



QUAKER VALLEY

SCHOOL DISTRICT

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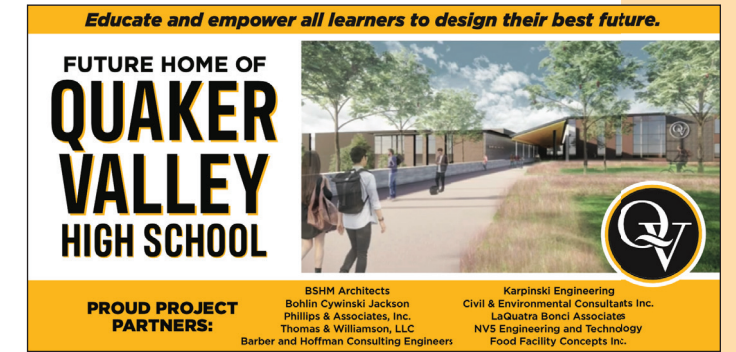
- April 20 at 1:00 pm
- May 23 at 1:00 pm

Stay tuned for registration information!

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS:

- April 18 | Combined (Committees / Legislative)
- May 17 | Committees
- May 23 | Legislative
- June 13 | Combined (Committees / Legislative)

Learn more at www.qvsd.org/BlueprintQV



Dear QV Community,

The construction of a new high school has been discussed for years, and it is finally a reality! We are honored to share with you the advancements we have made toward putting shovels in the ground and realizing the dream of the future home of Quaker Valley High School.

We felt it was important to provide a significant update on our progress following the release of our Annual Report this winter. Our goal is to connect you with accurate information directly from the District.

Since obtaining zoning approval in November 2022, our architects, engineers, staff, and School Board have worked to develop the design of the building's floor plan, site plan, and beautiful renderings of the proposed exterior finishes. In the following pages, you will learn more about this process and these ideas coming to fruition. We are excited about the progress we are making, and we know you will be too.

Moving forward, our design team is working with teachers, staff, and students at the current high school to determine how classrooms should look and function in the new building. It is important to create spaces where students feel welcomed, nurtured, safe, and inspired. Through the process of imagining our new high school, we are designing learning spaces where students can engage with their teachers and peers in a collaborative, hands-on environment.

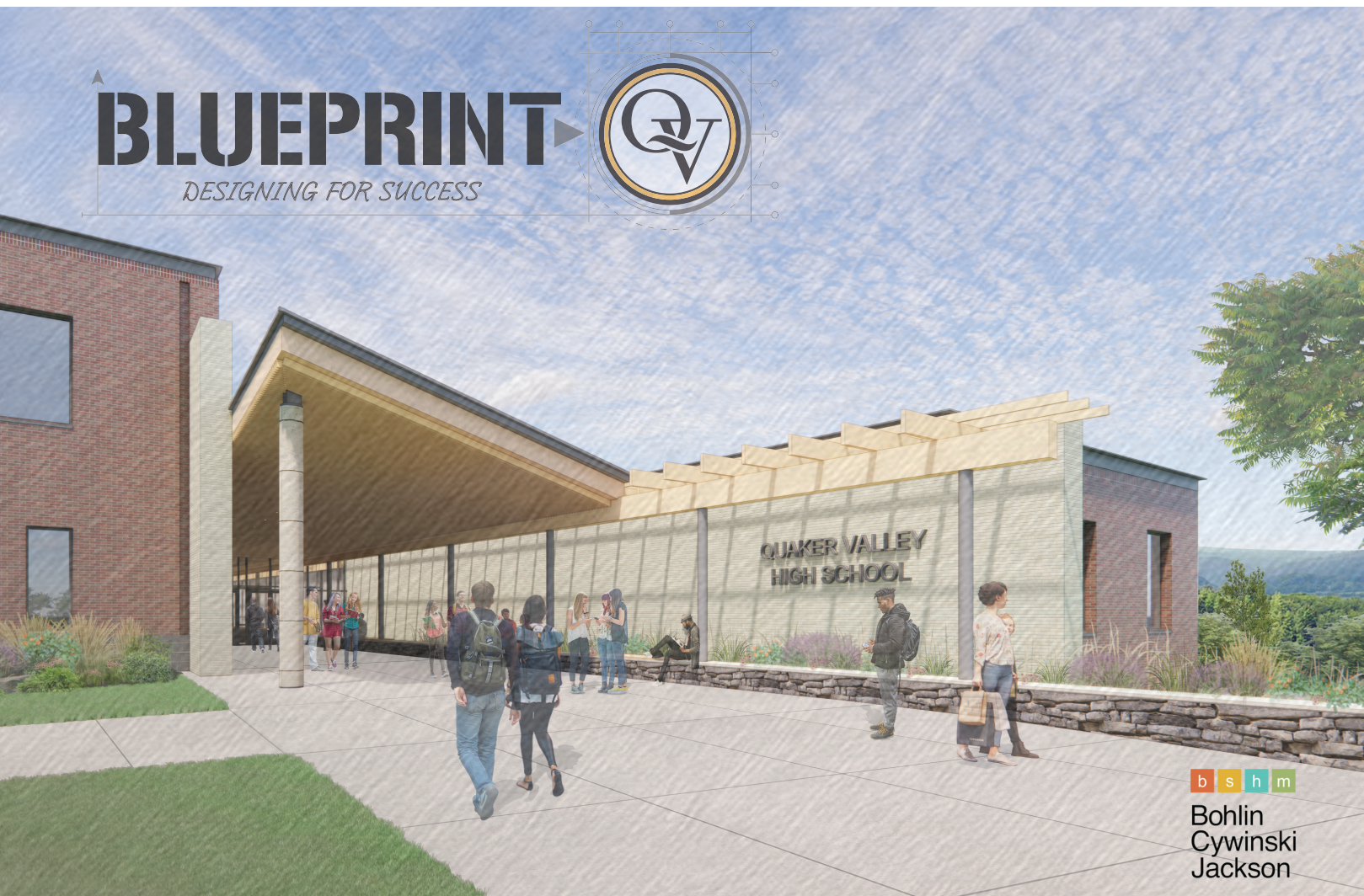
We know that there are many ways that students learn, and it is our responsibility to construct a building with classrooms that maximize the strengths of our teachers, meet the needs of all students, and afford all students the opportunity to access the unparalleled educational experience provided by Quaker Valley. This communication shares updates from recent School Board presentations that we hope will create the same joy and enthusiasm for you as they have for our team.

