

Schools Add Space for Students with eziQC®

Ada-Borup School District

 **"Going with eziQC** got this project done plain and simple."

Doug Slininger
Facilities Manager
Ada-Borup Schools

Challenge

Norman County West High School called Halstad, Minnesota home for 36 years. In that time, they changed expectations for what a small school in Minnesota could accomplish, setting new standards for academic and athletic excellence. Despite all this success, West High faced the problem of declining enrollment like other rural schools across the state. After months of research and planning, the Norman County School Board reached the decision to send their 6th-12th grade students to the neighboring Ada-Borup School District beginning in the fall of the next school year. With an influx of new students on the way and only a few summer months to do renovations, the Ada-Borup School District suddenly needed to find an efficient and cost-effective solution.

Solution

Facilities Manager Doug Slininger and other decision-makers



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weighed their options, including whether to build a permanent addition or erect temporary classrooms. Ultimately, they decided that building an addition using ezIQC was the best solution. Ada-Borup purchased services through the local cooperative network, Sourcewell. "We reached out to another firm to obtain an estimate using the conventional route when we first considered the addition. It was nearly double the cost and came with a four-month construction time. We like the ease of using a cooperative to streamline the process," Doug Slininger said. Nor-Son Construction was awarded the contract, in part because they had worked successfully with the district before. The work would include installation of footings and foundation, below-ground plumbing and sprinklers, demolition of doors and infill of windows. Then concrete would be laid before roofing and windows were installed.

Result

On top of the challengingly tight timeline, Nor-Son discovered underground geothermal lines were not located where the blueprints indicated and had to be relocated before work could continue. If Ada-Borup had used traditional procurement, the work would have halted here until a change order could be negotiated, adding weeks to the timeline and thousands of dollars to the budget. With ezIQC, this large change was no trouble at all, and Nor-Son quickly found a sub-contractor to move the lines. Using ezIQC instead of traditional construction procurement saved the school four months of work and cut their costs almost in half. The newly arriving students integrated seamlessly into Ada-Borup High, which is now continuing Norman County West High School's tradition of academic, arts and athletic excellence.