

# PĪTĀCEMOW

*"He or she who brings stories/news"*

## It's Starting to Take Shape!



Temporary building enclosure

Work on our new high school continues both inside and outside. As winter quickly approaches, our construction team has planned temporary building enclosures, as they systematically finish the outside of the building envelope. This is important because it protects the work done inside and allows the spaces to be temporarily

heated, which is critical for the building components inside. Additionally, it provides a more regulated climate for the crews working on the project.

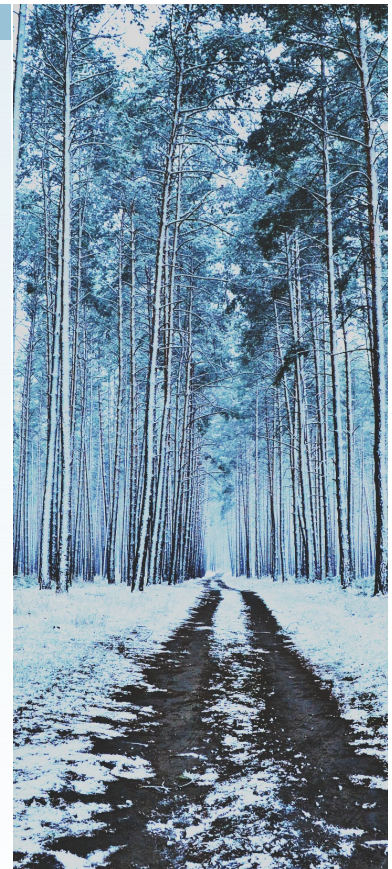
Inside, the mechanical mezzanines have been completed. A mechanical mezzanine is the space between the floor and ceiling that house the ducts and pipes that are part of the school's building systems, controlling the climate. It will later be covered with a drop ceiling for easy access.



Inside the mechanical mezzanines

All of the masonry load-bearing walls, which are the walls that support the entire structure of MIHS, have been completed and are ready for steel. These load-bearing walls are constructed with concrete blocks, connected by mortar, and reinforced with steel and covered with wall surface. They transfer the load evenly to the foundation and ground.

Thank you to our construction crew who continue to push the schedule forward. We look forward to sharing another update soon!



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Enriching the lives of  
our children through  
education



## Attendance Awareness

Chronic absenteeism is an on-going issue for school districts around the nation, including MISD.

Research shows that students who are chronically absent during the first month of school are more likely to be chronically absent throughout the year. If you notice that your child or another student has already missed 10% of school, we encourage you to consider what challenges might be in the way.

MISD is reviewing and prioritizing and encouraging the attendance of students on a regular basis through a variety of initiatives including an on-site student health care center, weekly attendance meetings with principals, access to washers and dryers on campus and home visits by trained Success Mentors.

We know the way to increasing student attendance is not by punishment, but by identifying the challenges and helping the student and their families work through those challenges.

## Honoring Our Veterans

Keshena Primary School celebrated Veterans Day this year with a special program and concert to honor the service and sacrifice of local Veterans. Students and staff dressed in their best red, white and blue and enjoyed decorating hallways and the gymnasium to show their gratitude. Thank you Veterans, for your commitment to our country and thank you KPS for a wonderful program!



## KPS Receives \$15,000 Grant

Keshena Primary School has received a \$15,000 grant from TC Energy to support their Social Emotional Learning (SEL) efforts for families and students. The grant will fund a brand-new initiative, SEL Family Nights, to provide opportunities for families to grow and develop together.

Thank you to KimmiLei Bartz, KPS SEL & Trauma Coach, for bringing this concept to life and to Mary Juckem, MISD Grant Writer & Curriculum Coordinator, for your hard work in putting together a competitive application! And, of course, thank you to TC Energy!





## College Tours for MIHS Students

At the end of October, 34 MIHS students toured Haskell Indian Nations University and Kansas University. The group visited each campus and checked out welcome centers, dorm rooms, classrooms and athletic facilities.

They were also able to meet with college leaders and staff to learn more about the programs and resources offered at both universities. This trip provided MIHS students with the experience to learn about post-secondary education, campus life and the variety of opportunities available.



## MISD State Report Card



The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) has released its 2022-23 standardized test results for each Wisconsin school district, including MISD.

Students across all MISD schools have shown strong growth in English language arts and mathematics, with Menominee Indian High School meeting overall expectations. The state report card highlights the programs and initiatives the school district has in place that are making a difference for students, while also offering insights into areas of improvement and growth.

MISD is not only committed to the academic success of students, but also to their overall well-being and development. Resources for students and their families have been implemented, both in and out of school, to address post-pandemic effects such as mental health, chronic absenteeism and the opioid crisis. Each year, the school district strives for steady progress towards meeting academic expectations and helping students live a healthy and productive life.

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