



# EAST TROY

COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## **ETCSD Building Project Update: May 19, 2015 Building Tours**

Since the successful April 7th referendum, the District has created Advisory Teams and Core Leadership Teams that have been meeting every two weeks.

Advisory Teams consist of building level representatives (teachers, custodians, building administration, etc.) that will discuss building design options and advise the Core Team on what they believe will best move the district forward.

The Core Team consists of a variety of District leadership roles (administrators, supervisors, etc.) that review and discuss feedback from the building level Advisory Teams and work directly with Bray Architects and Miron Construction towards project completion.

Together, the Core Team and Advisory Teams will collaborate with other District Staff and the community throughout the building project to assist and lead the district in efficiently and effectively utilizing tax payer's dollars as well as making East Troy the District of Choice.

After initial meetings, some members of the ETCSD Core Team and Elementary Advisory Teams toured buildings with construction partners Bray Architects and Miron Construction on May 19, 2015. They toured four different schools around WI that have had recent renovations, have been recently constructed, or are implementing innovative instructional practices.

At the Kromery School in Middleton Principal Steve Soeteber took time to show the group the innovative furnishings, and Nanawalls (folding glass walls) that Middleton has incorporated into the building. Principal Soeteber talked to the group about the value of the holistic approach that Middleton and Bray incorporated in the design of not only the building but the fixtures that went inside.

The tour team conducted a debriefing with Bray and Miron to discuss building aspects they liked and disliked and noted how the individual schools were utilizing the building space and features. They also briefly discussed how building features can be a reflection of current practices and influence future practices.

Dr. Hibner, East Troy District Administrator, followed up the tours stating, "It was great to see the pride of the staff and most importantly, the students with their updated facilities within these districts. I would like to thank each school district for allowing us the opportunity to visit and to share so many insights with us. I also want to thank Bray and Miron for arranging these site visits and facilitating great dialogue amongst the members. Finally, to our District staff who went on the tours. To see each of their faces and to hear them discuss what modern facilities could do for their learning environments toward supporting student learning was truly a proud moment."

The tours represented exactly what the District has been stating: To ensure facilities that enhance instructional learning experiences and bring a great deal of pride to all stakeholders in and outside of the district. More information and updates can be found on the District website.