CAPITAL BOND PROJECT
ELSMERE PLANNING

Presentation to the
Bethlehem Central School District Board of Education
Wednesday, November 4, 2026



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ACADEMICS

INSTRUCTIONAL AND ASSESSMENT PRACTICES THAT ARE ALIGNED TO A STRONG AND RELEVANT CURRICULUM.



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CHARACTER

POSITIVE CHARACTER TRAITS ARE ESSENTIAL TO BECOMING CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF SOCIETY.



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COMMUNITY

STRENGTHENING FAMILY, SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS THROUGH TRANSPARENT COMMUNICATION.



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WELLNESS

ENHANCING SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL WELLNESS AND BALANCE FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF BY SUPPORTING ACTIVE, HEALTHY LIFESTYLES AND PROMOTING POSITIVE BEHAVIOR.

Our mission...

TO EDUCATE AND PREPARE ALL STUDENTS TO REACH THEIR POTENTIAL, DISCOVER THEIR PURPOSE, AND BE ENGAGED COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

DISTRICTWIDE CAPITAL PROJECT

- Voters approved plan on Feb. 3, 2026
- $60.0 million total
- 137 elements districtwide
- Renovations to more than 50 classrooms in six schools
- Will add air conditioning in known hot spots at all schools
- Infrastructure and safety improvements across district



CONSTRUCTION PROJECT TEAM – "OACM"

OWNER

Bethlehem CSD

Board of Education
District Administration
O&M Department

ARCHITECT

Ashley McGraw Architects

Design Engineers/Consultants

Engineered Solutions
Mechanical/Electrical/Plumbing (MEP)
Keplinger Freeman Associates
Site
Ryan Biggs /Clark Davis
Structural
Energy & Environment, LLC
Hazardous Materials
Commercial Kitchen Consulting
Food Services

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER

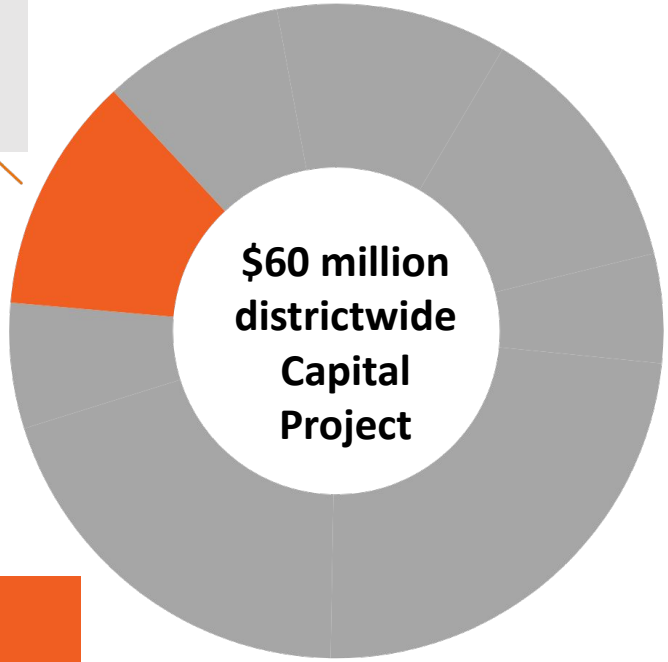
Turner Construction Company

Approved at the June 3 BOE meeting.

ELSMERE PROJECTS ESTIMATED AT $7 MILLION

- Built in 1927, opened in 1928
- 13 classrooms to be fully renovated
- Bathroom renovations
- Library Media Center (LMC) to be renovated/modernized
- Air conditioning to be added to 2nd-floor classrooms, gym, LMC, and cafeteria
- Full boiler plant replacement, new alarm system, bathroom renovations, new doors ADA ramps/handrail replacement, replacement of stairs from Cafe to Playground, fence & gate along Herrick Ave.

