

# Downers Grove North High School Master Facility Plan Celebration

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2021

9 a.m.

DEDICATION  
AND RIBBON CUTTING

9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

COMMUNITY  
OPEN HOUSE



# Dedication and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

**9 A.M.  
LEARNING COMMONS**

## ***Musical Prelude***

North High Wind Ensemble

## ***Welcome***

Dr. Courtney DeMent, Downers Grove North High Principal

## ***National Anthem***

North High Chamber Choir

## ***Community High School District 99***

Dr. Hank Thiele, District 99 Superintendent

## ***District 99 Board of Education***

Michael Davenport, Vice President  
Member of MFP Core Planning Committee

## ***District 99 Education Foundation***

Julia K. Beckman, President; Former D99 Board of Education President,  
Vice President and Member for 24 years

## ***Wight & Company***

Mark Wight, Chairman/CEO  
Amy Tiberi, Project Manager/Lead Architect

## ***Ribbon Cutting***

DGN Student Board Member Jade Toledano

## ***“Fanfare for a New Era”***

North High Wind Ensemble

## ***Reflection***

Janice Schwarze, North High Principal 2016-2021

## ***Closing Remarks***

Donald E. Renner III, Former D99 Board of Education Member,  
Member of MFP Core Planning Committee

## ***Alma Mater***

North High Wind Ensemble

## ***DGN School Song***

North High Wind Ensemble

## ***Refreshments***

**Community Open House, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.**



# Community Open House

9:30 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

Then +  
Now



▲ **Then (right):** Outdoor tables sat adjacent to the original 1928 building—and to dumpsters. **Now:** The area has been enclosed to maximize the space within our land-locked school; the West Events Plaza and Patio next to the Learning Commons provide outdoor dining options.



▲ **Then (top):** Rooms created in the 1950's served as Home Economics classes. **Now:** State-of-the-art culinary labs support student learning for both home and commercial kitchen settings.



# Community Open House

THEN + NOW



▲ **Then (right):** The library lacked natural light and seating. **Now:** Skylights and the raised ceiling brighten the environment; a variety of seating makes the library a more inviting place to study.



◀ **Then (inset):** The outside courtyard in the center of the school building was used infrequently. **Now:** Reclaiming the courtyard as inside space allows for increased usage all year round.



