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## NEW BUILDING AT HAMLIN SCHOOL

The Hamlin School is in the planning stages of building a new school addition. This addition is often called a CTE (Career and Technical Education) Building. In August the Hamlin Board of Education submitted the intent to get out of NTHS (Northeast Technical High School) in Watertown. It is a 20-month waiting period prior to getting out of NTHS. Hamlin would be out for the 24-25 school year. The new CTE building would give Hamlin students more electives than the current Hamlin building can offer without NTHS.

Why get out of NTHS? For some reason, whether it is the distance to Watertown on a daily basis or whatever, NTHS has not been popular with the Hamlin students. Hamlin School has not been near capacity for enrollment at NTHS and often are not even 50% of possible slots at NTHS. As a result, the Hamlin School has not been efficient money wise in regard to NTHS. The Hamlin School has offered some CTE courses locally over the last couple of years and they have been filled to capacity, but the facilities limit the number of classes available to offer locally.

A committee has been formed and the committee has studied the need of the students and the need of the area. They have reviewed other schools CTE buildings in other schools whether digitally, phone conversations, or even a trip to tour Huron's facilities. The committee has come up with the following classes that they would like to see in the new building:

- A larger building trades room. Large enough to build a house in it. This CTE building is looking at the big picture down the road, not just now. This might be a big dream but several high schools throughout the state are already doing it.
- Agriculture/FFA – yes! We live in an agriculture area! It might be difficult to find an FFA advisor and a teacher, but we are looking!! An Ag (FFA) teacher could teach automotive, machine tool or welding classes depending on their strength. Their strength might not be in those areas and might be more in other areas like Ag business, horticulture, animal science or precision Ag
- Welding – yes! This is one of the popular classes locally and at NTHS for Hamlin students.
- Automotive & Machine tool – yes! This building hopefully would have the capacity to offer these classes either part time or full time.
- FACS classes – yes! Our current set up does not have the proper ventilation (fire code) for these classes. These are very popular classes, and our current size really limits the abilities and student numbers. FACS (Family and Consumer Science Classes) covers a larger variety of areas compared to the old Home Ec classes and prepares the students for the future in more ways than just cooking 😊.

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- Medical classrooms – yes! The school is very limited in their current class offerings in this area.
- Spare classrooms – yes! This would allow for more space in the current building which would help our elementary which is teaching classes in rooms not made to be a classroom.

The goal of this building is to continue to grow and strengthen the strong education system the Hamlin School has provided for years. All of these goals and plans would love to be accomplished without burdening the taxpayers. We do NOT want to raise taxes compared to previous years.

Another bold goal of the committee and of the district is to have this building ready to be used for the 24-25 school year! This means we need to get an architect hired.

With this new CTE Building, an influence has been the Hamlin School motto, “To prepare and equip our students to become responsible citizens and succeed in an ever-changing world.”

More details to come.

Have a good day.

Jim Hulscher – Superintendent Hamlin School

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