



Background

North Education Center (NEC) will be built to replace the current Hosterman Education Center after a 15-month comprehensive facilities study showed it to be the most cost-effective solution to replace the aging facility.

NEC will be a flexible educational site that offers multiple programs for students. Wherever possible, NEC will replicate staffing and operational efficiencies seen at South Education Center and easily adapt as programs grow and change to meet students' needs.

Size	122,000 sq ft over two stories, with a possible alternate third floor space of 15,000 sq ft
Land	10 acres
Architect/Engineer	TSP, Inc.

Timeline

May 2010	District 287 School Board approves purchase agreement for the land at the Hosterman site from Robbinsdale Area Schools
June 14	Move from Hosterman to Sandburg Middle School
June 2010	Construction fence placed around Hosterman after the move to Sandburg is complete
June 17	TSP presents Schematic Design to 287 Board Facilities Committee
June 24	Schematic Design presented to full 287 Board for approval
June 24	Review and Comment presented to full 287 Board for approval
July 16	Robbinsdale Area Schools completes abatement of Hosterman
August 2010	Bids accepted for demolition of Hosterman; 287 completes demolition after closing
November 2010	Construction Begins
Fall 2012	Occupancy

Costs/Financing

NEC will provide long-term stability to District 287's lease expenses and keep costs to member districts in line with current lease levy amounts, while taking full advantage of current economic conditions for construction, low interest rates and federal stimulus funding.

Estimated project cost	\$27 million
Financing	\$15.6 federal Qualified School Construction Bonds (savings estimated at \$7 million in interest)
Land Purchase	\$1.175 million cash to Robbinsdale Area Schools

Programs/Enrollment

District 287's enrollment of students who need a "Hosterman-like" school is rising and projected to be a need for years to come. NEC will include classrooms for area learning center high school students, onsite daycare for infants and toddlers, transition services for older students and structured settings for students with autism, emotional/behavioral disorders and/or fetal alcohol syndrome. NEC will serve approximately 350 students who currently attend Hosterman, North Vista and Invest/Venture High School.

Mission

District 287's mission is to be the premier provider of innovative specialized services to ensure that each member district can meet the unique learning needs of its students.