Elsmere 11.7% of project



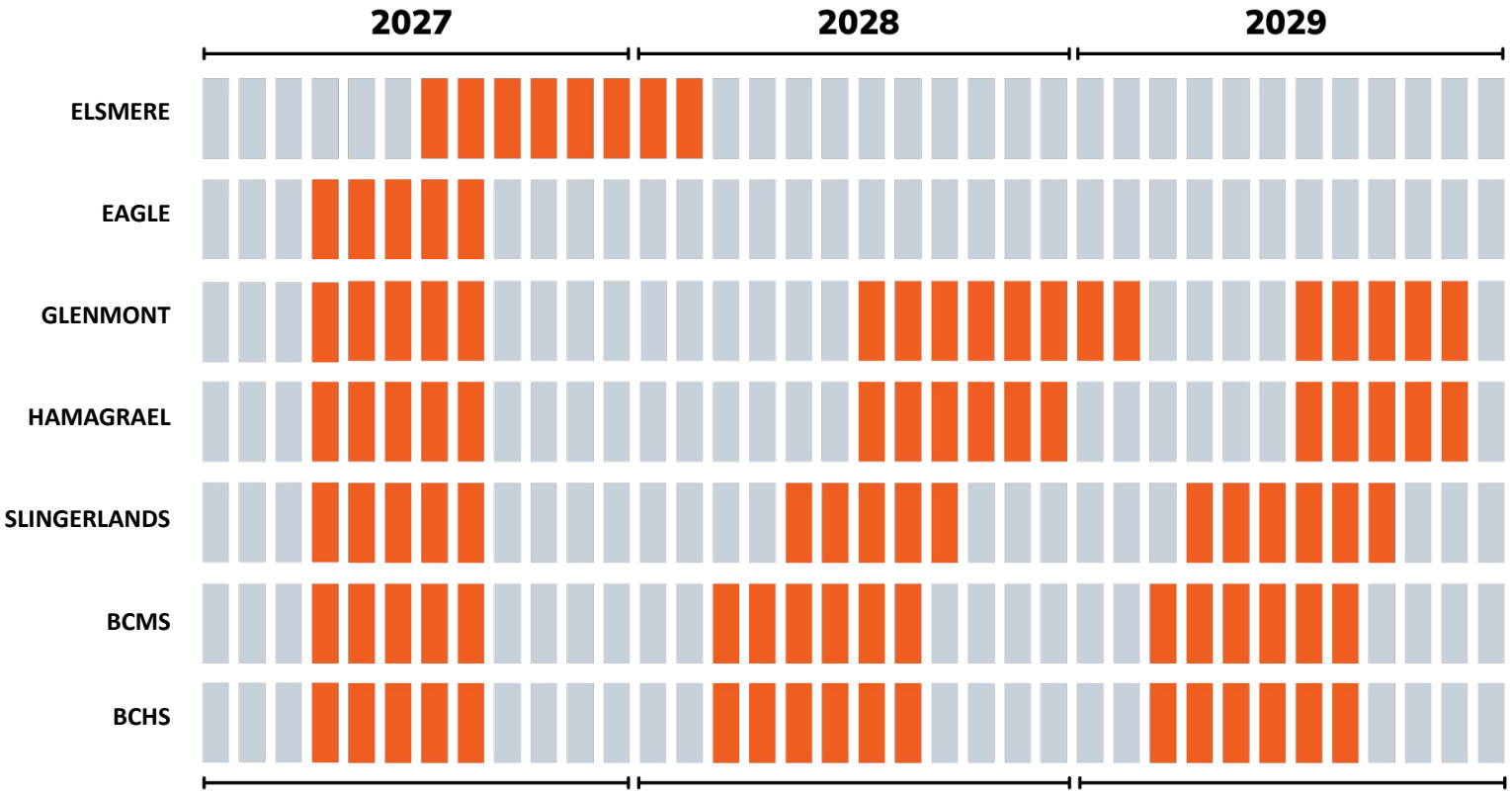
Scope of project at Elsmere will require temporary RELOCATION of students and staff in 2027-28 (thru Feb Break)

WHY IS RELOCATION NECESSARY?

