



**Downers Grove  
South High School**

# **Master Facility Plan Celebration**

**SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2021**

**9 a.m.**

**DEDICATION AND RIBBON CUTTING**

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

**COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE**



# Dedication and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

## 9 A.M. LEARNING COMMONS

***Musical Prelude***

**Welcome**  
Ed Schwartz, Downers Grove South High Principal

***The Star-Spangled Banner***  
Madrigal Singers  
Joy Belt-Roselieb, Director

**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**  
Amy Tiberi, Project Manager/Lead Architect

**Ribbon Cutting**  
DGS Student Council President Deanna Eslit

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

**Alma Mater**  
Madrigal Singers  
Joy Belt-Roselieb, Director  
Dr. Ricardo Pedroza, Accompanist

**Refreshments**

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

# Community Open House

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



▲ **Then (right):** The previous main entrance was unattractive and not well defined, making it challenging for visitors to find. **Now:** The redesigned facade is a prominent design element in addition to the other building updates.



▲ **Then (left):** There was open space to the north of the C-wing on the northeast side of the building.

**Now:** A new academic wing has been added to house science labs, a secondary commons area and fine arts classrooms.

# Community Open House

THEN + NOW



▲ **Then (right):** 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.



◀ **Then (above):** Windowless hallways were one of the primary places where students could meet with one another. **Now:** Students can gather in numerous places that have seating and abundant natural light.



◀ **Then (left):** The auditorium sat only 856 students, which limited programming for a student body of 2,500+ students. **Now:** The expanded, state-of-the-art auditorium seats 1,200 people, significantly increasing the versatility of scheduling and opportunities for students.

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## SELF-GUIDED TOUR

**Open House**  
**ED TOUR**

**First Floor**

Students placed items in a **time capsule** (see ★ below) to commemorate the renovations. The capsule, which included memorabilia like yearbooks, newspapers, face masks and spiritwear, will be opened by students of the future in 2071!

**DID YOU KNOW**

Stibule at  
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(Counseling and  
College and Career,  
Dance)

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the First Floor, Study  
and Third Floors

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Fine Arts

or - Science Labs,  
and collaboration areas

Performing Arts Center

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## DID YOU KNOW

## MAP KEY

- 1 New Secured Vestibule at Main Entrance and Community Room
- 2 Resource Rooms (Counseling and Support Services, College and Career, Deans and Attendance)
- 3 Learning Commons and Outdoor Patio
- 4 Study Rooms on the First Floor, Study Lofts on Second and Third Floors
- 5 Refurbished Library and Instructional Technology Help Desk
- 6 Culinary Arts Labs
- 7 New Academic Addition and Commons:
  - 7a First Floor - Fine Arts
  - 7b Second Floor - Science Labs, classrooms, and collaboration areas
- 8 New Main Stage Performing Arts Center
- 9 New Studio Theatre
- 10 Theatre Classroom and Dressing Rooms
- 11 New Secured Vestibule at West Events Entrance
- 12 New Stadium Seating and Squad Rooms

