



We want to share some exciting news about growth plans for the Wedge Co-op! These ideas for growth come directly from our member-owners; we have been hearing your feedback over the years and believe the following three growth initiatives will respond to many member requests.



FOOD ::: COMMISSARY KITCHEN

We outgrew our kitchen space a long time ago. By investing in an off-site kitchen, we will be able to meet customer demand for prepared foods and open up more retail floor space at the store. Also, we have seen a large growth in our catering business, and this will allow it to reach its full potential.



FLOOR ::: REMODEL OF THE LYNDALE STORE

As those of you who shop regularly at The Wedge Co-op know, the community's love for The Wedge is taking its toll on our building. Through a comprehensive remodel we will replace the roof, HVAC system, and energy inefficient old fixtures. In addition, we hope to provide many new services – such as customer seating, a hot bar and salad bar, sliced deli meats, rotisserie chickens, a serviced cheese case, and other amenities. The store will stay open during the remodel.



STORE ::: SECOND WEDGE STORE

For many years, members have requested another Wedge store in their neighborhood. We have members driving from far and wide. A second store will serve these members while helping to alleviate some of the congestion at our current store. We are closely evaluating our membership base, and looking at compatible locations.

While there is still much work to figure out the details around these proposed projects, we wanted to share the news with the Wedge community, and solicit your feedback. We hope to have all three phases of the expansion completed in the next 2-3 years.

All three parts of the growth project are intended to better serve our member-owners. Accordingly, we want to hear the needs and desires of our members before moving ahead. We have three avenues for members to ask questions and give feedback about the expansion plans:

- 1. COFFEE ROUNDTABLES:** We will be hosting three sessions with the board and management over the next month where members can ask questions and hear more about the expansion. These meetings will be in the Wedge Classroom – members can check in at the customer service desk: Thursday, July 11, 10:30 a.m.; Tuesday, July 16, 5:30 p.m.; Friday, August 2, 12 noon.
- 2. E-MAIL:** We have created a dedicated e-mail address where customers can direct feedback or ask questions about the expansion plan. Please send to expansion@wedge.coop.
- 3. CUSTOMER COMMENTS:** As always, we are happy to take any comments through the cards at the customer service desk.

The Wedge Co-op has been a leader in the co-op community and a Twin Cities institution for almost 40 years. Along with our vibrant Gardens of Eagan farm and Co-op Partners Warehouse, these retail initiatives will build on our great history, and will strengthen the Wedge for many more years of serving the community and the members of the Wedge Co-op.

**SINCERELY,
THE WEDGE BOARD AND LEADERSHIP TEAM**