ELSMERE WILL TEMPORARILY CLOSE JULY 1, 2027- FEBRUARY 2028

- Allows for intensive ACM (asbestos-containing material) abatement that must be completed prior to any construction
- Minimizes disruptive impact to students and faculty:
  - only affected for one period versus prolonged impact spanning three consecutive years
- Most efficient and cost-effective way to complete work

ELSMERE: AN ACCELERATED CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE



Elsmere project to be fully complete in Phase 1

Eagle has no planned classroom renovations, built in 2008

Glenmont to be completed in three phases, some relocation may be necessary

Hamagrael to be completed in three phases, some relocation may be necessary

Slingerlands to be completed in three phases

BCMS to be completed in three phases

BCHS to be completed in three phases

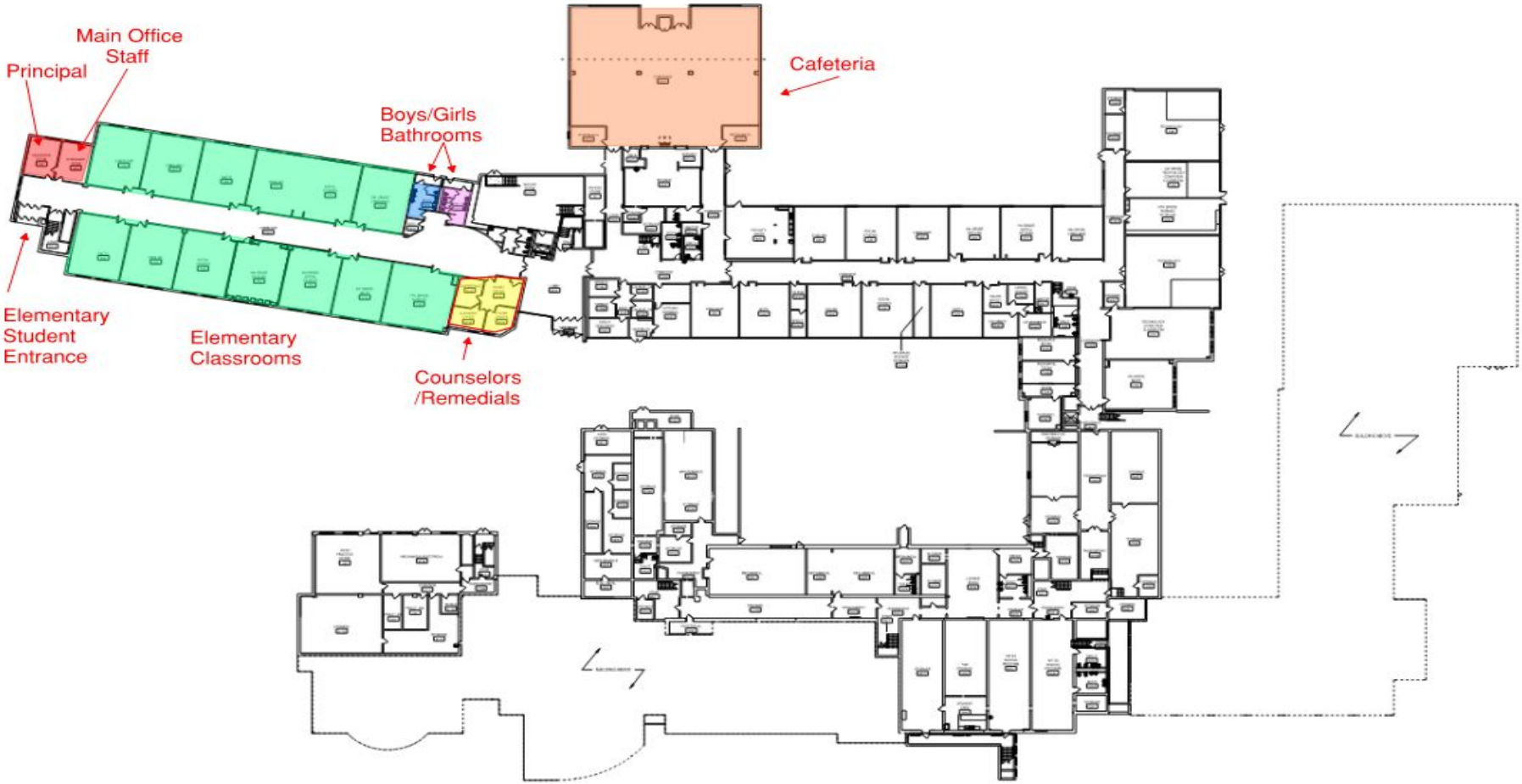
CAN GLENMONT OR HAMAGRAEL CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE BE FAST-TRACKED?