The new Quaker Valley High School is taking shape, and the best is yet to come!

Very truly yours,

Tammy A. Andreyko, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Jonathan Kuzma
School Board President



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“Serving this community is not just what we do, it’s who we are. We are celebrating every milestone down this long but important path. We understand that our students need a modern, more inclusive educational environment in which to learn. The forward-thinking design of this project is evidence that we support the future of this community. This school will be an innovative showcase where our students and staff will make memories for decades to come!” **GIANNI FLORO, SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER, FACILITIES COMMITTEE CHAIR**



NOVEMBER 2022 | ZONING

“QVSD’s special exception request to permit the use of the property for school purposes is granted.” **THE HONORABLE JUDGE JOSEPH M. JAMES**

DECEMBER 2022 | FLOOR PLAN

“We have two floors of academic classrooms to the North...and the larger volumes are nested into the hill. This organization has some real advantages, such as the ability to separate the building in an after-hours public way for athletic events and performances where these spaces can be open to the public without adversely impacting the academic wings and the offices.” **KENT SUHRBIER, PRINCIPAL, BOHLIN CYWINSKI JACKSON**

JANUARY 2023 | SUMMIT STRATEGIES

“Our team at Summit Strategies is working to identify and secure state and federal dollars to enhance the project and/or defray the cost to the District, and we are building strong relationships with your state and federal representatives so that they can be helpful to QVSD now and in the future.” **TERRY HUEBERT, SENIOR PRINCIPAL, SUMMIT STRATEGIES**



FUTURE HOME OF QUAKER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 2023 | SITE PLAN

“The design team is committed to leaving the build site better and more stable than we found it. Utilizing design engineered backfill, careful planning of water management, and making improvements to the geotechnical aspects of the site, we are planning the site to be unquestionably safe for all students, staff, and the surrounding community.” **GEOFFREY PHILLIPS, PRINCIPAL CIVIL ENGINEER, PHILLIPS AND ASSOCIATES**

FEBRUARY 2023 | FIRST RESPONDERS & LEET PLANNING

“Conversations between the District, Leet Township’s Planning Commission, and local first responders have begun. We are focused on open communication and collaborative efforts toward our shared goal of building a secure facility that meets the needs of our students and community.” **CHARLIE GAUTHIER, DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

FEBRUARY 2023 | SUSTAINABILITY STUDY

“The design of the high school embraces a holistic approach to sustainability including: respect for the natural landscape and ecologically sensitive areas; optimization of water and energy use with careful selection of plumbing fixtures and lighting; considerations for regionally-sourced materials and reuse of existing materials; care for indoor environmental quality by providing natural daylighting and views for instructional spaces, low-VOC materials, and acoustic design; and many other sustainable features.” **PATRICIA CULLEY, ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL, BOHLIN CYWINSKI JACKSON**

MARCH 2023 | EXTERIOR FINISHES

“We want the building to be timeless in its nature...to speak to the history and the future of this community. It is important to design with place in mind. The exterior materials were selected based on their color and direction to mimic the natural landscape as well as materials typically found in this area.” **JOHN ORSINI, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, BSHM ARCHITECTS**

“We have worked closely with the Finance and Facilities Committees, architects, engineers, and project manager to ensure that we are continually aligning the project design and scope to a budget driven by legislative limits. We recognize the cost of construction has increased, and we are thankful to work with experienced and cost-conscious project professionals to help us make fiscally responsible decisions to provide a facility that maximizes value for both our students and our taxpayers.” **SCOTT ANTOLINE, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND OPERATIONS**

UPCOMING

- CLASSROOM DESIGN** | Ongoing
- PROJECT BUDGET & FINANCING PLAN** | April – June 2023
- DESIGN DEVELOPMENT COMPLETION** | May 2023
- BIDDING & BREAKING GROUND** | Winter 2023

The Financial Path



Quaker Valley intends to build the high school in a budget range of \$95–105 million.

We will operate under the budget ceilings set forth by three statutory guard rails:

- **Act 1**, which limits annual property tax increases. School districts cannot tax beyond inflationary rates.
- **Act 34**, which limits spending on any new district buildings or additions.
- **Local Government Unit Debt Act**, which establishes borrowing limits for schools.

Essentially, we cannot over tax, over build, or over borrow.

Our five-year planning process provides a strategic, long-term look and transparency about anticipated future tax increases.

We are and will continue to be in solid financial standing. We continue to receive clean financial audits and maintain a strong Aa2 Moody’s credit rating from independent reviewers.

The District is dedicated to building a world-class high school that will serve our community for the next 100 years.

We are committed to investing in the future of Quaker Valley.