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Groundbreaking Ceremony: Demolition to Make Way for New School

Los Lunas, NM - Los Lunas Schools will be hosting a groundbreaking ceremony this week, which will mark the beginning of an exciting chapter in the district's educational landscape. The occasion will celebrate the construction of a brand-new Peralta Elementary School that will build on the rich traditions of the community and provide a state-of-the-art facility for future generations of students.

The ceremony will be held **Friday, March 1, 2024, at 1:00pm** (3645 Highway 47, Peralta, NM). School administrators, teachers, students, parents, and community leaders will be in attendance as well as representatives from Dekker Perich Sabatini Architecture and the contractor, Bradbury Stamm Construction.

The demolition of the old Peralta Elementary School holds great significance, as it paves the way for progress and innovation. The aging infrastructure, which had served the community faithfully for decades, will now make room for a purpose-built facility that will embrace modern educational practices and foster an optimal learning environment.

"The construction of the new Peralta Elementary School demonstrates our commitment to providing a nurturing environment where students can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally," says Dr. Ryan Kettler, Superintendent of Los Lunas Schools. "This school building is not just a structure, but a foundation for the dreams, aspirations, and future of our community's youth."

The new Peralta Elementary School aims to revolutionize education by incorporating technology, flexible learning spaces, and sustainable design principles. Its design has been carefully crafted to promote collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity, catering to the diverse needs and interests of our students.

Key features of the new Peralta Elementary include:

1. Advanced Technology Integration: The facility will be equipped with cutting-edge technology, including Interactive Flat Panels by ViewSonic, multimedia learning tools, and high-speed internet connectivity, enabling students to engage in immersive and interactive learning experiences.

2. Flexible Learning Spaces: The school will offer versatile classrooms and collaborative spaces that can be easily adapted to accommodate various teaching methodologies, group projects, and individual study sessions. These flexible spaces will encourage creativity, innovation, and teamwork among students.

3. Innovations Lab: The school will boast a dedicated science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) lab. The specialized facility will foster hands-on learning experiences, encourage experimentation, and inspire students to explore their interests in these critical fields.

4. Environmental Sustainability: The building design achieves a 58% energy reduction when compared to the AIA 2030 Commitment climate goals strategy. The site design minimizes stormwater runoff and maintains existing retention ponds. Plumbing fixtures and equipment are water conserving, recognizing the importance of water resources to the community. Low water use landscaping also reduces water usage, as does the synthetic turf play field. Power savings will be provided using LED lamp technology luminaires, both interior and exterior, which will provide approximately 30% energy savings from the old fluorescent lamps or HID technologies. Electrical savings will also be achieved with energy efficient mechanical and plumbing equipment. Light colored roofing is specified to reflect heat energy.

Amy Viramontes, Principal of Peralta Elementary School, is excited for the upgrade.

"I'm filled with anticipation as construction begins," expresses Ms. Viramontes. "While saying goodbye to our current building stirs up cherished memories for both students and staff, we're eagerly looking ahead to the opportunities that await in our modern, state-of-the-art facility."

The new Peralta Elementary School floor plan was inspired by the charming town and rich history of Peralta. Dekker Perich Sabatini Architecture says the design concept embraces a warm and welcoming interior that incorporates color and texture to foster a deep connection to nature. Their goal is to photo-document the old campus and reuse the unique art images in the new building to capture the history and spirit of the community.

The new Peralta Elementary School is slated for completion in 2026. As construction progresses, the Peralta community eagerly awaits the day when its students will step foot into this innovative educational facility, where they will be empowered to learn and grow. Please visit the Peralta Elementary website at <https://pe.llschools.net/about/events-news> to view the new design renderings.

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