- In conversations with construction project team about the timeline for Glenmont and Hamagrael renovations
- It is likely that some students from both schools would need to move during construction
- Grades 3-5 would be considered for temporary relocation in initial planning
- Possibility that work could begin (at one or both schools) in spring 2027, rather than the currently-scheduled construction timeline
- An accelerated timeline would make more sense if middle school swing space is needed

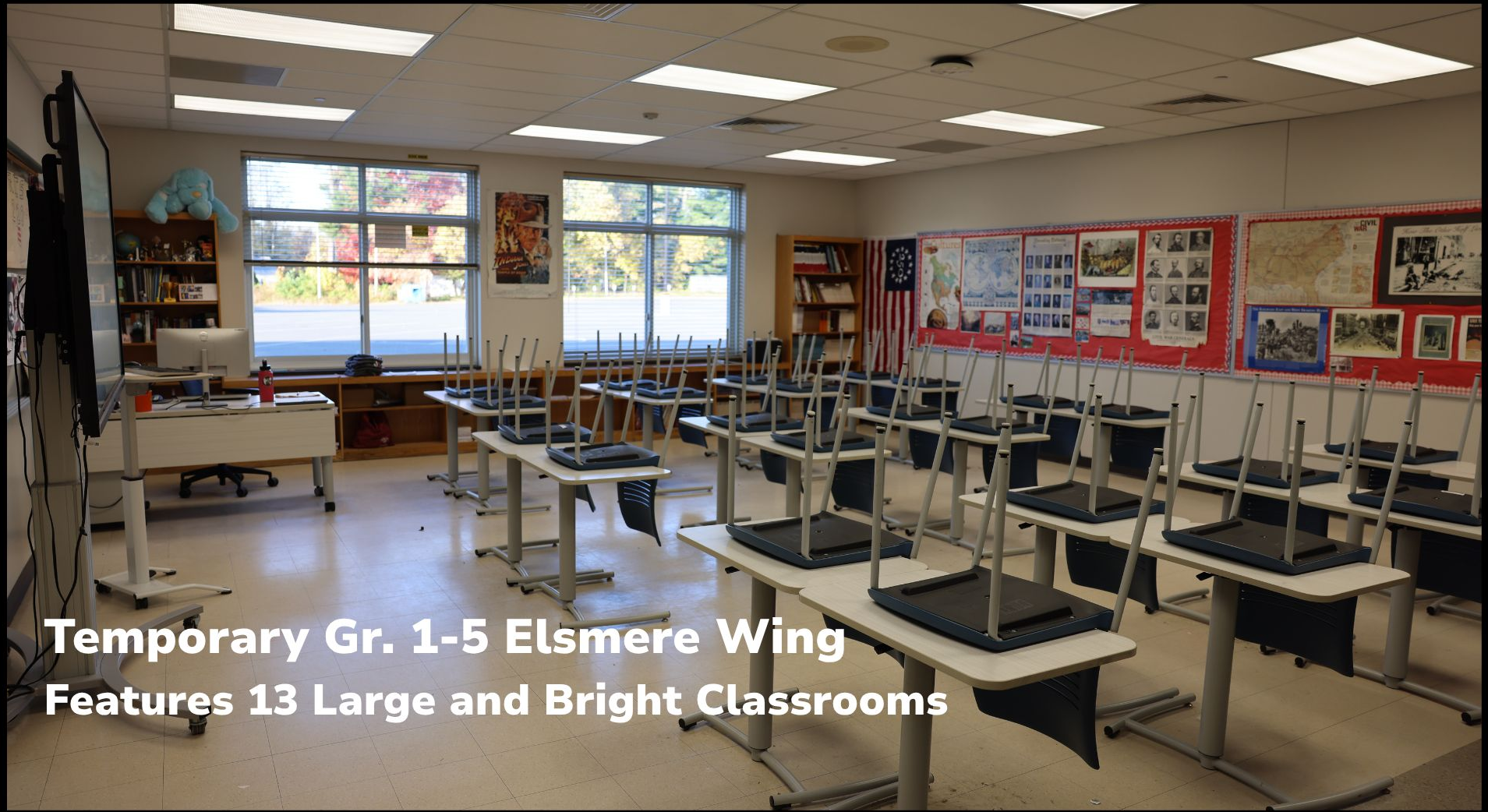
PRELIMINARY RELOCATION PLANS ELSMERE (2027-28)

