

LITTLE RUSSELL REJUVENATION PROJECT INFORMATION

The rejuvenation of the former Little Russell Elementary School is part of the [School District's Facility Plan](#) that was developed over the past 6 years and was unanimously supported by the Board of Trustees on February 22, 2016. The community had numerous opportunities to be involved in this process and many community members took advantage of those invitations. See [Background Information](#) for details.

The Facility Plan includes building a new school on the current location of the Buildings and Grounds (B&G) Department. In order to do that, the Plan includes the relocation of the GFPS B&G Department from its current location at the old Lowell School at 3117 5th Ave. N. to the Little Russell location at 2615 Central Ave. W.

The Little Russell site was selected to house the Buildings and Grounds Department because:

- GFPS already owns the property
- Hasn't been used as a school since 1986
- Don't need it for a school as per enrollment and West Elementary
- Large land area suitable for the prescribed use
- Easy to dispatch to all GFPS locations

The B&G relocation at Little Russell includes a slight remodel and upgrade of the current building. This old school building has not been used as a school since 1986. It has been used for storage and for technology staging. Both of these uses have included the coming and going of trucks on a regular basis.

The Plan also includes the construction of a building to store building and grounds equipment. It will include a newly constructed building with appropriate landscaping.

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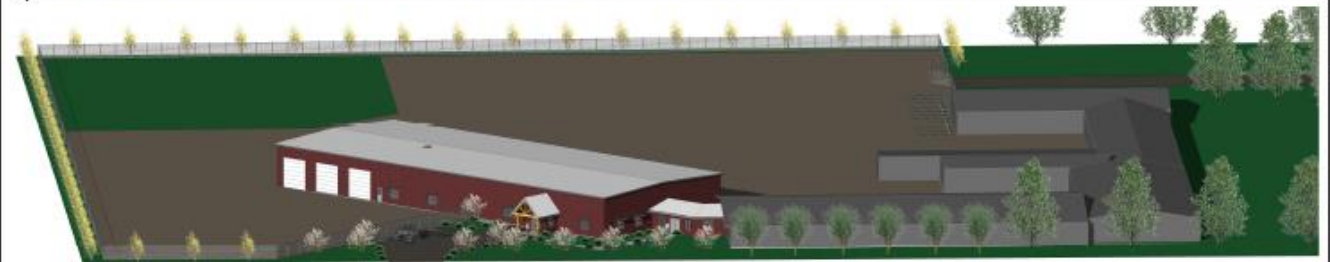


AFTER:



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SCALE: [REDACTED]	DATE: [REDACTED]
PROJECT NO: [REDACTED]	SHEET NO: [REDACTED]
TITLE: [REDACTED]	CLIENT: [REDACTED]
ARCHITECT: [REDACTED]	ENGINEER: [REDACTED]
DESIGNER: [REDACTED]	CONTRACTOR: [REDACTED]
OWNER: [REDACTED]	LOCATION: [REDACTED]
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The remodel of the school is planned to include an upgrade to the Central Ave. W. facing side to make it a nice looking building in the neighborhood.

BEFORE:



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Renderings have not yet been completed.

The \$2.5 million rejuvenation project includes the following components:

- A modern new building added to the property
- A minor interior remodel of the old school building
- Exterior updating of the old school building
- A fence surrounding the entire property
- Security cameras to prevent vandalism and crime
- Landscaping
- Off Central Avenue West parking for GFPS vehicles

There will be 23 additional personnel that will be work at and be dispatched from Little Russell. There are already technology personnel that do intermittent work at Little Russell. There is no anticipated increase in their presence at Little Russell. The additional personnel are:

- Craftsmen:
 - 3 Painters
 - 2 Plumbers
 - 4 Carpenters
 - 2 Electricians
- 9 Groundsmen
- 2 B&G Supervisors
- 1 B&G Administrative Assistant

The Craftsmen and Technologists drive vans. The Groundsmen and Supervisors drive pickups (with plows attached in the winter and mowers on trailers in the summer), small tractors, and skidsteers. The Warehouse trucks have always and will continue to deliver to Little Russell.

The B&G personnel spend almost all of their time in school buildings. They will dispatched in the morning from Little Russell and will return at the end of the day. There will be very little traffic during the day.

There will also be little traffic on weekends and holidays.

EXAMPLES OF THE VEHICLES THAT WILL COME AND GO FROM LITTLE RUSSELL:

Groundsmen Pickup



Skidsteer



Technology and Craft Vans



Warehouse Truck



Occasional Use of Larger Truck



This new building serves to safeguard the public's investment in this equipment and provides an excellent staging and dispatching location for the work of the B&G Department.

This website has all past and current information about the project:

<http://gfps.k12.mt.us/content/little-russell-site>.

You are welcome to share your thoughts by sending an email to: little russell@gfps.k12.mt.us or by mailing information to: Superintendent Tammy Lacey, P.O. Box 2429, Great Falls, MT, 59403.