tentatively October 17 at 3:30 p.m.

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Every day is a good day to speak the language.

Happy Halloween and please be safe when out trick or Treating!

Drone picture of the building, taken on September 11, 2023

