



# Minnesota State Academies

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## Improving Security for MSAD's Educational Buildings

### Project Scope:

We are asking for \$5.3 million to build an enclosed security corridor/connection of three buildings to improve security and monitoring of students. Currently, our classes are set-up in three buildings - Smith Hall (Middle School and High School), Quinn Hall (Early Childhood Education and Elementary School) and Noyes Hall (Library, High School Transition classes, Related Services, and Elective classes) which are now separate buildings. Students must traverse an open area connected by sidewalks to arrive at different classrooms/service locations. This new connection will provide for a single controlled entry for all three buildings and will be monitored by a centralized receptionist area, cameras, and will require card access to all three buildings. We anticipate fully connecting Smith Hall and Quinn Hall to improve the safety and efficiency of both buildings, and adding a corridor to connect to the rear of Noyes Hall. The area will also have restroom facilities for guest/visitors use and allow us to manage visitors access to restricted areas. We are also anticipating re-designing the current spaces between the two buildings to improve efficiency, eliminate redundancy, and improve the security for students and staff.

The improved connection will also provide for enclosed access between all three buildings so that students with additional physical challenges can move safely between classes without having to bundle up and go outside in windy/icy situations. Students will be safer and protected from inclement weather. Parents and visitors will have clarity in where to go and will be supervised for the duration of their stay on campus.

As we improve the area between both buildings, we also want to ensure that the remaining portions of the buildings are brought up to current standards and accessibility expectations. Both buildings were built in the early 1970s and are substandard in meeting our students current needs. We are requesting sufficient funds to complete both the safety/security connection and renovations to the rest of the building, including upgrades to interior spaces, classrooms, science and technology labs, and other needs for both buildings. In the end, we expect Smith and Quinn Halls to become a single educational building with a safe, secure, and visible entry point.

### Objective:

#### **Putting Student/Staff Safety and Security FIRST.....**

The security corridor will greatly enhance the safety and security for MSAD students and staff who attend classes and participate in daily activities in three of the school's primary academic facilities, by controlling people's access and utilizing one centrally monitored location. Currently, parents, visitors, and others (i.e. delivery people) do not have a central point of access and can access buildings without signing-in or stopping by at the Principals' offices. We have minimal capacity to monitor and control who comes and goes. This project will greatly advance the security access of these facilities and reinforces MSA's commitment to provide a secure and safe educational and residential environment for students, staff and guests. All visitors/guests will be required to register and be cleared with the receptionist before any access to a building. Students will use assigned access ID badges for access to the buildings.