

Lakeview Public Schools



Project

29,200 ft.² addition 11,660 ft.² remodel

AREAS

elementary and early childhood classrooms, community education areas, administrative offices, storage; new gymnasium with multi-purpose flooring in elementary school; revamped entrances; renovated science rooms, special education areas, FACS rooms and fitness areas

BUDGET	FINAL COST
\$8,000,000	\$7,583,124

Referendum: May 2014
Design: May – August 2014
Bid phase: July – September 2014
Construction: October 2014 – August 2015

Growing in the right directions

Lakeview built a brand new K-12 school in 2002, designed to handle 550-600 students in and around Cottonwood, Minnesota. "By 2013, we were outgrowing those facilities, with more growth on the horizon. Plus, we needed to upgrade and enhance certain areas to accommodate our changing needs," says Superintendent Chris Fenske.

In 2002, the district had used a general contractor. Eleven years later, R.A. Morton had the opportunity to provide pre-referendum and construction management services.

Starting right

"R.A. Morton had worked with our project architect, who was also the architect in our 2002 project. That was especially beneficial, as was R.A. Morton's help in our pre-referendum stage. They helped define the plan to gather community input, helped facilitate some task force meetings and helped guide our efforts to stay transparent."

"right from the start"



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“Once we’d arrived at a plan that the community would support, we held two public meetings, and our referendum vote received 75 percent ‘yes,’” Chris explains.

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R.A. Morton also helped guide efforts to incorporate energy efficient lighting, energy rebate packages and other beneficial components.

R.A. Morton contributions

- Pre-Referendum Planning
- Estimating
- Competitive Bid
- Value Engineering
- On-Site Construction Management – Full-Time
- Project Management
- Project Cost Accounting
- Budget Management
- Schedule Management
- Project Closeout



Growth is good

“As our area continues to grow, we now have more space to accommodate a broader range of academics and athletics,” Chris says.

The upgraded and enhanced Lakeview school district facilities are allowing the entire area around Cottonwood to grow in the right directions.