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Letter of Intent - City Submittal

Proposed MMSD Cherokee Heights Middle School
4301 Cherokee Drive, Madison, WI

Madison Metropolitan School District is proposing to construct a new Middle School on the existing site located at 4301 Cherokee Drive, Madison, WI 53711. The new school will be constructed on the West portion of the site while the existing school is in use. Upon completion of the new construction the existing building will then be demolished with new parking and green space constructed on the site.

The School District is anticipating Plan Commission approval on July 13, 2026. It is the School District's objective to start site infrastructure construction late this year, with building completion set for July 2028.

The proposed Cherokee Heights Middle School is a 182,765gsf two story structure, that will house sixth thru eighth grade. Functionally, the new school will operate the same as the existing school, with typical staffing levels of 120 people. Since the school is an important component of the community's school system, the site and building require special considerations for site access with safe and separate yellow bus and vehicle circulation while maintaining the existing access entry from Cherokee Dr. Another important community aspect is the consideration being taken with the existing chimney and partnering with Southern Wisconsin Bird Alliance to preserve the site's role in the migration of the Chimney Swifts.

Enclosed for review please find the proposed site plan and architectural plans and elevations and exterior materials. Please contact Susan Bowersox with OPN Architects or Scott Chehak with Madison Metropolitan School District if additional information is needed prior to the upcoming review meeting.