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Beginning with the 2019-20 school year there will be a partial reconfiguration of the Comstock Public Schools district which will result in increased programming for students and families, as well as a much more fluid and efficient use of our buildings. While there are many details yet to be planned, we are pleased to share with you what we will be offering for the 2019-20 school year.

COMSTOCK EARLY LEARNING ACADEMY – CELA

Starting in the 2019-20 school year, Comstock will operate our own early childhood center. In doing this, CPS will be reclaiming ownership of all early childhood programming, and centralizing it in one building. The building will be at 6171 East MN Avenue, which is the current home of Green Meadow Elementary. Mark Wilke will be our principal at CELA; he is the current principal at Comstock North Elementary school.

We will be offering some truly unique preschool opportunities for our community at this location:

- STEM preschool classroom (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)
- World Language Immersion preschool classroom
- Reggio Emilia preschool classroom

Programming will also include:

Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP), Head Start, and the Early Childhood Special Education Program, Before and After School Childcare, and Free/Reduced Childcare for employees per contract as space is available

We believe that there is additional need for preschool opportunities within our district and in the surrounding area. By offering preschool programming, we expect that district enrollment could increase both on a short- and long-term basis.

COMSTOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

We will be combining Comstock North Elementary and Green Meadow Elementary under one roof for the 2019-20 school year. That roof will be located at 1423 North 28th Street in the building now known as Northeast Middle School. Susan Caswell (Current principal at Green Meadow Elementary) will be the principal at CES. Comstock Elementary will be a Kindergarten through 5th grade school, and will also have space for a Young Fives program.

Bringing our elementary programs together at one building offers many benefits:

- Comstock Elementary will retain its status as a Leader in Me® Lighthouse School!
- Centralized services for special education, child study process, interventions, and Title I support
- Balanced Class Sizes
- Co-Teaching Opportunities & Enhanced PLC's

By combining our elementary schools, the district will be able to more efficiently and effectively coordinate curriculum, instruction and assessment, and create professional development opportunities. There will be also more natural opportunities for co-teaching. Art and music teachers will no longer have to travel from school to school, and will have the synergy of having more students to combine into larger and healthier sections. This is a boon for our music and art programs.



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COMSTOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL

Comstock Middle School will take over the space currently known as North Elementary School. As we transition our 6th through 8th graders to a facility built for elementary students, there will be some challenges – and some opportunities for positive change. Our current principal at Northeast Middle School, David Kirksey, will take the leadership reins at Comstock Middle School.

We will be offering students a 7-period day with four core and three elective courses each day for every student. In the previous schedule, students had about half that many elective options. Students will be able to take traditional electives such as band, choir, and art, but they can also explore many new and exciting elective learning opportunities - Leader in Me, College and Career Academy, Project Lead the Way (an engineering, robotics, and computer sciences program), Project-based Learning, Dance, as well as “core plus” classes such as Young Authors (ELA), Mathletes (math), and others. “Core Plus” courses are designed by individual teachers around an area of personal interest directly related to their area of certification. We are also pleased to announce that Spanish, Health, and Computers will be offered for high school credit.

- During the Transition Period:
 - Sporting Events will occur at Comstock Elementary School
 - Physical Education will occur in multiple areas
 - Breakfast will occur in the classrooms, and lunch will occur in the cafeteria
- Future construction will include:
 - Updated cafeteria service area
 - Technology and science labs
 - Improved appearance and thermal efficiency through the installation of new exterior surface, new windows, and new outside doors

We're excited about the opportunities we have, and the opportunities that we're creating as we re-imagine our school district for the years ahead. If you would like to schedule a time to sit down with our superintendent to discuss the future of Comstock Public Schools, please call 269-250-8900, or send an E-mail to ThoenesJ@ComstockPS.org .

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