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### **West Bend School Board Reviews Preliminary Designs of New Jackson Elementary School Design will be finalized in fall 2025**

WEST BEND — A preliminary design of the new Jackson Elementary School—part of the successful West Bend School District capital improvements referendum in November 2024—was presented to the West Bend School Board on May 27, 2025.

The school will be built on land owned by the West Bend School District on Jackson Drive south of Main Street in Jackson. For six months, EUA Architects and the district have collaborated to develop a preliminary design. The process included gathering feedback from Jackson Elementary staff, families, and students. Four of the most common requests for the school were:

- Secure entrances and other security measures
- Flexible instructional spaces with natural daylight
- Separate gym and cafeteria
- Safe and efficient drop off and pick up process.

The preliminary design of the school is inspired by local buildings. When complete, the school will have classrooms for kindergarten through 5th grade, art and music, and a separate gymnasium and cafeteria. The preliminary plan has the first-floor library as the “heart” of the building.

Features of the preliminary design include:

- The building design is facing Jackson Drive for optimal visibility from the inside and outside, as well as a secure "center spine" connecting front and rear entrances.
- Family dropoff and pick up at the front entrance on Jackson Drive. The preliminary design includes enough line-up space to reduce traffic backups with vehicles entering at the southeast corner and moving north during pick up and dropoff.

- Two instructional wings with the west wing being one level and east wing featured two levels.

The final design will be complete in fall 2025. Construction is expected to begin in early spring 2026.

The West Bend Joint School District #1 is proud to serve more than 5,400 students and their families from the city of West Bend, villages of Jackson and Newburg, and townships of Barton, Polk, Trenton, Jackson, West Bend, and Addison. We strive to ensure that every student is given the opportunity to reach their potential through academics, the arts, and co-curricular activities. Within our community-based 4K program, Head Start program, five elementary schools (K-4), one intermediate school (5-6), one middle school (7-8), and two high schools (9-12), families can expect a caring, inclusive learning environment that supports the development of the whole child. Visit [www.west-bend.k12.wi.us](http://www.west-bend.k12.wi.us) for more information.

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