Improving Opportunities to Study Health Sciences

The proposed $6.18 million in additions and renovations to the Bartels-Rode health education center include the expansion needed for academic programs in fire science, recreation, and other health-related occupations. The facility master plan calls for a renovating and expansion that will include a 17,500-sq. ft. addition with a new recreation floor area, locker rooms, classrooms and training rooms that collectively serve 10 academic areas. The 45-year-old gymnasium, the most used facility on campus, is not handicapped accessible, lacks adequate classroom and office space, and is too small to meet the nearly round-the-clock academic and recreational demands of health, physical education and recreation programs and activities.

The proposed addition will:

- Provide learning space necessary for high-demand courses and activities
- Create student opportunities to learn lifelong fitness skills necessary for a healthier community
- Include a climbing wall used by students in Health Science courses
- Enhance community access to an expanded gymnasium