



Manitoowoc Lutheran High School Federation Meeting

MLHS CAMPAIGN REPORT
Campaign Director: **Mr. Jerry Haupt**

Date of Meeting: Saturday, Aug 9, 2025

Dear Friends and Lancer Family Members,

The focus of our group for the past couple of months has been on immediate building needs to support our growing enrollment. When I last reported to you, our group had developed a three-tier scenario for future development. Tier one included office space, converting the existing office space into classrooms (2 classrooms) and the fitness center. We have added moving the kitchen to main floor to tier one.

There are some things we need to know as we move forward.

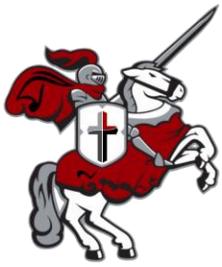
- The estimated cost of the tier one project
- The estimated cost of the office relocation and conversion of the existing office space to classrooms
- The estimated cost of the fitness center and moving the kitchen to the main floor
- We have developed some building concepts to address the tier one projects. What codes come into play that could affect what we can or can't do?
- What would it cost to engage an architect to assist with some very basic, preliminary planning for our tier one project? (More on that later)
- Is the Federation ready for another project?
- How would we fund another building project?

The Board of Control has allocated \$25,000 (without any impact to the adopted budget for the current fiscal year) to engage the services of an architect to assist with developing a site plan for the tier one projects. The architect would also produce cost estimates for doing tier one as a single project. The architect will also produce a separate cost estimate for the office relocation and office renovation and a separate cost estimate for the fitness center and kitchen move.

During the past several weeks, four members of our MSPC interviewed three firms that we feel could serve us well for this preliminary work. After reviewing the proposals within our four-person group and consulting with our entire committee, we have decided that we will partner with Excel Engineering from Fon Du Lac. Excel has done a considerable amount of work with several of our WELS schools and understands how private school budgeting works. They understand we do not have an open checkbook.

The Board of Control will be assembling a building committee and a campaign committee in the next couple of weeks. If you have an interest in learning more about these committees, please speak with Mike Behnke or Pastor Hacker. This may be an excellent opportunity for you to serve your Lord and your Lancer Family.

It may appear to you that we are moving fast. We are moving fast. Keep in mind, at this point we are investing a minimal amount of money to gather information that is necessary and vitally important to us as we move forward. Any decisions that involve engaging an architect to proceed with construction drawings, any decisions to move forward with a construction project would come through the Board of Control to the delegates for approval.



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As Pastor Hacker mentioned to our MSPC yesterday, we are probably about a year ahead of where we thought we would be as far as enrollment numbers. Enrollment drives the need for additional space. We can look at this as a challenge, or we can look at it as a reminder of how our gracious Lord continues to bless us. It's all about the kids! The more kids the better!

Thank you for your service to Manitowoc Lutheran High School! God bless you and your family.

Fall sports are not that far away. Go Lancers!

In Christ,
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