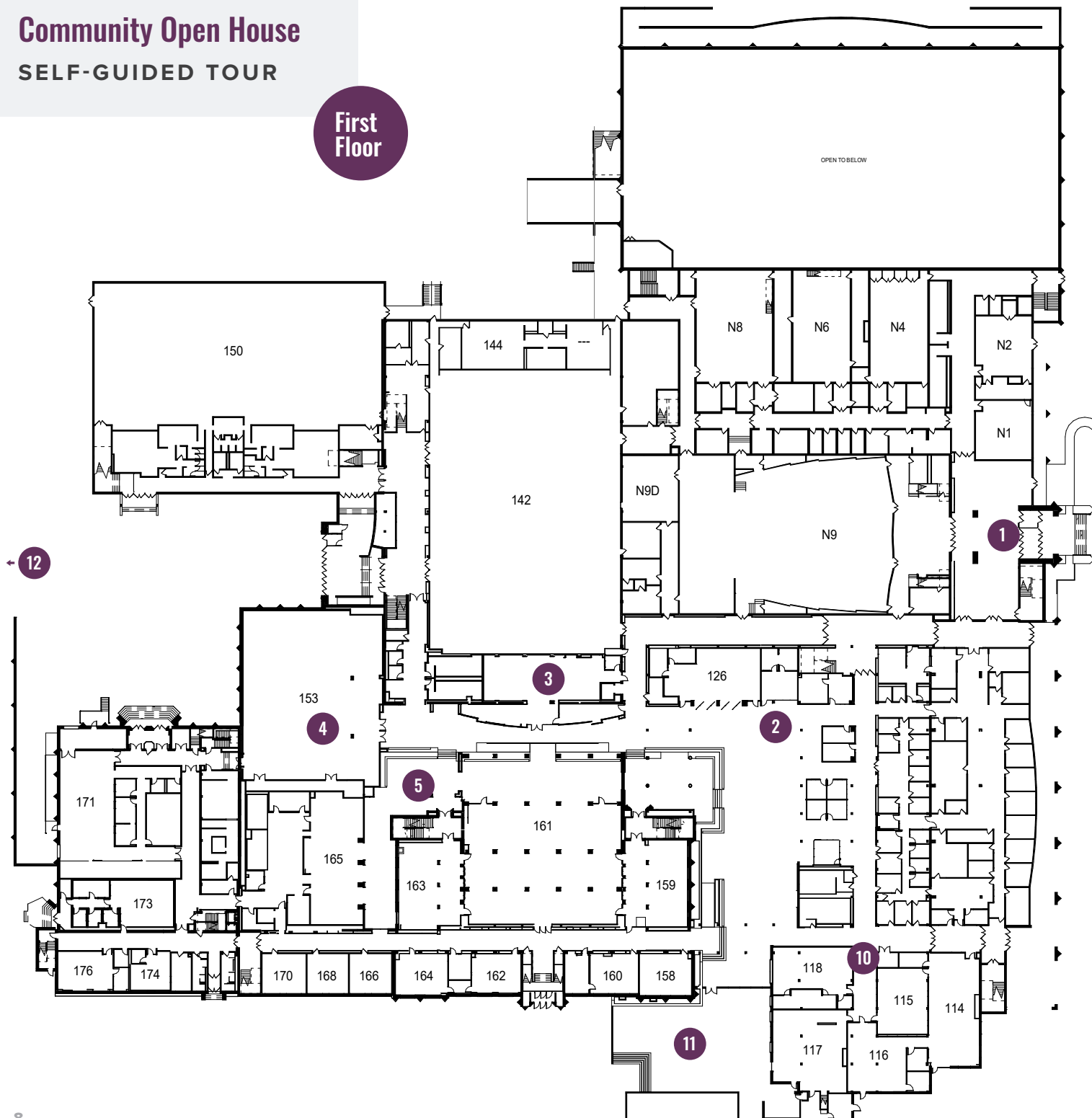
◀ **Then (left):** The cramped serving line resulted in long lines at lunch. **Now:** More food options are available in the expanded and updated servery.



# Community Open House

## SELF-GUIDED TOUR

First Floor



## MAP KEY

- 1 New Secured Vestibule at Main Street Entrance
- 2 Resource Rooms (College and Career, Student Activities, Study Rooms) and Learning Commons
- 3 Culinary Arts Lab
- 4 New Gymnasium
- 5 Cafeteria, Alley and Servery
- 10 New Academic Addition: Fine Arts
- 11 Learning Commons and Outdoor Patio
- 12 Outdoor spaces: West Events Plaza/New Stadium Seating and Squad Rooms

DID YOU KNOW

The MFP allowed us to **air condition** all learning spaces and improve **accessibility** throughout our entire facility.



# Community Open House

## SELF-GUIDED TOUR

### Second Floor



Students placed items in a **time capsule** to commemorate the renovations. The capsule, which included memorabilia like yearbooks, newspapers, face masks and spiritwear, as well as letters from students and staff, will be opened by students of the future in 2071!

