



Vision for Oak Park Learning Center

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Our Vision for Oak Park Learning Center

Create a center for **learning, collaboration** and **community** within the Oak Park Building

- Create a functional home for Bridge Transitions 18-21
- Design an inviting alternative environment for ALC students
- Develop a welcoming learning space for the community
 - Professional Learning Center, daytime and evening Community Education classes, facility rental, gym space and more

Community Design Team Recommendations

Working through the team's top priorities:

- ☐ **Rebuilding Lake Elmo Elementary** - Future bond
- ✓ **Expanding Brookview Elementary** - Addition to open Fall 2022
- ☐ **Utilizing Oak Park as a multi-purpose center** to house the St. Croix Valley Area Learning Center, Bridge Transition (18-21) program, and Central Services staff - Studying options for this space
- ✓ **Remodeling Stonebridge Elementary** - Addressed some needs through Long Term Facilities Maintenance and Capital Funds
- ✓ **Selling Withrow Elementary** - Sold November 2021
- ☐ ~~Selling Central Services Building~~

Community Design Team

#3 priority of CDT was to utilize Oak Park as a multi-purpose center

- ✓ Address needs of existing Bridge Transition program
- ✓ Create a space for ALC students



Bridge Transitions 18-21

About Bridge Transitions 18-21

- Program serving eligible students ages 18-21 with continuing needs in employment, independent living, and postsecondary readiness
- Prioritizes site-based, hands-on instructional activities and experiences
- Bridges students to community resources, community job opportunities, and independent living supports

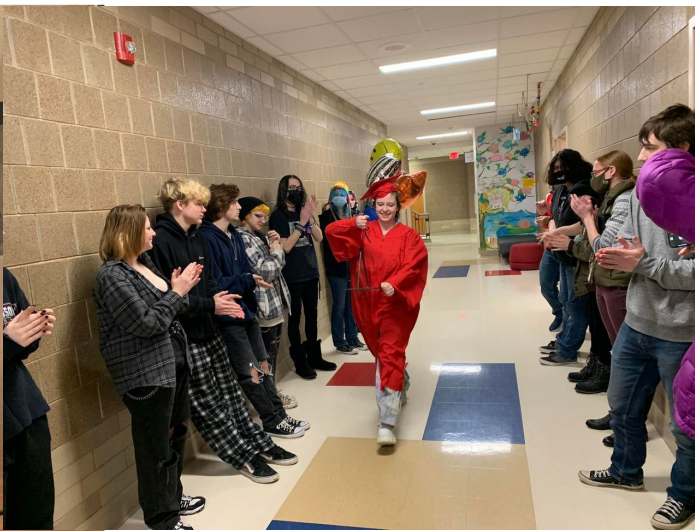


Bridge Transitions Program Needs

Specialized space to support 18-21 programming:

- Safe and accessible building
- Simulated adult work environments
- Simulated adult living environments
- Flexible learning spaces and common areas
- Access to public transportation
- Easy access to community-based work environments





St. Croix Valley Area Learning Center

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- Provides an alternative option for at-risk students who experience challenges succeeding in the formal school system
- Helps students earn credit toward graduation
- Offers students smaller classroom settings and a more flexible learning environment



ALC Program Needs

Alternative location outside of high school setting:

- Safe and accessible building with separate entrance
- Quiet, welcoming and non-threatening space for students with anxiety
- Flexible learning spaces and common areas
- Room to expand program to 120 students

Considerations:

- ALC is part of high school with shared spaces and limited room for expansion
- ALC students have access to elective courses and SAHS spaces like Pony Activity Center, music, tech ed, and world language
- ALC shares services (ie. nurse, counselors, Wellness Center) with SAHS, could also share services with Transitions



Community Learning Center

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Spaces to support daytime, evening and weekend programming for staff, kids, adults and retirees in the community:

Community Education Needs

- Adult education classes
- Youth and adult enrichment, fitness and sports
- Facility rental
 - Community meeting spaces
 - Gym space and fields

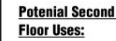
Professional Learning Needs

- Large and small group meeting spaces
- Professional resource library

Benefits of Co-Located Programs

- Ability to share services, economies of scale
- Opportunities for mentorship
- Real-world experiences for students
- Opportunities to connect with and meet the needs within our community





- Community Learning Space
- Special Ed
- Offices
- Conference/ Meeting Rooms

2 SECOND LEVEL FLOOR PLAN

Estimated Facility Improvement Costs

Phase 1 - Summer 2022

Transitions remodel	\$3.8 million
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Phase 2 - Summer 2023

ALC and shared spaced remodel	\$4.6 million
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Questions
