



Eye of the Tiger

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Students approach the new high school entrance on Monday, Nov. 20, the first time that the area was open for use. The new high school office also opened the same day.

Evidence of progress

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The day finally arrived. We have opened the new entrance to our high school. Hopefully you took the opportunity to attend the open house on Monday, Nov. 20, where we facilitated guided tours of the completed phases within the project to date.

The opening of the new high school entrance marks the official closing of the middle school entrance due to the construction of family locker rooms and the diving well in that area. This was a significant transition for our staff, students, parents and community members, but based on the first few weeks of operation, we have managed it well.

As for projects that are currently underway, I am pleased to announce that we have completed the locker rooms located adjacent to the hockey arena. These locker rooms are designed to be multi-purpose for three high school sports, and five teams in total. The locker rooms are currently used by the boys and girls hockey teams through the winter season. In the spring both the



boys and girls lacrosse teams will utilize these locker rooms, and the football team will use both locker rooms in the fall.

The next project in line for completion is the new district offices located at the southeastern portion of the existing middle school. These offices are scheduled to be open by the end of December.

Other phases that will begin or continue during the school year include the redesign and reconstruction of the middle school media center, the visual arts area, the new staff workroom, the Performing Arts Center, and the addition to the Tiger Activity Center that will house our new circuit and weight room.

Intermediate school on schedule

The new intermediate school is on schedule and progressing nicely. As you can see, some landscaping has been completed, along with additional parking and sidewalk work.

The building itself is now completely enclosed, which will allow our contractors to work through the winter to prepare for a spring date of occupancy.

With the district taking occupancy of the new building in the spring, this will give our staff transitional time to move in and set up all systems to operate the new school.

Our students and staff will begin the 2018-19 school year in the new school for grades 4-6.