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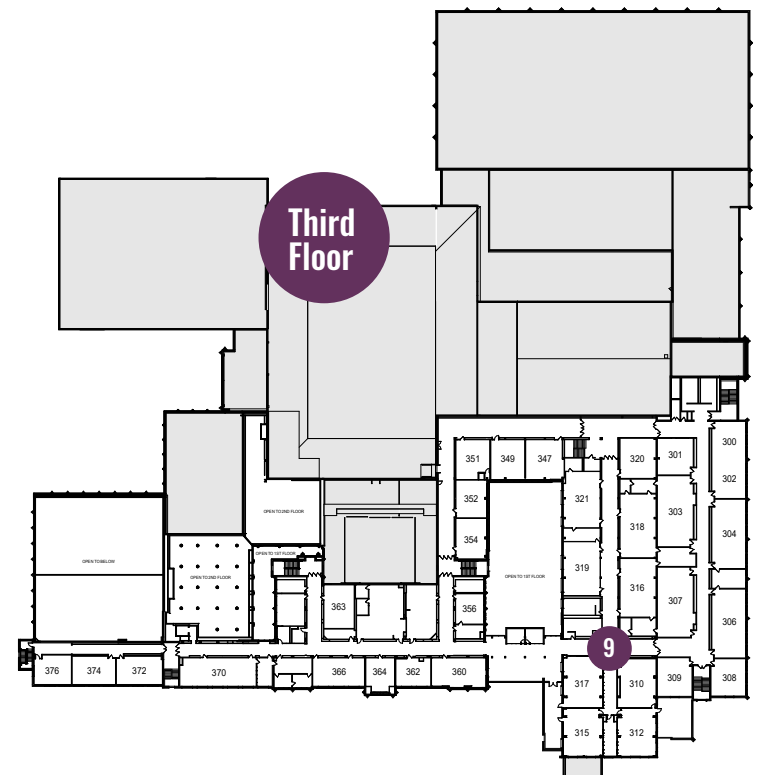
## MAP KEY

### SECOND FLOOR

- 6 Renovated Library
- 7 Multi-Purpose Rooms above New Gymnasium
- 8 New Academic Addition: Career and Technical Education

### THIRD FLOOR

- 9 New Academic Addition: Science Labs and collaboration areas



### Third Floor



### 2019

### 2020

### 2021

### Fall 2021

Dedication  
Celebration

#### Construction Timeline

**Phase A:**  
Summer 2019

**Groundbreaking:**  
May 20, 2019

**Projects:**  
Main entrance secured vestibule  
Building services renovation  
Radio/TV Classroom  
Multi-needs classrooms  
Five renovated classrooms

**Phase B:**  
2019-20 school year

**Tours + Open House:**  
Oct. 4, 2019

**Projects:**  
New gymnasium  
Athletic lofts  
Kitchen  
Serving areas  
Bleachers/squad rooms

**Phase B:**  
Summer 2020

**Projects:**  
Dining area  
Culinary arts classroom  
Library renovation  
New Academic Wing:  
• Visual Arts (1st floor)  
• Career & Technical  
Education (2nd floor)  
• Science (3rd floor)

**Phase C:**  
2020-21 school year

**Projects:**  
Learning Commons

**Phase C:**  
Summer 2021

**Projects:**  
Counseling  
and Student  
Support  
Services

**Projects:**  
Complete

#### DGN History/Timeline

**August 2021** - The Master Facility Plan renovations are completed.

**August 2018** - Air conditioning is installed in all learning spaces for the first day of the 2018-19 school year.

**March 2018** - Voters overwhelmingly approve addressing \$136.6 million in capital facility improvements.

**2011** - Outdoor site plan improvements are made, including installation of synthetic turf fields.

**2001** - Building projects are complete and include new classrooms, new fine arts wings, fieldhouses, parking lots and new heating, ventilation, water systems and limited air conditioning.

**1998** - Voters overwhelmingly approve a \$49.5 million expansion and renovation plan.

**1975 to 1998** - Changes in curriculum and soaring enrollment spark the need for more space.

**1970** - 23 classrooms, 12 labs, a learning center and offices are added at South High. A pool is added four years later.

**1966** - For the first time, South High serves all grades, serving 1,700 students and anticipating up to 2,500.

**1964** - South High opens its doors to 700 freshmen and sophomores with 32 classrooms, a library, gym and basement track.

