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**D303 BOE Approves Middle School Facilities Upgrades  
 Construction to Begin June 2017**

On November 14, the District 303 Board of Education approved a plan to upgrade Wredling Middle School, renovate Thompson Middle School and, by Fall 2019 close Haines Middle School. Construction work will begin in June, 2017 when the current school year ends.

When the project is completed in time for the 2019-20 school year, students will have two modern middle schools, the District will save \$2.4 million by closing Haines, and taxpayers will see a significant reduction in the District 303 portion of their property taxes (due to payoff of bonds in 2018).

Total cost of the project is \$50 million with the funds coming from a combination of a grant from the State of Illinois, existing funds, issue of working cash bonds, and future savings.

Upgrades at Wredling include 10 new science labs and a larger cafeteria. The renovation at Thompson includes 11 new science labs, 31 new classrooms, air conditioning and improved traffic flow around the site.

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**November 14 D303 Board Action Items on Middle School Facilities**

- Authorized Architects to begin Thompson Design Work
- Approved Notice of Intent to Issue Working Cash Bonds
- Issued Order for a Bond Issue Notification Hearing on December 12
- Approved Boundary Changes for Middle Schools Effective Fall 2017

**(See inside for details)**



## Superintendent's Message



I want to thank everyone for the input, suggestions, criticisms, and comments that resulted in a plan passed by the Board of Education on November 14 that will upgrade and modernize the middle school experience for District 303 students. Residents of District 303 are going to get two modern middle

schools and a lower tax bill.

It certainly has been an interesting journey which started with the Summit 303 meetings in 2007. Several times you responded to our call for feedback through meetings, emails, and phone calls to Board members and administrators, feedback on website forms, and by stopping me during my travels around the District to voice your opinion on what you thought was best for the community.

Among the reasons people choose to live here is the long-standing success of our schools. The source of that success is the commitment by community members to provide a quality education for students while also demanding that it be done with respect to the taxpayer. Our schools are annually recognized as the best in Kane County and among the best in the Chicagoland area. At the same time, Realtor.com rates District 303 as the school district in Kane and DuPage counties that adds the most value for property owners.

I am proud to be part of this community and thank everyone for their input during this process.

*That's what I think; let me know what you think.*

**Donald D. Schlomann, Ph.D.**

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## Benefits for Taxpayers

A **\$569 reduction\*** in D303 taxes in 2018

\* Based on a \$300,000 Home

## Benefits for Students

- Modern science labs at both schools
- 31 new classrooms at Thompson
- Larger cafeterias at both schools, ending the start of lunch at 10:20 a.m.
- Air conditioning at Thompson
- Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act
- Improved traffic flow at Thompson

## Elementary School Assignments

The reduction from three middle schools to two middle schools will necessitate changes in middle school attendance boundaries, elementary and high school boundaries will remain the same.

Elementary students will be assigned to attend middle school as detailed below:

### Thompson Middle School

- Bell-Graham
- Richmond/Davis
- Ferson Creek
- Wasco
- Lincoln

### Wredling Middle School

- Anderson
- Norton Creek
- Corron
- Munhall
- Fox Ridge
- Wild Rose

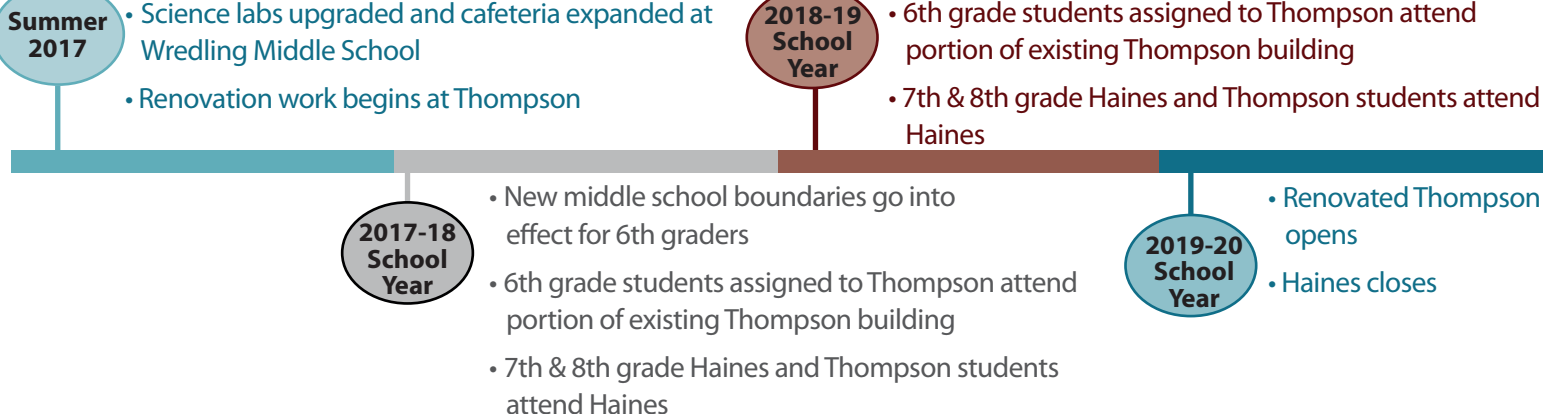
## Boundary Exceptions

Among the actions approved by the Board of Education on November 14 are the consideration of exceptions to the new middle schools boundaries.

- Siblings of current middle school students who are assigned to a different school
- Former Ferson Creek students who stayed at Ferson Creek after their planning areas were reassigned to Corron
- Elementary School open enrollment students
- Lincoln students residing in Planning Area 83 (Surrey Hill & Long Meadow) who can walk to Wredling

Students in these categories may apply for an Intra-District transfer. If they are granted the transfer, parents are responsible for providing transportation for their children.

## The Timeline



## Any Questions?

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