

GROUNDBREAKING CELEBRATION

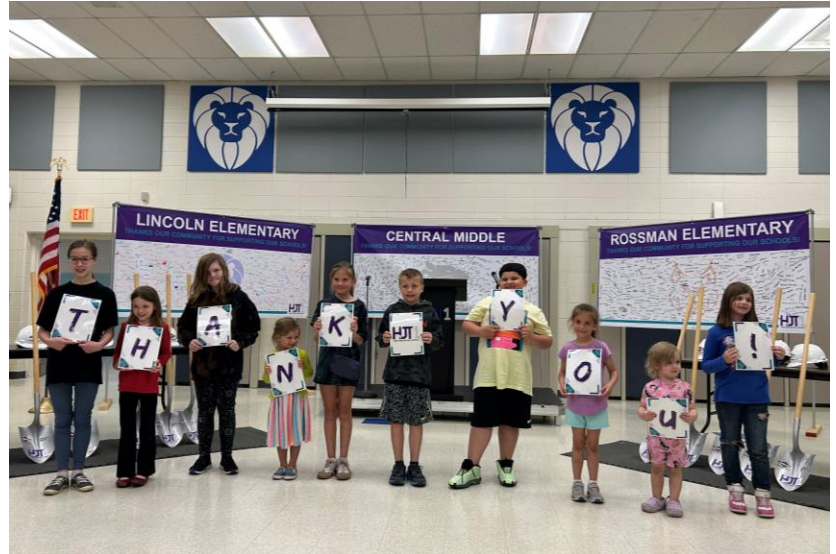
On May 15, 2025, our community, staff, students, Board of Education members, and administration came together to celebrate the groundbreaking of the comprehensive school facility improvement projects at Lincoln and Rossman Elementary Schools and Central Middle School, serving PreK-8 students in our community.

This momentous occasion was a result of the community's support for the November 2024 School District of Hartford Joint #1's referendum, which includes a comprehensive school facility improvement plan. With the District's significant Fund 46 contribution to the project balance, the total investment into our school buildings is \$15,350,757.

The groundbreaking celebration was moved inside to the Lincoln Elementary School cafeteria due to inclement weather, but that did not deter any excitement. The celebration included speeches from Hartford Joint #1 Superintendent, Dr. Tara Villalobos, Board of Education President, Erin Wilk, and Director of Business Services, Adam Majerus. Groups of students from each of our three schools performed a song: Central Middle School's band played the Star-Spangled Banner, and Lincoln and Rossman Elementary students sang their school songs.

The event concluded with the ceremonial shovel turns (minus the dirt) with various stakeholder groups.

We had a great turnout—thank you to all who attended this exciting event!



Above: HJT1 students share a “Thank You” for the community

Below: Rossman Elementary students, led by music teacher Mr. Boyle, sing their school song.



Left: HJT1 district & building administration pose for a shovel turn.

Right: Dr. Tara Villalobos welcomes attendees to the groundbreaking celebration.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

What's Happening in the HJT1 District this Summer?

Lincoln Elementary:

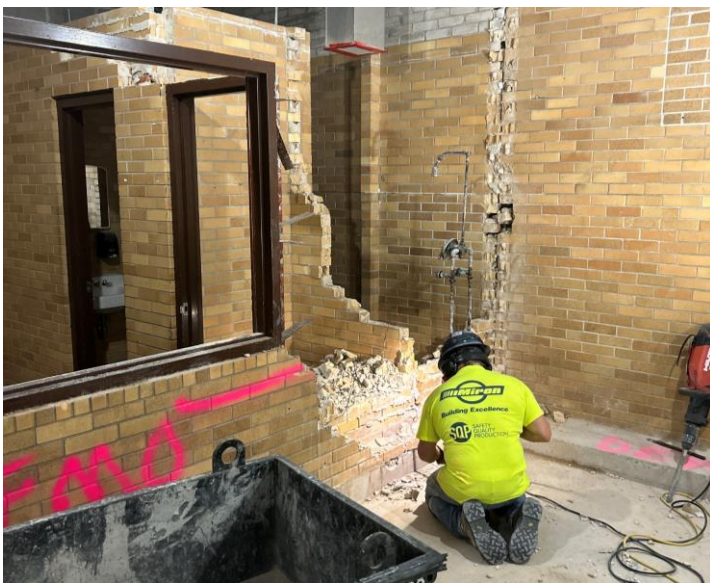
- Install the new cooler/ freezer in the kitchen
- Remove the old brick veneer and replace it with the new brick
- Lay foundations for Kitchen Receiving/ Storage
- Renovate classroom doorways and toilet rooms to provide ADA compliance

Rossman Elementary:

- Build the new canopy
- Renovate classroom doorways and toilet rooms to provide ADA compliance

Central Middle School:

- Renovate to provide a more secure and ADA-compliant entrance
- Improve site drainage
- Renovate classroom doorways and toilet rooms to provide ADA compliance



During May, demolition began in the old Lincoln ES locker rooms.



Rossman ES's canopy was removed in June.



Lincoln ES lockers were moved in preparation for the new doorway into the special education classroom.



Renovation of the secure entry and reception area at Central MS is underway!

CONSTRUCTION PARTNER SPOTLIGHTS



Garrett Rhode
Project Superintendent



Q: How long have you been at Miron?

A: 16 Years

Q: How would you describe your role and responsibility as the project superintendent?

A: I'm the head coach onsite. Safety, scheduling, coordination and problem solving are some of my main daily tasks.

Q: What is your favorite part about working on K12 school projects/ job sites?

A: The smiles on the faces of students and faculty as they utilize the new space that our team built.

Q: What is your favorite place you've visited?

A: Sequoia National Park

Q: What are your hobbies (outside of Miron)?

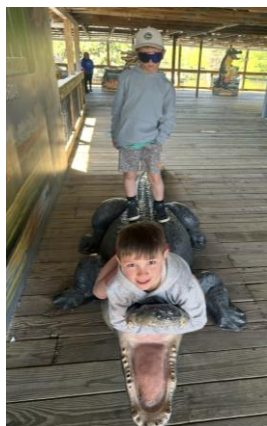
A: Golf

Q: What is your favorite food?

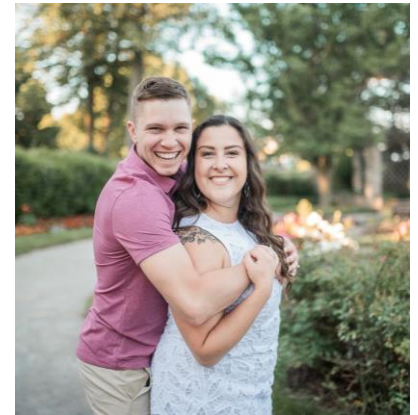
A: Pizza

Q: What is a personal goal for the next year?

A: Spend more time working with my boys on sports.



Dakota Cole
Project Manager



Q: What is your favorite part about working on K12 school projects/ job sites?

A: K12 school projects have such a tremendously positive impact on their communities; being part of that and being able to improve the learning environments for future generations is fulfilling work.

Q: How would you describe your role and responsibility as the project manager?

A: The project manager is the link between the district and the work being put in place. I closely communicate with the district (about schedule, budget, etc.). I also work closely with our project superintendent and support them in any way possible so they can keep the field crews productive.

Q: What are your hobbies (outside of Miron)?

A: We have a very energetic 1-year-old beagle who loves to go on walks and adventures with us! I also like skiing (both water and downhill), building Legos, and cooking.

Q: What is your favorite food?

A: Pasta Carbonara. My dad makes it best, but I'm getting close to mastering it!

