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Letter of Intent – City Submittal

Proposed MMSD Sennett Middle School
502 Pflaum Rd, Madison, WI

Madison Metropolitan School District is proposing to construct a new Middle School on the existing site located at 502 Pflaum Rd, Madison, WI 53716. The new school will be constructed to the West portion of the existing school while it is in use. Upon completion of the new construction the existing building will then be demolished with additional parking and green space constructed on the site between the middle school and La Follette High School.

The project recently underwent a budget reduction exercise that reduced the overall sf and adjusted exterior materials where feasible. The sf reduction was primarily the gym space by reducing from three cross courts to two. The district is anticipating Plan Commission approval on July 27, 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 Sennett Middle School is a 150,000gsf 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 and adjacent La Follette High School, the site and building require special considerations for site circulation for both during the school day and activities outside of the school day. While maintaining the existing access entry from Pflaum Rd., the position of the new building frames a green space between the two schools that welcomes pedestrians and students to the site separated from vehicles.

Enclosed for review please find the proposed site plan and architectural plans and elevations. 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.