

# Expansion Frequently Asked Questions

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## Building Design

Will there be input opportunities for the new design?	Yes. There has been input received for what needs to be in the building. As we enter the design phase we will be asking for additional input.
Sustainability - solar panels, geothermal, etc.	If we can afford the investment of this technology, we will certainly consider adding it to the project.
When will we move into the new school?	The goal is to move in Fall of 2026

## Academic/ExtraCurricular Opportunities

Could you provide a list of activities we'd like to offer?	Activities and extracurricular activities are driven by student demand. We have demand right now for soccer, baseball, softball. Those would likely be added.

## Leased property

Will clubs be offered at both sites?	Yes. If there is a club that caters primarily to students at the leased space we will offer the club where the students are. If the club is offered after school at the current location we are expecting to have an activity bus at the end of the day.
Will older siblings be able to drive younger siblings to school like now? Would there be an early dropoff?	We will work to accommodate families with early dropoff or later pick up. This will depend on start times and bus times.
How will busing work in the leased space?	MSA will contract for buses for the leased space only. Students <i>at the leased space</i> will get busing if they live in districts 833 or 622.
What about class offerings?	We will offer most classes students in grades 10-12 take at the leased space. There may be a few classes that are only offered at the current site that students in grades 10-12 need to take. Those students would be

	bussed to MSA for those classes.

## Elementary

When would we open elementary?	The goal is to open the elementary school at the same time as the new 6-12 building.
Would we renovate our current site for elementary?	Yes. We will remodel as we build. We will make the necessary changes (playground, bathrooms, lunch room) to accommodate younger students prior to opening the elementary.
Will we have an elementary principal, counselor etc.?	Yes. We expect to hire staff with elementary expertise to lead the elementary program.

## Future needs/opportunities

Will there need to be fundraising for the new building?	As we get a more detailed budget for construction, we will know what we will need to fundraise for. An example could be, we might not have the budget for finishing a theater space so we would need to do fundraising to get that completed.
How long until we need to expand again?	We don't know for sure. In 8-10 years we may need to expand further. The hope would be to build an addition or perhaps a new elementary school but not to replace the new building.
Can we require higher academic standards for admission?	No. This is not legally allowed for MN charter schools as we are a public school. All students are welcome at MSA.
Will there be additional Town Halls or input sessions?	Yes. We plan to host Town Halls regularly throughout the project.

If you have a question not on this document, please send it to Kate Hinton (khinton@mnmsa.org).