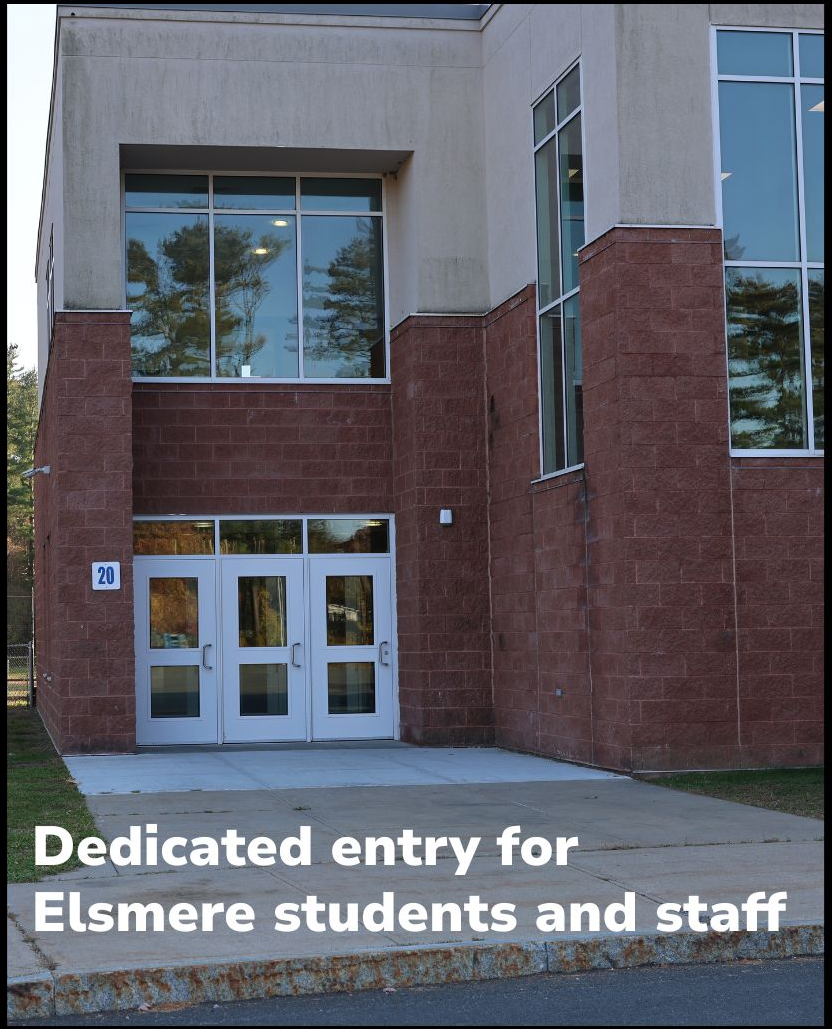
PLANS REFLECT STUDENT NEEDS

INCOMING KINDERGARTEN	CONNECTIONS PROGRAM	INCOMING GRADES 1-5
• Currently planning to relocate to Slingerlands • Allows K students to adjust to elementary scheduling/environment • Allows access to age-appropriate bathroom facilities (in classroom) • Staff will move with students to support transition	• Currently planning to relocate to Eagle • An elementary location to support the delivery of individualized educational programs and services • Staff will move with students to support transition	• Grades 1-5 will move to a dedicated wing of the Middle School • Staff will move with students to support transition • Specials will be provided as scheduled currently (PE twice a week; Art, Music and Library once a week)

