

# Morton District 709 Facilities Plan

**"Morton District 709 will develop and maintain facilities providing the current and future students with safe, well maintained, and functional space to support research-based best practices in teaching and learning."**

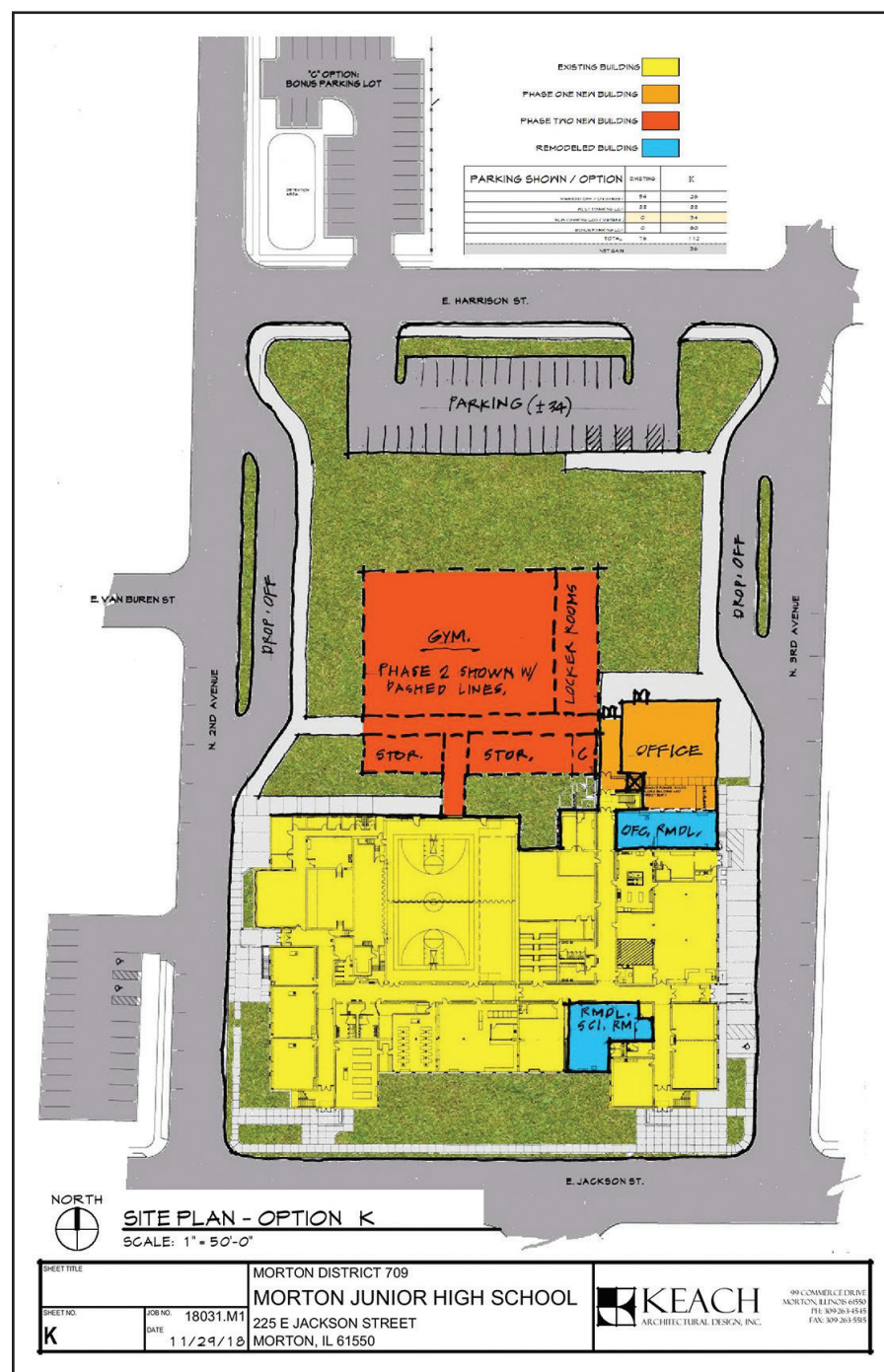
The Morton District 709 15-year plan prioritizes maximizing utilization of our facilities. We currently have in place a maintenance and repair plan guiding this process, and over the last 6 months the Board has identified renovation work to existing facilities that will help us reach our Facilities goal.

## Morton Junior High Addition Approved

One aspect of the work identified and approved by our Board of Education is an addition at Morton Junior High School. Phase 1 of the project focuses on improving safety, traffic flow, and parking. The plan calls for a new drop-off/pick-up area, new office space with a more secure entryway, additional parking, new elevator, and additional classroom space. This work will begin Summer of 2019, with the new office, additional classroom space, and new elevator being completed in the Fall of 2019. The new drive and drop-off area and parking would be completed by August 2020, and will be a joint project with the Village of Morton. A Phase 2, which includes a gymnasium, is planned should the funds become available.

## MEAC Auditorium Renovation

The MEAC auditorium is also part of our 15-year plan to fully utilize existing facilities. To make this space fully functional would require improving ADA compliance and provide adequate seating for student performances.



Proposed plan for the MJHS addition.

## Morton High School Facility Work

In addition to the work at Morton Junior High School, several projects have been identified for Morton High School should funds become available for the work to proceed:

- 1. Cafeteria / Library.** Remodel these spaces to be more flexible and more useable as student collaborative space
- 2. Remodel Classrooms**
  - a. STEM Classrooms
  - b. General Classrooms for 21st Century Learning
- 3. The Canopy Entrance Expansion Project.**
  - a. Enlarges foyer space, adds concession stand, adds rest-rooms, enlarges girls' varsity locker room and properly secures girls' bathrooms
  - b. Remodel PE locker rooms / lockers / new bleachers / resurface gym floor
- 4. Enhance Labor Trade Teaching Space**
  - a. Enhance Manufacturing space and equipment
  - b. Improve automotive space and upgrade equipment

Morton District 709 will continue to monitor enrollment and best practices in facility use to support student learning, and evaluate the resources needed to make improvements.