

Final decision on architecture designs to be decided by the village's Plan Commission next week

The Village of Grafton's Architectural Review Board approved design plans for Grafton's schools on Thursday, July 13.

After passing the \$39.9 million referendum in April, the Grafton School District is finalizing its plans so it can begin work in September.

Grafton High School plans include remodeling of the district's offices and modifying its façade. The plans also include additions and modifications to the high school's scene shop, auto shop, classrooms, student commons area and a gym with storage and locker rooms.

Kennedy Elementary School will have a new kitchen added on the north side of the building and a new two-story south wing with nine classrooms. The plans also show additions for new bathrooms, offices, storage and a gym.

There is a new access drive on the west side of the school between Maple and Broad streets. The village's existing tennis courts at the corner of 11th Avenue and Broad Street will be purchased by the district and converted into parking. Bus pickup and drop off will occur on 11th Avenue at the east entrance of the school. Parent pickup and drop off will take place on the west side of the school.

Woodview Elementary School will have eight new classrooms on the east side of the building. There will also be a new kitchen, storage room, gym and one classroom on the west side of the school. The village's tennis courts are proposed to be relocated to the south side of the existing entrance. Bus transportation will occur at the new west entrance and parents can park at the existing south entrance.

Grafton Elementary School is slated to be torn down in August 2018 after the construction at Kennedy and Woodview elementary schools is complete. The school district plans to finalize the consolidation of students and teachers of Grafton Elementary School before this September.

The village's Plan Commission will finalize the approval of the designs on Tuesday, July 25.