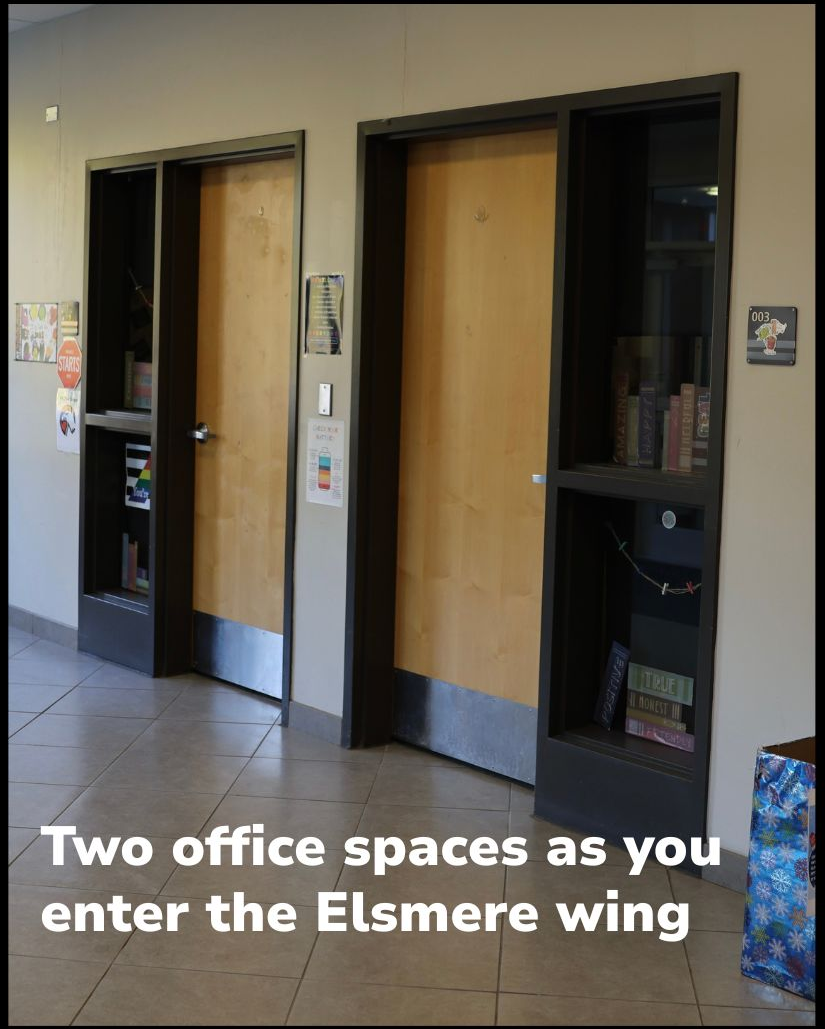

Main Office
Staff
Principal
Cafeteria
Boys/Girls
Bathrooms
Elementary
Student
Entrance
Elementary
Classrooms
Counselors
/Remedials


Temporary Gr. 1-5 Elsmere Wing - 1st Floor of BCMS
(currently houses Patroon 6-8 core courses)


Temporary Gr. 1-5 Elsmere Wing
Features 13 Large and Bright Classrooms



Dedicated entry for Elsmere students and staff



Two office spaces as you enter the Elsmere wing


Wing can be closed off so it remains separate from the rest of the school


SCHOOL COUNSELOR CT
BE AWESOME TODAY
FEED ME SOCKS!
An additional office space is located at the this end of corridor


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DECISION MAKING UNDERWAY & AHEAD

- Schools Out (before/after care) will be offered at BCMS
- Transportation currently evaluating most efficient way to transport all students to locations
- District will work with Food Services and BCMS on breakfast and lunch plans
- District will work with O & M and the BCMS for appropriate recess options
- Stakeholder Committee will meet regularly with district reps to discuss logistics, report out to school community and identify areas of concern

Stakeholder Committee

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

- Parents of K students would like their students to remaining together as a cohort and return to Elsmere for re-opening as long as enrollment projections allow for this.
- Connections program will likely go to Eagle. Will need to work with special education and families on specific plans and if they will return to Elsmere for re-opening.
- Discussed possibility of using additional BCMS spaces that are available at times during the day.

