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Freehold, NJ: The Freehold Borough Public Schools has initiated a significant construction project at the Park Ave Complex, building an addition in front of the Park Ave Elementary School extending towards Rt-33. The new addition comprises over 12,135 sq/ft of instructional space, which includes seven regular classrooms, six small group classrooms, office space, intermediate distribution frame (IDF) closet and student and staff lavatory facilities. Three of the regular classrooms will have mobile walls to allow for dividing each regular classroom into two small group instruction classrooms, if necessary.

The design of the project was carried out by the architectural firm of Remington & Vernick Engineers of Cherry Hill, NJ and they are also supervising construction. The General Contractor on the project is Vanas Construction Company Inc., of Bogota, NJ. The overall project came in at a bid of $5,645,000. The district plans to use $5,444,174 of its federal allocation under the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funds (ARP ESSER III). The remaining $200,826 of the project will come from the district's capital reserve account. No bonds will be issued and no debt will be incurred because of the project. The project expects to be completed by October 1, 2024.

"We are very pleased to initiate this construction project," said Paul Jensen, President of the Freehold Borough Board of Education. "The district has had significant challenges in the past to provide the proper amount of classroom space for our students. This project will allow us to finish the job without burdening our taxpayers."

The additional instructional space will provide the district greater flexibility in the years to come, securing the district's future facility needs across a wide range of possibilities.

"This project will bring the district into alignment with the facilities needed to provide a New Jersey Constitutionally-guaranteed thorough and efficient education to our students," said Rocco Tomazic, Interim Superintendent, Freehold Borough Schools. "The innovative use of available federal funds, dedicated to this critical aspect of our district operations, prioritizes the long-term needs of our students."

Freehold Borough currently serves 1,619 students, Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 8. Students exiting Grade 8 attend high school either in the Freehold Regional High School District, or in programs in the Monmouth Country Vocational Technical School District.

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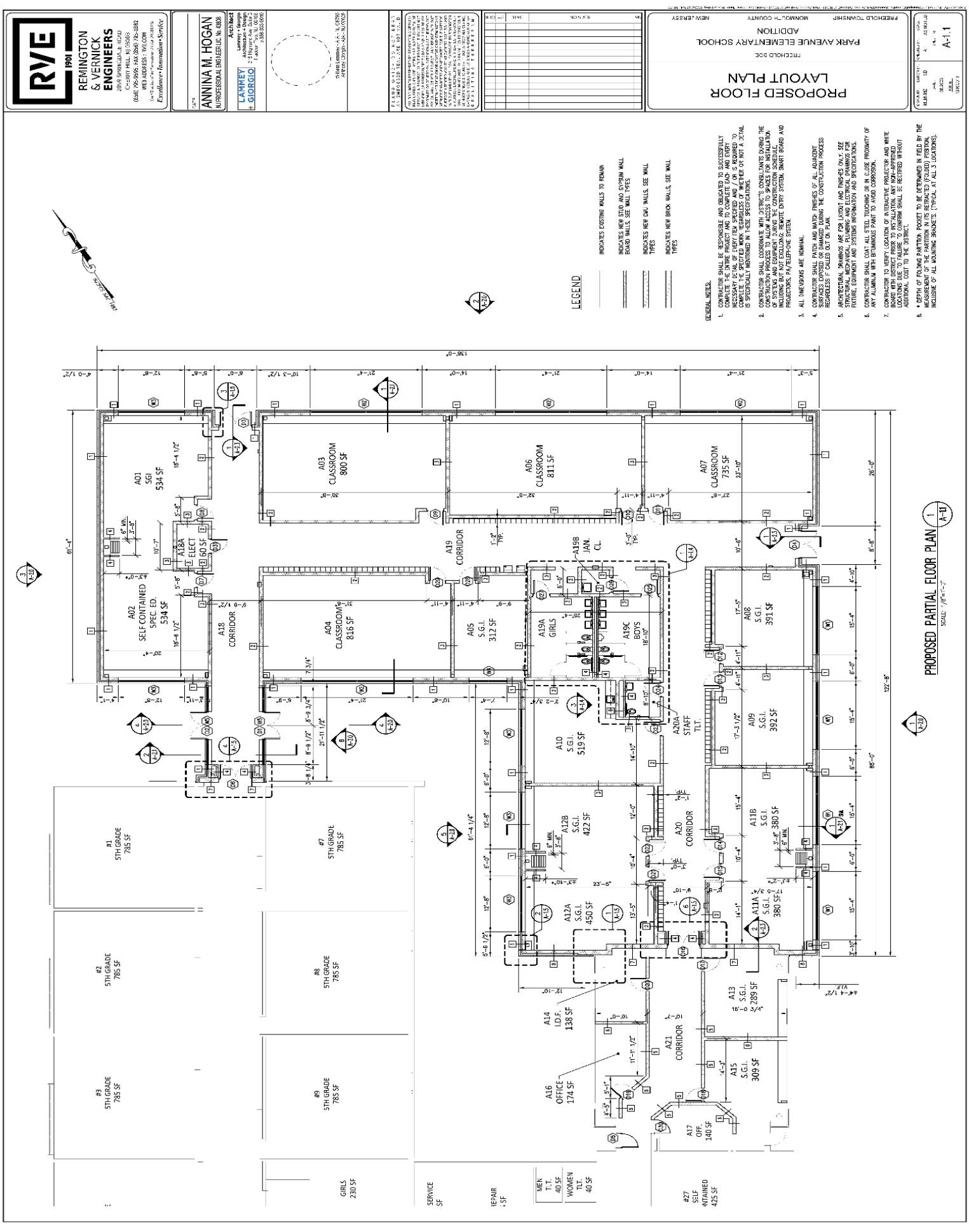
1) Schematic of the Addition
2) Shovel Ceremony Photo (Principals & Students)
3) Shovel Ceremony Photo (Board Members & Administrators)
4) Shovel Ceremony Photo (Mayor and Councilmembers)
5) Information Banners at Construction Site

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Park Avenue Elementary Complex Addition Floor Plan



Park Avenue Elementary Complex Addition Shovel Ceremony