**1962** - Enrollment grows to 2,700, creating the need to rent space and buy portable classrooms. Voters

approve the purchase of a 45-acre site at 63rd Street and Dunham for a second high school.

**1955** - Voters approve a \$2.9 million addition for a new three-story academic wing, gym for boys and auditorium as well as a remodeled library and cafeteria. The modernistic design changes the Gothic look of the Main Street view.

**1953** - A two-story addition is built to house the library, chorus room and classrooms at a cost of \$120,000.

**1939** - A gym for girls, dressing rooms and band room are added at a cost of \$120,000.

**1936** - A three-story, 14-room addition is built west of the original building to accommodate growing enrollment at a cost of \$44,000.

**1928** - Downers Grove High School (now North High) opens, a three-story building with 20 classrooms and an auditorium/gymnasium, at Main Street and Prince Street.

**1927** - Voters approve construction of a high school.

**1923** - Residents vote on February 17, 1923, to form District 99 as a separate high school district.

**1893** - High school students move to Washington School, built in 1891, before moving back to Lincoln in 1913 after an addition was built.

**1877** - High school students attend Lincoln School, a four-room building that also educates elementary students.



# In Appreciation



**We are grateful to the community members, parents, students, staff and faculty for supporting our effort to build a better future for our students through the Master Facility Plan.**

## **District 99 Board of Education**

Dr. Nancy Kupka, President  
Michael Davenport, Vice President  
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Joanna Vazquez Drexler  
Jade Toledano, DGN Student Board Member 2021-22  
Scarlett O'Hara, DGS Student Board Member 2021-22

## **Former District 99 Board of Education Members who served during planning**

Julia K. Beckman, Board Member for 24 years  
Deborah Boyle, Board Member for 8 years  
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Daniel Nicholas, Board Member for 4 years  
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Eleanor Flynn, DGN Student Board Member 2018-19  
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Sam Bull, DGN Student Board Member 2020-21  
Zoe Boyd, DGS Student Board Member 2020-21





### Former District 99 Superintendent who served during planning

Dr. Mark McDonald, 2008-2016

### Former Principals who served during planning

Mr. Stephen Bild, DGS  
Mr. Scott Kasik, DGN  
Ms. Janice Schwarze, DGN

### District 99 Community Task Force Committee Members

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### District Administration

Dr. Hank Thiele, Superintendent  
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Scott Wuggazer, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services  
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Rod Rousseau, Director of Technology & Information Services

### North High Administration

Dr. Courtney DeMent, Principal  
Ryan Doherty, Associate Principal for Curriculum and Instruction  
Dr. Ken Sorensen, Associate Principal for Operations and Technology  
Kelly Zuerner, Associate Principal for Staff & Students  
Erin Ludwick, Associate Principal for Counseling & Student Support Services  
Denise Kavanaugh, Director of Athletics  
Mark Mirandola, Director of

## THANK YOU

to all of our **students** who were patient during construction, as well as those who participated in design meetings and responded to surveys.

Student Activities  
Michelle Cannan, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds

### South High Administration

Ed Schwartz, Principal  
Georgia Hash, Associate Principal for Curriculum and Instruction  
Omar Davis, Associate Principal for Operations and Technology  
Dr. Karen Taylor, Associate Principal for Staff & Students  
Sara Courington, Associate Principal for Counseling & Student Support Services  
Randy Konstans, Director of Athletics  
Jennifer Martinez, Director of Student Activities  
Michael Reyes, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds

### Village of Downers Grove

Mayor Bob Barnett and Village Commissioners  
Village Manager David Fieldman

### Village of Woodridge

Mayor Gina Cunningham and Village Trustees  
Village Manager Al Stonitsch





## Thank you

Thank you for joining us for the dedication ceremony and touring the new spaces. For video tours and more photos, visit [www.csd99.org/MFP](http://www.csd99.org/MFP).

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