

Parish School Building Update #8

Just a quick update this week. Anytime a project of this scale is undertaken there are thousands of steps which need to be accomplished. And all of them necessary.

One more of these steps was accomplished this past week when Mid-America requested a construction budget be developed by Musick Construction Company. This will be done with the assistance of their subcontractors.

It will require a detailed review of the school building by Musick and the subcontractors. I anticipate the visit to occur during the month of September. This is an important step towards the required MTS Board of Directors approving this project. We anticipate a decision near the end of this calendar year.

Additional actions were taken this past week by the facilities team which included a detailed review on the feasibility of housing the Early Childhood Education Center in the Rectory Basement both as a possible permanent site and as a temporary site to be used during the school building remodeling construction. After a limited assessment, the team believes that the basement may be feasible for use as a temporary site but would not likely qualify as a permanent site. The two most significant issues are the State Fire Marshall's requirements and the State Daycare requirements/waivers which will both need to be satisfied to operate even as a temporary site during construction in the school building. The team will complete the detailed planning after the MTS Board approval to proceed is received.

As always, we will do everything we can to continuously communicate updates to the Parish through the weekly bulletin, the Parish website, and as always, the quarterly Parish Community Meetings. If you have any questions, feel free to e-mail me at parishcouncil@stjamesthegreater.org.

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