

# Sibley East Public Schools



Project started: November 2015  
Completed: August 2017

## Project

110,880 ft.<sup>2</sup> new elementary school

## AREAS

schools, parking lots, play fields and playgrounds

## BUDGET

\$18,493,287

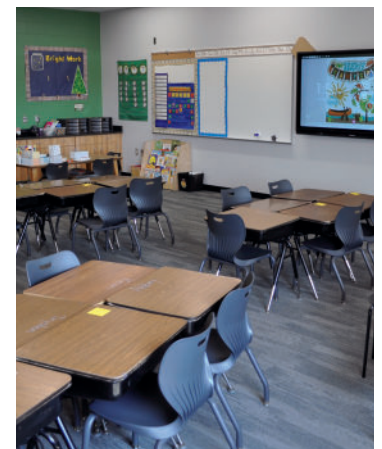
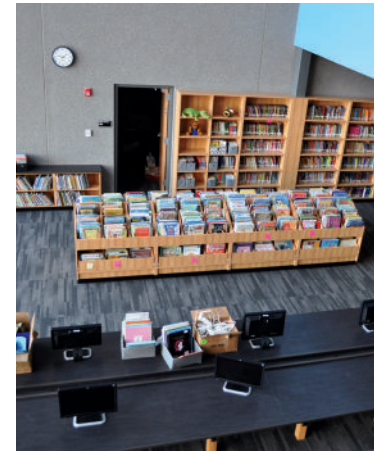
## FINAL COST

\$18,124,911

## A new school in time for back-to-school

The Sibley East school district includes nearly 1,200 students who attend the elementary school (pre-K through fifth grade) in Gaylord and secondary school (grades six through 12), located about 8 miles away in Arlington. A portion of the secondary building dates back to 1935; by 2008, both schools needed attention. The elementary school required new construction, including parking lots, play fields and playground areas.

After a number of unsuccessful attempts at referendums to address the school structures, the district enlisted R.A. Morton to facilitate a new facilities and referendum planning process. R.A. Morton worked directly with the district and the architect to determine the project scope and referendum plan.



*"right from the start"*

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Superintendent, Sibley East Public Schools

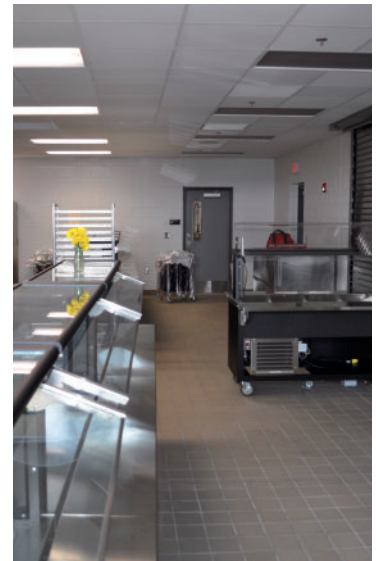
“We used post-referendum surveys, community task force meetings and other research to develop a new elementary school plan our community could support,” explains Superintendent Jim Amsden.

A referendum passed in November 2014, and Sibley East wanted the new school construction completed in time for back-to-school in the fall of 2017.

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R.A. Morton also provided temporary power so an issue with installing new power didn’t delay construction and worked through contractor manpower issues.

Sibley East now has a new elementary school, including parking lots, play fields and playground areas.



## R.A. Morton contributions

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

## Step by step to the first day

“R.A. Morton’s collaborative nature helped make our project a positive experience. Our teachers, staff members, students and families are impressed with our new elementary school, and we’re pleased with the process, from pre-referendum to planning, bidding and overall construction management,” Jim says.