

# PĪTĀCEMOW

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## Moving Forward: Land Swap Approved



*Supt. Waukau addresses the audience prior to the vote*

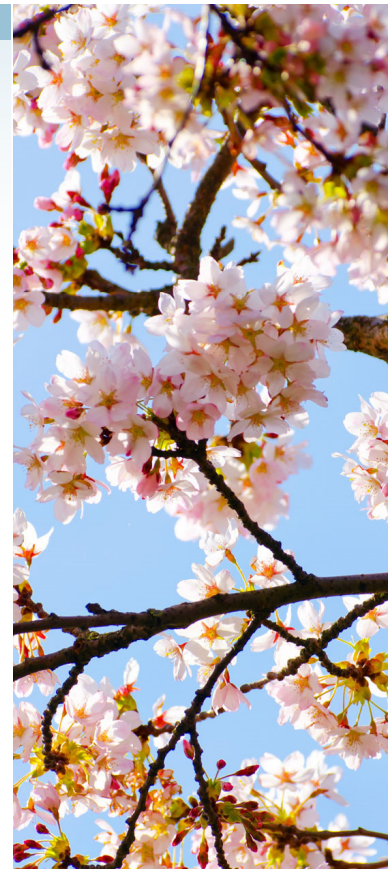
As construction continues on the new high school, residents of the Menominee Indian School District voted overwhelmingly in favor of a plan to swap land with the Tribe in order to help the school district rebuild sports fields and establish a school forest for outdoor instruction.

The existing Menominee Indian Middle School building will be given to the Tribe in exchange for the Tucker land, a total of 10 acres. Six acres will be used to build new baseball and softball fields. The remaining four acres cannot be disturbed for cultural reasons and will be utilized for a school forest.

The ball field project will be done in three phases, with the first phase being covered by the district's 2023-24 budget and the final two phases funded through the 2024-2025 budget. Phase one is scheduled to begin in the spring with the start of construction on two of the ball fields. The second phase will construct a third ball field and a concession stand, with the final phase being the construction of a press box and parking lot.

With the building of the new high school, and the approved land swap, MISD will now have all schools and sports facilities on one campus. This will allow for greater collaboration and accessibility between teachers, staff and students. The upgraded facilities will also give the district the opportunity to host larger competitions, such as regionals and sectionals, due to having greater capacity for teams and spectators.

In addition, the school forest will give students the ability to get outside and use our land as an educational resource. We now have more capabilities to help our students have hands-on experiences while learning how to become good stewards of the land. Thank you to everyone who helped make this vote happen. We are excited about the future of MISD!



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## Verna Reiter Retires!

Verna Reiter, a custodian for MISD, has retired after 33 years of service to our schools. She was committed to keeping our facilities clean and safe for students, staff and faculty. During a luncheon to celebrate her time at MISD, Lloyd Frieson Jr., Regina Washinawatok and Dennis Kenote presented her with a Pendleton on behalf of the Board of Education. Coworkers and family members also attended the luncheon to wish her well.

Thank you and best wishes, Verna!

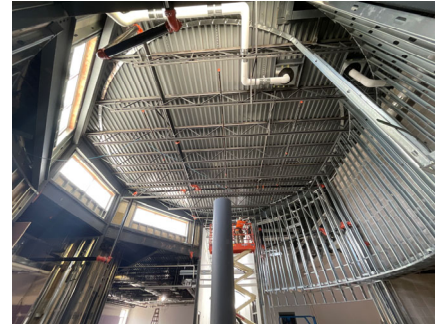


## Construction Update

As we are nearing completion of the new MIHS for the upcoming school year, here's a glimpse of what's been accomplished over the last month.

Inside, here's what's happening:

- Our crews are working to ready the spaces for interior finishes. In preparation for the installation of the wood floor in the gym, specialties including basketball hoops, wrestling mats, speakers, and sound panels are currently being installed.
- The finishing touches on bathrooms, production spaces and student and community areas are underway.
- The large commons windows have been installed, bringing in an abundance of spring sunshine!
- The elaborately designed ceiling with bird cloud elements and the kitchen equipment are being prepped.
- In the academic areas, the outside envelope is wrapping up with the installation of the curtain walls and windows. The interior finishes of ceiling tile and flooring are on the horizon in the coming weeks.



The ceiling is ready for its decorative finishing touches.

Outside there is a lot going on as well:

- The Geothermal drilling for vertical wells was completed in March, with over 100 wells being drilled.
- Next, the horizontal piping is being installed. This piping will tie all the wells together and heat and cool the school building.
- Crews are now focusing on the site concrete and paving.

We appreciate your ongoing patience and support of this exciting project!





## Trees for Tomorrow

A group of MISD students recently had the opportunity to visit Trees for Tomorrow, a Natural Resource School located in Eagle River that provides an educational hands-on experiences.

The four day trip focused on tree identification, animal adaptations, survival skills and forest succession. This field trip allowed our students to get involved with experiential education and data collection outside of the classroom and within the environment. It was an incredible learning experience!



## SADD Chapter Seeking Donations



The Menominee Indian High School SADD Chapter is planning an upcoming Mental Health event. The event will include a keynote speaker, breakout sessions and resources for students, staff and community members to learn

about the importance of mental health. The group is looking for donations to help with prizes and bags for students as they gather materials throughout the event. Also, they welcome local businesses or community organizations who would be interested in partnering with the group to set up resource tables as part of the program. Thank you to everyone who has already donated their time and resources to make this possible!

## Pepon Mawawceginyah

KPS students recently hosted "Pepon Mawawceginyah Snow Winter Showcase" to highlight the projects they have been working on including water coloring, learning about Martin Luther King Jr. and even building a model of our community!



The showcase was followed by a concert where students sang to a packed gym full of parents and staff. Thank you to all who participated and made it special for our students!

## Valentine's Dance



MIMS recently held a Valentine's Dance, coordinated by student council members.

With the assistance of local organizations, formal clothes were donated for students to wear to the event. The dance was a great way for students to get involved in the planning process of an event and be able to spend time together outside of the classroom.

Thanks to everyone who helped make it happen!

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