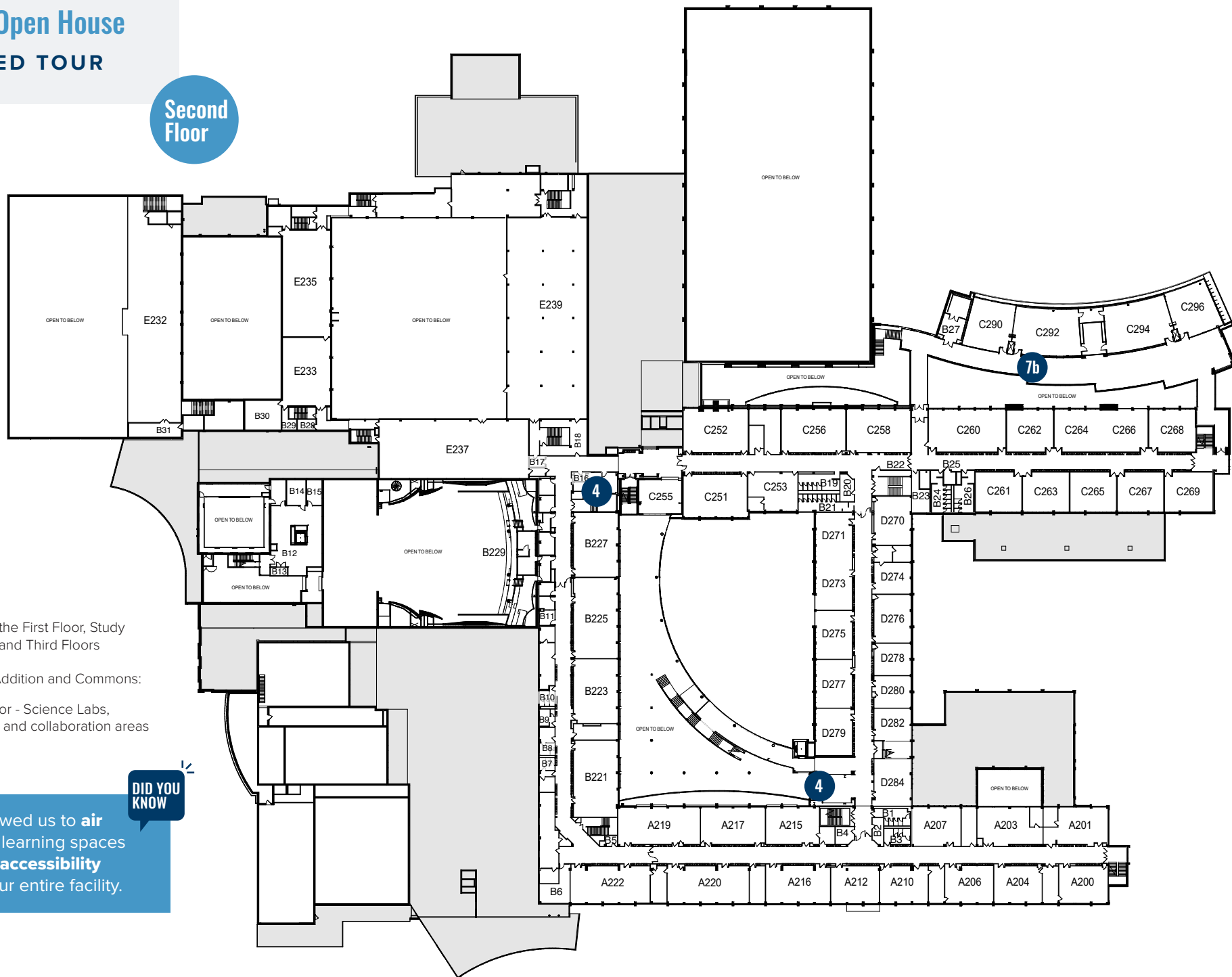
## SELF-GUIDED TOUR

### MAP KEY

- 4 Study Rooms on the First Floor, Study  
Lofts on Second and Third Floors
- 7 New Academic Addition and Commons:
  - 7b Second Floor - Science Labs,  
classrooms, and collaboration areas

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

## DID YOU KNOW



# District 99 Renovations

## THE TIMELINE

### 2019

### 2020

### 2021

### Fall 2021

**Dedication  
Celebration**

Construction Timeline

**Phase A:**  
Summer 2019

**Groundbreaking:**  
May 6, 2019

**Projects:**  
Main entrance secured vestibule  
Administrative center  
Culinary arts  
Life skills classrooms  
Second turf field

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

**Tours + Open House:**  
Sept. 20, 2019

**Projects:**  
Visual arts addition  
Science addition  
Bleachers/squad rooms

**Phase B:**  
Summer 2020

**Projects:**  
Auditorium  
Learning Commons

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

**Phase C:**  
Summer 2021

**Projects:**  
Library renovations  
Technology support  
renovations

**Projects:**  
Complete

DGS 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.**

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## 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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## Student Committee Members

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## District Administration

Dr. Hank Thiele, Superintendent  
Mark Staehlin, Controller  
Gina Ziccardi, Associate Superintendent for Student Learning  
Dr. Robert Lang, Assistant Superintendent for Staff Services  
Scott Wuggazer, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services  
Jeff Bergholtz, Director of Human Resources  
Lisa Bollow, Director of Special Services  
Jill Browning, Director of Communications  
Jeree Ethridge, Associate Controller  
Jim Kolodziej, Director of Physical Plant and Operations  
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 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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