Chronology of New Tech High School

2014

September  District team interviews prospective firms to facilitate plans for high school design. Cuningham Architecture Group and IIW Minnesota Architects were selected.

November  St. Cloud Area School District 742 invites participation from all key stakeholder groups to create a shared vision for all St. Cloud Area high school students. The High School Design Task Force forms with 90 students, principals, teachers, district leadership, city leaders and district partners.

Nov - Dec  Cuningham Architecture Group and IIW Minnesota facilitate a design charrette consisting of four visioning workshops, meeting at both Apollo and Tech High Schools.

November 19  Workshop 1: Creating a Shared Vision for Our Future—What We Want for St. Cloud Area High School Learners. Task force meets to begin the creative design process for a comprehensive high school solution in all of District 742.

November 21  Workshop 2: What’s Working/Not Working with Our Existing Schools. An opportunities/challenges analysis is done on both Apollo and Tech.

December 2  Workshop 3: Exploring Our Options—Design Scenarios. Workshop participants consider a broad range of conceptual design scenarios to meet the vision including: remodeling/additions to Technical High School to support 1800 students; remodeling/additions to Apollo to support 1800 students; a new high school to replace Tech for 1800 students. Multiple-concept design options are created, reviewed and discussed.

December 3  Workshop 4: Synthesis and Recommendation—Final Design Recommendations. Task force meets to review and synthesize options, then finalize design recommendations for each high school. Final decision is to recommend to Board of Education that a new high school be built on 33rd Street South site in St. Cloud to replace Technical High School and to renovate Apollo High School.
December 3  The Board of Education immediately meets following Workshop 4 to hear the recommendation from workshop participants and the Cuningham Group and IIW Minnesota. Board members ask questions of the panel and share concerns and insights.

December 18  Board of Education approves the Task Force recommendations.

2015

February  Workshop 5: Refinement and Conceptual Design of a New Tech High School and Improved Apollo High School. Task force meets to discuss and design conceptual space for the new high school and improved Apollo.

Workshop 6: Refinement and Conceptual Design of a New Tech High School and Improved Apollo High School. Participants hear presentation on 33rd Street site plan, including use of woodlands and wetlands, and view input on two options for the new Tech High School; they also assess conceptual work on improvements to Apollo High School.

May 7  Staff and community members are invited to a High School Design Forum to generate big, visionary programming ideas for the two high school projects. Timelines for the projects are shared.

June 25  Board of Education approves a resolution to fund through bond referendum a new Tech High School at 33rd Street South and renovated Apollo for a November special election.

June – October  Schematic Design begins for the construction of the new Tech High School and for the renovation of Apollo High School. To help guide the design, the district forms the High School Design Committee (10 representatives each from Apollo and Tech) to provide direction and guide the design of both projects. Specific programming sub-groups also are named to address specific needs at both schools.

Sept-October  Community Forums on referendum
Building tours at Tech and Apollo

November 3  Referendum to fund a new Tech High School and renovate Apollo High School is defeated in a special election.
December

School district commits to gather further community input and hires Clear Path Consulting to analyze election results and facilitate community listening sessions.

2016

January

Superintendent Advisory Group is created to review feedback and prepare recommendations to school board.

Jan – March

Sixteen community listening sessions with a total of 150 participants are held throughout the district.

March 16

Superintendent Jett brings a recommendation based on Advisory Group input and listening sessions feedback to the Board of Education.

July 28

Board approves resolution to fund through bond referendum a new Tech High School and renovated Apollo High School for November special election.

Sept – November

Community Forums

November 8

Referendum Question 1 to fund a new Tech High School at 33rd Street South passes. Question 2 to fund a renovated Apollo High School is defeated.

2017

January

Architects and Construction Manager present to Board of Education new plan to build 320,000 square feet high school to house 1600 students, with core spaces sized to accommodate 1800 students, on 33rd Street South, St. Cloud. Space is also set aside for expansion of learning spaces to accommodate 1800 students, and for expansion to activities areas.

Process begins to acquire permits needed for trout stream crossing.

Jan – Ongoing

Tech High School construction and design updates are presented monthly to Board of Education and public.

February

Architects, Construction Manager and design committee continue to meet and work on plans for new high school. The schedule and timelines for the project are approved. The project will include four separate bid packages to facilitate the start of construction while design is being completed.
February 28   Technology visioning workshop with teachers, students, administrators, architects and community members

April 27     Board approves name of new high school as St. Cloud Tech High School.

May 18       Safety and Security Workshop is held and facilitated by Carol Martinson, Intentional Security Design. The workshop is attended by school district leadership, teachers, parents, and local law enforcement agencies.

August 1     Bid Package 1 for site development is released for bid.

August 28    Historic groundbreaking on site of new Tech High School

September 5  Construction begins – site work

Sept – Ongoing Design committee and Tech staff sub-groups meet and plan.

September 25 Bid Package 2 for foundations, slabs, structural steel is released for bid.

November 17  Bid Package 3 for the remaining design is released for bid.

December     Foundation and footings go in for new school.

2018

January      Final permit received (of 17 required) to allow the entry from 33rd Street to cross the stream.

March        Structural steel and precast wall installation begins.

May          Wall, plumbing and electrical installation begins.

June         Furniture sit-ins with staff and students are conducted to select furnishings.

July         Grading and installation of athletic fields begin.
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<td>Pilot classrooms installed at (old) Tech site and Apollo High School to test furniture and technology and to provide staff development in preparation of occupying the new school.</td>
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<td>Career and Technical Education lab equipment is finalized. Furniture pricing is finalized, and furniture is ordered. Tech Grand Opening committee forms.</td>
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<td>Bids are released for audio/visual equipment.</td>
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