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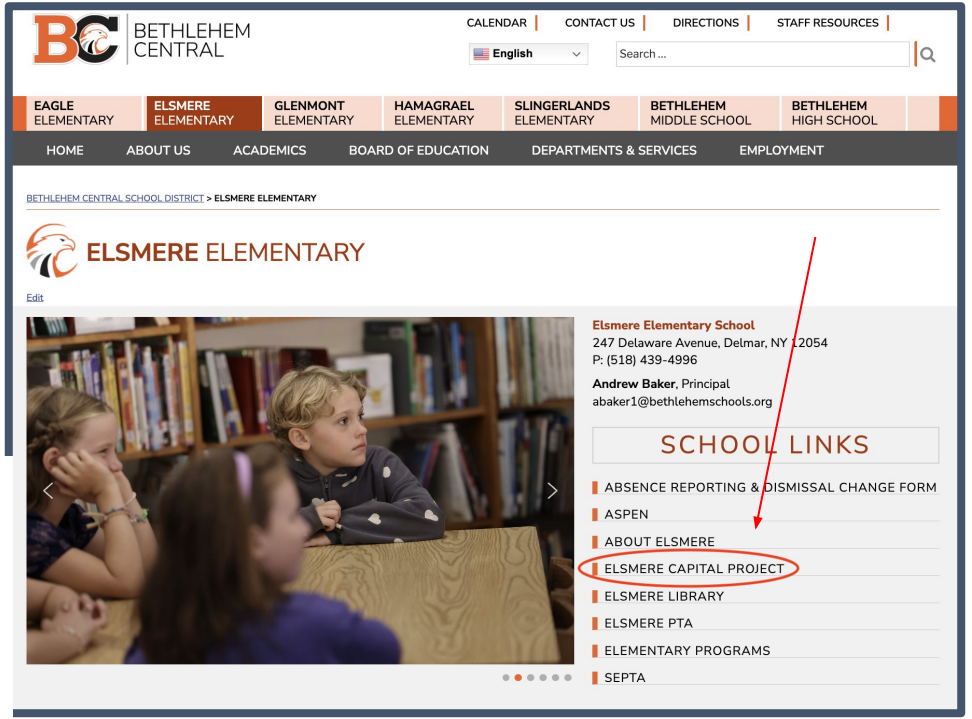
- Staff at Elsmere and BCMS are concerned about the ability to pack all of their items up by the end of the year. Will develop a schedule to assist buildings.
- Discussed using one of the classrooms as a nursing location and another as a cafeteria.
- There were concerns about the number of bathrooms available. There are bathrooms just outside the wing that could also be used.
- May be a need for some additional hall supervision to assist with student movement

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- BCMS inquired about parking and available spots for all staff
- BCMS staff also would like to know what the follow-up plans for Hamagrael and Glenmont will be. This will impact the amount of time the Patroon wing will be unavailable for BCMS use.
- Staff are looking at opportunities to share space with Elsmere so they have a positive experience
- Develop plans for Elsmere and BCMS for packing materials, storage and the move to different locations

WHERE TO FIND MORE INFORMATION

- All info pertaining to Elsmere renovations & relocation and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) updated regularly and posted to website



Bookmark this link

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- November 5, 2026: Meeting with Curriculum Supervisors to discuss special areas
- BCMS will join the Elsmere Stakeholder meeting for upcoming meetings:
  - November 17, 2026
  - December 15, 2026
- November 17, 2026: Meeting with Construction Project Team

QUESTIONS?


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