

# Morton District 709

## Facility Improvement Options

### **Option A**

#### **Grade Schools**

This option meets the immediate space needs at the grade schools by adding classrooms and gyms to Brown, Grundy and Lincoln schools. Once those additions are complete Jefferson School would close and those students would re-locate to the Brown, Grundy and Lincoln.

#### **Junior High**

Another phase of this option would be renovations to the current Morton High School so the junior high could re-locate there. The junior high could be the current 7-8 grade combination or could include grades 6, 7 and 8.

#### **High School**

The new Morton High School would be built at another site as well as an athletic complex. Once this project is complete, the high school would move and the junior high would then occupy the current MHS. MJHS would then close.

#### **Land Acquisition**

Currently, District 709 does not own land that could be used for a new high school and athletic complex. The District would need to purchase land at the beginning of this process to allow time for construction of a new high school and for the junior high and high school to move locations.

#### **Timeframe**

This option meets the immediate space needs and gymnasium requirement mandated by the state at the grade school level. It could take 2-5 years for the grade school portion of the project and 7-15 years for to complete the junior high/high school phase of the project. Land would be acquired as soon as possible for a new high school campus to allow the project to continue. In total, this process would take about 15 years to complete.

#### **Additional information**

This option eventually closes both Jefferson School and Morton Junior High - the two oldest buildings in the District 709. At this time, information is not available about possible future uses of those buildings.

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### **Option B**

#### **Grade Schools**

This option meets the immediate space needs at the grade schools by adding classrooms and gyms to Brown, Grundy and Lincoln schools. Jefferson School would close and move to the current Morton High School.

#### **Junior High**

Another phase of this option would be renovations to the current Morton High School so the Junior High and Jefferson School could re-locate there. The renovations and additions to the current Morton High School would differ from Option 1 to allow two schools to co-exist in one building.

#### **High School**

The new Morton High School would be built at another site as well as an athletic complex. Once this project is complete, the high school would move and Morton Junior High and Jefferson School would then occupy the current MHS.

#### **Land Acquisition**

Currently, District 709 does not own land that could be used for a new high school and athletic complex. The District would need to purchase land at the beginning of this process to allow time for construction of a new high school and for the Junior High, Jefferson School and MHS to move locations.

#### **Timeframe**

This option meets the immediate space needs and gymnasium requirement mandated by the state at the grade school level. Renovations and additions would then happen to the current Morton High School to allow Jefferson School and Morton Junior High to move to that building. It could take 2-5 years for the grade school portion of the project and 7-15 years for to complete the junior high/high school phase of the project. Land would be acquired as soon as possible for a new high school campus to allow the project to continue. In total, this process would take about 15 years to complete.

#### **Additional information**

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